This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 4th October, 1904.

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

MAORI ANTIQUITIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 3. Power to remove antiquities under certain Short Title.
Exporting Maori antiquities without permission. Repeal. conditions. 4. Right to copy of antiquity intended to be exported.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Maori Antiquities Act, 1901." Title. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Maori Antiquities Act Short Title. Amendment Act, 1904"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Maori Antiquities Act, 1901" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

2. (1.) Every person who, without the express permission in Exporting Maori writing of the Colonial Secretary, exports from New Zealand any antiquities without Maori antiquity is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(2.) Notice of the intention to export any Maori antiquity shall be given by the exporter to the Collector or other proper officer of 15 Customs at least twenty-four hours before shipment.

(3.) Any Maori antiquity entered for export contrary to this Act shall be forfeited and shall vest in His Majesty for the use of the people of New Zealand.

(4.) This section is in substitution for section six of the principal Repeal.

20 Act, which section is hereby accordingly repealed.

3. Nothing in the principal Act or in this Act shall be deemed Power to remove to prevent any person who has offered any Maori antiquity for sale as antiquities under provided by section four of the principal Act removing such Maori antiquity from New Zealand, provided that he has obtained the per-25 mission in writing of the Colonial Secretary.

4. On any application for permission to export any Maori Right to copy of antiquity the Colonial Secretary may, if he thinks fit, make it a antiquity intended condition to the granting of the application that the owner of the antiquity allow it to be copied, by photography, cast, or otherwise, 30 in such manner and by such person as the Colonial Secretary directs.

(2.) Every such copy shall be the property of His Majesty for the use of the people of New Zealand.