

*Copyright.*

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor from time to time by Proclamation to declare the provisions hereinafter contained to be in force in any town or part of any town the boundaries whereof respectively shall be defined by such Proclamation. Power to the Governor to bring Ordinance into operation.

2. On a day to be named in such Proclamation, not being less than six calendar months from the date thereof, and on the same day in every succeeding year, there shall be levied in respect of every building constructed wholly or in part of raupo, nikau, toetoe, wiwi, kakaho, straw, or thatch of any description, and situate within the boundaries so defined, the sum of twenty pounds. Tax on raupo buildings.

3. Such sum as aforesaid shall be paid on demand to the Colonial Treasurer or District Treasurer as the case may be, or to any person by him authorized to demand the same, by the occupier, or if there be no occupier by the owner of such building. In default of payment, the same shall be recovered in a summary way. By whom payable.

4. No person shall erect or cause to be erected any such building as aforesaid in any town in which the provisions of this Ordinance shall have been declared to be in force. Every person shall for so offending forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered in a summary way. Not to be erected after a certain date.

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## No. XVIII.

AN ORDINANCE to secure the Copyright of Printed Books to the Authors thereof. [15th March, 1842.] COPYRIGHT.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the copyright of books should be secured by law to the authors thereof: Preamble.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. The author of any book which shall hereafter be printed and published, and his assignees, shall have the sole liberty of printing and reprinting such book for the full term of twenty-eight years, to commence from the day of first publishing the same, and also, if the author shall be living at the end of that period, for the residue of his natural life. Period of protection.

2. If any person shall during the period or periods aforesaid print reprint or import, or cause to be printed re-printed or imported, any such book without the consent in writing of the author or assignee of the copyright thereof, or shall, knowing the same to have been so printed reprinted or imported without such consent as aforesaid, sell publish or expose for sale, or cause to be sold published or exposed for sale, or have in his possession for sale, any such books without such consent as aforesaid, every such person shall be liable to an action at the suit of the author or assignee, in which action double costs of suit shall be allowed, and shall also, upon a verdict being given against him in such action as aforesaid, forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds to the use of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, for the public uses of the Colony and the support of the Government thereof. Penalty.