

(Mr. Steward.)

Juvenile Offenders.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Punishment of certain Juvenile Offenders. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the punishment of certain mischievous offences committed by male persons under the age of sixteen years : Preamble.

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 Juvenile Offenders Act, 1873.” Short Title.

2. Any male person apparently under the age of sixteen years guilty of any act of mischief committed without felonious intent, or of annoying any person in any public street place or thoroughfare, or of mischievously causing any injury to any person or property, or of doing with mischievous intent any act tending to cause injury to any person or property, may, on information or complaint, be cited by summons to appear before the nearest Resident Magistrate’s or Petty Sessions Court, or before any two Justices of the Peace, to answer to the charge of a breach of this Act. Males under sixteen years may be cited to appear before Resident Magistrate for breach of this Act.

3. On conviction of any of the offences hereinbefore specified, the offender may be sentenced, in the discretion of the Court, to solitary confinement, for any term not exceeding forty-eight hours, with or without whipping, and, if the Court shall so direct, to be kept on bread and water only. Offender may be sentenced to solitary confinement with or without whipping.

4. Whipping may be ordered without imprisonment, except for such time as may be necessary for the infliction of such punishment. Whipping may be ordered without imprisonment.

5. When whipping is ordered, it shall be inflicted within the precincts of the nearest gaol or police station, or such other convenient place as the Court may appoint, by the common gaoler, or by a person appointed by the Court and the instrument used shall be a common cane birch or leather tawse, as the Court shall direct, but in no case shall the number of stripes exceed twenty. When whipping ordered, to be inflicted within precincts of gaol, &c.