

INTERPRETATION.

Title. *An ACT for shortening the Language of Acts of the Provincial Council of Wellington.*

Session I., No. 2.]

[Assented to 16th December, 1853.

Preamble.

BE IT ENACTED by the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof as follows :

Acts to be divided into sections.

1. All Acts of the Provincial Council shall be divided into sections if there be more enactments than one which sections shall be deemed to be substantive enactments without any introductory words.

Interpretation of certain words.

2. In all Acts words importing the "Masculine Gender" shall be deemed and taken to include "Females" and the "Singular" to include the "Plural" and the "Plural" the "Singular" unless the contrary as to gender or number is expressly provided.

The word "Month" shall be deemed to mean "Calendar Month" unless words be added showing "Lunar Month" to be intended.

The word "Land" shall include Messuages Tenements Hereditaments Houses and Buildings unless where there are words to exclude Houses and Buildings.

The words "Oath" "Swear" and Affidavit" shall include Affirmations Declarations affirming and declaring in the case of persons by law allowed to declare or affirm instead of swearing.

The words "Province" "Government" "Government Gazette" "Superintendent" "Secretary of the Province" "Treasurer of the Province" "Solicitor of the Province" shall be deemed to be the Province Government Government Gazette Superintendent Secretary Treasurer or Solicitor of the Province of Wellington respectively unless there are words showing some other Province or the Government Government Gazette or Officer of some other Province to be intended.

3. In any Act when any former Act of the Provincial Council of Wellington or any Ordinance of the late Legislative Council of New Zealand or Ordinance or Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand or any Ordinance of the Legislative Council of the late Province of New Munster is referred to it shall be sufficient to cite the Session of the respective Council or Assembly in which it was made and when there are more Acts or Ordinances than one the number and section as the case may require without reciting the title of such Act or Ordinance or the provision of such section so referred to and the reference in all cases shall be made according to the copies of Acts or Ordinances printed by authority of the Legislative body by which the Act or Ordinance was made.

When any act or ordinance is referred to, it shall be sufficient to cite the Session and number.

Provided that when it is only intended to amend or repeal any portion only of such section it shall be necessary still either to recite such portion or to set forth the matter or thing intended to be amended or repealed.

4. When any Act repealing in whole or in part any former Act or Ordinance is itself repealed such last repeal shall not revive the Act or Ordinance or provision before repealed unless words be added reviving such Act or Ordinance.

Repealed Acts or Ordinances not to be revived.

5. Whenever any Act shall be made repealing in whole or in part any former Act or Ordinance and substituting some provision or provisions instead of the provision or provisions repealed such provision or provisions so repealed shall remain in force until the substituted provision or provisions shall come into operation by force of the last made Act.

Repealed Provisions to be in force until substituted.

Provisions come into force.

Acts may be altered, amended, &c., in same session.

Acts to be deemed public acts.

Commencement of Act.

6. Every Act may be altered amended or repealed in the same Session of Council.

7. Every Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act and shall be Judicially taken notice of as such unless the contrary be expressly provided and declared by such Act.

8. This Act shall commence and take effect from and immediately after the passing thereof.