

## OFFICERS AND CONTRACTORS.

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IN THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN  
VICTORIA.

SESSION I. No. 26.

ANALYSIS.

Title.	any contract, &c., to be declared void.
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Title. *An ACT to make void the election of certain Members of the Provincial Council.*

[Assented to February 7, 1854.]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS it is expedient that provision be made to secure as far as may be the independence of the members of the Provincial Council:—**BE IT ENACTED** by the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof as follows

Election of persons accepting office of emolument, or holding any contract, &c., to be declared void.

1. If after the passing of this Act any member of the Provincial Council shall accept any office of emolument under the Superintendent or shall accept a seat in the Executive Council or shall directly or indirectly himself or by any person whatsoever in trust for him or for his use or benefit or on his account undertake execute hold or enjoy in the whole or in part any contract or agreement for or on account of the public service of the Province his election shall thereupon and is hereby declared to be void and a Writ shall forthwith issue for a new election as if such member were naturally dead **PROVIDED ALWAYS** that nothing herein contained shall extend to any contract or agreement made entered into or accepted by any incorporated company or any trading company consisting of more than twenty persons where such contract or agreement shall be made entered into or accepted for the general benefit of such incorporated or trading company

Provided also that a contract or agreement for the purpose of this Act shall be a contract or agreement usually entered into with the Government upon tender.

2. If any person whose election is by this Act declared to be void shall presume to sit or vote as a member of the Provincial Council such person shall forfeit the sum of One Hundred pounds to be recovered by any person who shall sue for the same in the Supreme Court of New Zealand by action of debt. Penalty in case of non-compliance.

3. Nothing in this Act shall extend to disqualify for re-election any member whose election shall under its provisions be made void. Such to be eligible for re-election.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,  
Speaker.

Passed the Provincial Council this third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

H. S. HARRISON,  
Clerk of Council.

I assent to this Act on behalf of the Governor of New Zealand on this seventh day of February, 1854.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,  
Superintendent.