New Zealand.

ANNO VICESIMO OCTAVO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. -

ANALYSIS.

Preamble Short Title.
Wild duck protected. 3. Penalty on persons selling during prohibited times.

Trespassers in pursuit of game liable to penalty.
Other animals may be protected by Order in

Council.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to extend certain provisions of the Title. "Protection of Certain Animals Act, 1861."

W HEREAS it is expedient further to provide for the Protection of Preamble. certain Wild Birds of the Colony-

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Wild Birds' Protection Short Title. Act, 1864" and it shall be deemed to be a part of the "Protection of Certain Animals' Act, 1861."

II. No Wild Duck indigenous in the Colony shall be taken hunted Wild duck protected. or killed except between the Thirty-first day of March and the First day of August in any year.

III. If any person shall sell or expose for sale or purchase any of Penalty on persons the aforesaid animals during any part of the time in which by the said hibited times. Acts or any of them it is rendered unlawful to kill them any such person shall be liable to a penalty of Two Pounds on conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace.

IV. If any person whatever shall commit any trespass by entering Trespassers in pursuit or being upon any land in the search or pursuit of any of the animals alty. which are the subject of the said Acts or any of them such person shall on conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace forfeit and pay such sum of money not exceeding Two Pounds as to such Justice shall seem meet: Provided always that any person charged with any such trespass shall be at liberty to prove by way of defence any matter which would have been a defence to an action at law for such trespass.

V. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time by Order Other animals may in Council to make any other birds or animals subject to protection in Council. and to declare the months of the year during which it shall be unlawful to kill pursue sell or expose to sale or purchase the same; and upon the publication of any such Order in Council it shall have the same effect as if its provisions had formed part of this Act.

Title.