

*English Acts.*

1. When any person shall be convicted before any Police Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace of an assault, and it shall appear upon the evidence of a credible witness (other than the party assaulted) that such assault was wanton and unprovoked and attended with bodily injury to the person assaulted, and where in any such case a fine shall have been imposed upon the offender, it shall be lawful for such Police Magistrate or Justices as aforesaid, when it shall appear to him or them proper that compensation be made for the injury inflicted, to award to the party injured such portion of the fine so levied as to them shall seem meet: Provided always that the sum so to be awarded shall not in any case exceed one-half of the fine levied.

Power to Magistrates to award a portion of fines to the injured party.

**No. VIII.**

AN ORDINANCE for bringing into operation within the Colony certain Acts of the Imperial Parliament.

ENGLISH ACTS.

[22nd April, 1845.]

WHEREAS certain Acts of the Imperial Parliament specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed have been passed for the amendment of the law, and it is expedient that the same be adopted and brought into operation within this Colony:

Preamble.

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

1. The several Acts of the Imperial Parliament specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed shall be taken to extend to this Colony, and shall be applied therein in the administration of justice in like manner as Acts of Parliament passed before the establishment of the Colony are applied.

Certain Acts adopted.

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Commencement of Ordinance.

SCHEDULE OF ACTS REFERRED TO.

(1.) Stat. 4 and 5 Vict. c. 56, intituled "*An Act for taking away the Punishment of Death in certain cases, and substituting other Punishments in lieu thereof.*"

(2.) 6 Vict. c. 10, intituled "*An Act for removing doubts as to the Punishment which may be awarded under the provisions of an Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her present Majesty, for taking away the Punishment of Death in certain cases, for certain Offences therein specified.*"

(3.) 6 and 7 Vict. c. 85, intituled "*An Act for improving the Law of Evidence.*"

(4.) 6 and 7 Vict. c. 96, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.*"

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