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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS EXPENSES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for reimbursing Members of the General Assembly their Expenses in relation to their Attendance at Parliament. 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 General Assembly Members' Expenses Act, 1883," and shall come into operation on the first day of the next session of the General Assembly. Short Title.

2. In this Act,— Interpretation.

10 "Member" means a member of the Legislative Council or the House of Representatives, as the case may be:

15 " Sitting day," where used in relation to the Legislative Council or the members thereof, or to the House of Representatives or the members thereof, means every day on which such Legislative Council or House of Representatives respectively shall, during any session, be, by their Standing Orders, appointed to sit for the transaction of business.

20 3. There shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund to every member of the General Assembly, for every session at which he attends, an allowance as follows:— Allowances to members of the General Assembly for attendance each session.

25 To every member of the Legislative Council residing beyond ten miles from the building wherein the General Assembly is summoned to meet *One hundred and five pounds.*

 To every member of the House of Representatives *Two hundred and ten pounds.*

Subject, nevertheless, to the following provisions:—

deduction in case of
absence.

(1.) If during any session any member shall absent himself on any sitting day from attending Parliament, there shall be deducted for every such day *one* pound and *ten* shillings from the allowance to be made to a member of the Legislative Council, and *three* pounds from the allowance 5
to be made to a member of the House of Representatives.

deduction not to be
made in case of
illness.

(2.) The preceding provision as to the deduction to be made in the case of absence of any member in attendance on Parliament shall not apply where such absence is caused by reason of illness, or from any other cause which shall, by 10
the Speaker of the House giving the certificate hereinafter mentioned, be therein stated to be unavoidable.

travelling allowance.

(3.) In addition to the allowance aforesaid, there shall be paid to every member the actual sums which such member shall have reasonably paid in proceeding to and returning from 15
the place of meeting of the General Assembly: Provided that such payment shall be made only in respect of one journey to and from such place.

no payments to be
made without
Speaker's certificate.

(4.) No payment shall be made to any member except upon the certificate of the Speaker of the House of which the person 20
claiming such payment shall be a member.

(5.) Payments on account of such allowance may be made from time to time not exceeding *one* pound to a member of the Legislative Council, and not exceeding *two* pounds to a member of the House of Representatives, for each sitting 25
day on which any member has been present.

exceptions.

4. No payment under this Act shall be made to any member in respect of any session or in respect of any part of any session during which such member—

- (1.) Holds any one or more of the ministerial offices mentioned 30
in the Third Schedule to "The Civil List Act 1863 Amendment Act, 1873," or any ministerial office that may by law be substituted for or added to the offices mentioned in such Schedule;
- (2.) Is Speaker of the Legislative Council or of the House of 35
Representatives respectively;
- (3.) Or is Chairman of Committees of the said Council or of
the House of Representatives respectively.