~300,000 advanced on Imprest towards service of year ending 31st March, 1881.

2. Out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty by way of Imprest for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole three hundred thousand pounds (£300,000), to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirtyfirst day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one,

1880, No. 3.

IMPREST SUPPLY (No. 2).

AN ACT to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account to the Service of the Year ending the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-one. [19th July, 1880.1]

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Imprest Supply Act, 1880 (No 2)."

£250,000 advanced on Imprest towards service of year ending 31st March, 1881.

Short Title.

2. Out of the Public Account there may be issued and applied, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty by way of Imprest for the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, in addition to the sums mentioned in the Civil List Act, "The Imprest Supply Act, 1880," and other Acts, any sums of money not exceeding in the whole two hundred and fifty thousand pounds (£250,000), to be charged in the manner hereafter to be expressed in any Act or Acts passed in this present session of Parliament for appropriating the public revenues of the colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

1880, No. 4.

MAORI PRISONERS. An Act to provide for the Further Detention, for a Limited Time, of certain Natives now in Custody in Her Majesty's Gaols. (Temporary.)

[23rd July, 1880.1

Preamble.

WHEREAS "The Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners' Trials Act, 1879," recites that under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, heretofore in force, called "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and of the Acts amending the same, certain lands belonging to aboriginal natives on . the west coast of the North Island had been taken, and that some of such lands had been sold and disposed of, and other, part thereof remained in the possession of the Crown; and that it had been alleged by or on behalf of some of the said Natives that promises had been made by or on behalf of the Government of the colony in relation to the land so taken, and that such promises had not been fulfilled; and, further, that the said Natives had been for some time past, and then were, in a state of discontent, and disturbances of the public peace and other offences had lately been committed by certain of such Natives; and, that it was alleged that such discontent might be removed by inquiry being made into the said alleged promises and grievances, and that it was expedient that a Commission should be appointed for such purposes: And by the said Act it was further recited that a large number of aboriginal natives had been duly committed for trial at the Supreme Court at Wellington and elsewhere in