New Zealand.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ. No. 50.

An Act to provide for the Revision of the Title. Electoral Rolls of the Grey and Bell the Town of New Plymouth and the Omata Electoral Districts for the year 1867 and for Validating the Electoral Roll for Westland District 1867-8. [10th October 1867.]

W HEREAS by reason of the non-appointment in due time of a Preamble. competent person to be revising officer to revise the lists of voters which in accordance with the provisions of "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" ought to have been revised between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven in the several Electoral Districts for the election of members of the House of Representatives following that is to say the Grey and Bell Town of New Plymouth and Omata Electoral Districts such lists have not been revised within the time limited for revising the same And whereas doubts have arisen whether Edward James Lee Esquire was lawfully appointed revising officer to revise the list

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

of voters for the same year in the Electoral District of Westland

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Supplementary Electoral Short Title.

Rolls Revision Act 1867.'

2. It shall be the duty of William Halse of New Plymouth Esquire William Halse or in the event of his death resignation or refusal to act for some appointed Revising Officer. other fit person to be appointed by the Governor after taking the following oath before a Justice of the Peace—"I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will to the best of my ability perform my duty as a revising officer appointed under the provisions of 'The Registration of Electors Act 1866' as supplemented and varied by 'The Supplementary Electoral Rolls Revision Act 1867' without fear favour or malice So help me God" to take possession of the lists of voters for revision together with an authentic copy of the lists made and published in pursuance of the twelfth thirteenth and fourteenth sections of "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" hereinafter referred to as the said Act in respect of the said Grey and Bell Town of New Plymouth and Omata Electoral Districts which according to the provisions of "The Registration of Electors Act 1866" ought to have been revised between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of July in the year one thousand eight

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hundred and sixty-seven and of all the original claims and declarations and notices of objection in relation to such lists.

To take possession of electoral lists and hold courts for revision thereof.

3. It shall be lawful for the said William Halse or such other person as aforesaid in the same manner and with the like powers as if he had been duly appointed revising officer to revise such lists of voters of the Electoral Districts of Grey and Bell Town of New Plymouth and Omata to hold courts for the revision of such electoral lists on days or a day to be appointed by him in the manner provided by the said Act but before the first day of December next and giving seven days notice only instead of fifteen days notice of the time and place of holding the said courts or any of them and thereat and thereafter to do all such acts and things in relation to such lists and to the persons claiming to have their names placed on the electoral roll to be formed from either of the said lists and to persons objecting to the names of any persons being retained or placed upon the roll to be formed from any of the said lists and to do all such other acts matters and things in relation to such lists as he could have done if duly appointed to be such revising officer as aforesaid and had held courts for the revision of such electoral lists between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Persons authorized to attend courts.

4. Every person who shall have duly made a claim to have his name inserted on the electoral roll to be formed from any of the said lists and every person who shall have duly objected to the right of any other person to have his name retained or placed on the electoral roll to be formed from any of the said lists and the registration officer for the time being may attend at the court so to be appointed and exercise the same rights including the right of appeal by the said Act provided as if such revision had been made at the time and in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and every such person shall thereupon be subject to the same liabilities as persons for the like purposes attending courts for the revision of electoral lists under the said Act.

Returning Officer to act upon lists so revised. 5. The returning officer of each of the said electoral districts of Grey and Bell Town of New Plymouth and Omata upon receiving from the said William Halse or such other person as aforesaid the several electoral lists to be formed in the manner herein provided shall do all such acts in relation thereto as by the said Act are provided in the cases of electoral lists duly revised under the said Act and the copy of each of such electoral lists to be signed and kept by the said returning officer shall be the electoral roll of persons entitled to vote at any election which shall take place for the same electoral district between the time of his so signing the same and the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Electoral roll for Westland District for 1867-8 validated. 6. The electoral roll formed for the Electoral District of Westland for the year commencing on the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven and ending on the thirty-first day of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight shall be deemed and taken to have been validly formed any irregularity or insufficiency in the appointment of the officer to revise the electoral lists of the said district notwithstanding.