

*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 July, 1898.

*Hon. Mr. W. Downie Stewart.*

SLANDER OF WOMEN.

ANALYSIS.

Title.  
1. Short Title.

2. Amendment of law, 54 and 55 Vict., clause 51.

A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Slander of Women and Girls. Title.

BE IT 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 is "The Slander of Women Act, 1898." Short Title.

2. Words spoken and published after the passing of this Act which impute unchastity or adultery to any woman or girl shall not require special damage to render them actionable: Provided always that in any action for words spoken and made actionable by this Act a plaintiff shall not recover more costs than damages unless the Judge or Magistrate shall certify that there was reasonable ground for bringing the action. Amendment of law 54 and 55 Vict., clause 51.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1898.