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Hon. Mr. Tole,

DESTITUTE PERSONS ACTS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Husband or wife may give evidence for or against each other.
3. Resident Magistrate may suspend or alter order.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Destitute Persons Acts.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Destitute Persons Acts Amendment Act, 1886." Short Title.

2. Section 4 of "The Destitute Persons Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1884," shall henceforth be read as if the following words were added thereto after the word "months," namely: "and in any proceeding under this Act or the said Act against a husband or a wife, the wife and husband respectively shall be competent and admissible witnesses; and, except when defendant, compellable to give evidence." Husband or wife may give evidence for or against each other.

10 3. Any Resident Magistrate may from time to time suspend, alter, vary, or cancel, as to him shall seem meet, any order made under "The Destitute Persons Act, 1877," or any Act in amendment or extension thereof, whether such order was or was not originally made by himself, and, if necessary, may make a new order in substitution of any order so cancelled, and may, within the limits fixed by the said Acts, increase or diminish the amount fixed in any such order. Resident Magistrate may suspend or alter order.

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBUY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1886.