

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council,  
12th July, 1870.*

*(Hon. Mr. Gisborne.)*

## Provincial Reserved Bills.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to remove doubts as to the effect of the Assent of a Superintendent given to Bills which ought to be reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon.

WHEREAS by divers Acts of the Imperial Parliament and of the General Assembly it is enacted that certain Bills passed by the Provincial Councils of Provinces shall be reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon: And whereas it occasionally happens that such Bills are inadvertently assented to by the Superintendent on behalf of the Governor instead of being reserved: And whereas doubts are entertained as to the legal effect of such assent:

BE IT THEREFORE DECLARED AND 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 Provincial Reserved Bills Act 1870."

2. Whenever the Superintendent of any Province has assented on behalf of the Governor to any Bill passed by the Provincial Council of such Province and such Bill is required by any Act of the Imperial Parliament or of the General Assembly to be reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon the assent given by the Superintendent is and shall be deemed a nullity and it is and shall be lawful for the Governor at any time within three months after receiving such Bill (or in the case of Bills heretofore assented to within two months after the passing of this Act) to signify his pleasure on such Bill in the same manner as if the Bill had been reserved for the signification of his pleasure thereon instead of being assented to.