

Sir G. Grey.

Noxious Animals Prohibition.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
Preamble.
1. Short Title.

2. Repeal of 28th section of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873."
3. Prohibition of introduction of certain noxious animals. Proviso.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to repeal the Twenty-eighth Section of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873," and to make other provisions in lieu thereof. Title.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly intituled "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873," it was enacted in the twenty-eighth section of the said Act that certain animals were not to be introduced into the Colony of New Zealand: And whereas it is desirable to repeal the said twenty-eighth section of the said Act for the purpose of extending the provisions of the same: Preamble.

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

10 **1.** The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Noxious Animals Prohibition Act, 1876." Short Title.

2. The twenty-eighth section of the said Act intituled "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873," is hereby repealed. Repeal of 28th section of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873."

15 **3.** In lieu of the said section the following provisions shall henceforth be in force:— Prohibition of introduction of certain noxious animals.

It shall not be lawful for any person to introduce any fox, polecat, stoat, weasel, venomous reptile, hawk, vulture or other bird of prey into the colony, or to liberate or allow to go at large any polecat, stoat, weasel, venomous reptile, hawk, vulture or other bird of prey which may have already been introduced, or to have any fox, polecat, stoat, weasel, venomous reptile, hawk, vulture or other bird of prey not indigenous to the colony in his possession; and every person offending against any of the above provisions shall be liable, on conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, to a penalty not exceeding 20 one hundred pounds, and in default of payment to be imprisoned for 30 a period of not more than six months. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, it shall be lawful to keep ferrets. Proviso.

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