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, 15th October, 1895.

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Hon. Mr. Montgomery.

SEA-FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Power to enter and search for fish or oysters illegally taken.

3. Amendments of principal Act. (1.) Area of exclusive license. (2.) Penalty for having oysters in possession. 4. Repeal.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Sea-fisheries Act, 1894."

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as fol-5 lows :--

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Sea-fisheries Act short Title. Amendment Act, 1895," and it shall be read with "The Sea-fisheries Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

2. Any Collector of Customs, or Inspector, or other officer Power to enter and 10 appointed under the principal Act, or any constable, may at any search for fish or time between sunrise and sunset, with or without warrant, enter any taken. fish-shop and premises attached thereto, smoke-house, vessel, boat, or in or upon any public place as defined by section eighteen of "The Police Offences Act, 1884," and there search for fish or oysters 15 supposed to be illegally taken, and open boxes, bags, and other receptacles in the course of such search.

Every person who in any way prevents or hinders such entry or search commits an offence against the principal Act, and is liable accordingly.

3. The principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendments of

(1.) As to section twenty-one, by repealing the last sentence of principal Act. the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:-"Every such exclusive license shall comprise such Area of exclusive

area below high-water mark, and such frontage on the license. foreshore, or between the limits of high and low water, as the Governor thinks fit, and shall be sold by public tender or auction."

oysters in possession

(2.) As to subsection two of section forty-seven, by adding at the Penalty for having end of that subsection the following words:—

"Or who, during any close season for oysters, buys,

sells, exposes for sale, or has in his possession any oysters, wherever taken."

4. Subsection four of section forty-seven of the principal Act is Repeal. hereby repealed.

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