

(Mr. Gillies.)

Juries Act.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Juries.

WHEREAS it is expedient to substitute the verdict of a large majority of juries for the existing system of unanimity of juries in Civil Causes :

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Juries Act, 1871.”

2. The verdict of not less than two-thirds of any jury impanelled to try any issues or to inquire of or assess damages in any civil cause shall be taken and accepted as and shall have all the consequences of a verdict of any such jury under the existing laws relating to juries.

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