



THE

NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

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G. GREY, Governor.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of New Zealand, made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, No. 1, intituled "An Act for indemnifying persons acting in the suppression of the Native Insurrection," it is enacted, amongst other things, that, "All and singular the officers of Her Majesty's forces, and all and every other person and persons whosoever who shall at any time before the passing of this Act have acted by authority of the Government, or in execution of orders or directions of any officer of Her Majesty's Imperial or Colonial forces, or of any Judge, Magistrate, or other person acting under authority of the Government, in or about the quelling of the said insurrection, the resisting, apprehending, detaining, confining, or imprisoning of any person or persons concerned or suspected to be concerned therein; the destroying or damaging of property belonging to any person or persons concerned, or suspected to be concerned, in the said insurrection; the preserving or restoring of peace or good order in any part of the said Colony; the apprehension, detention, confinement, or imprisonment of any dangerous or disloyal person or persons or of any person or persons believed or suspected to be dangerous or disloyal; or the providing for the safety of Her Majesty's peaceable and loyal subjects, shall be, and they are hereby severally and respectively freed and indemnified of and from all actions, suits, indictments, informations, prosecutions, proceedings, and liabilities whatsoever, which they or any of them respectively may have been or may be or become liable or subject to for or by reason or by means of or in relation to any act, matter, or thing done by them respectively before the passing of this Act, by such authority, or in execution of such orders or directions as aforesaid." And further, that "in order to prevent any doubt which may arise whether

any act, matter, or thing alleged to have been so done as aforesaid shall have been done under such authority, or in execution of such orders and directions as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor to declare any such act, matter, or thing to have been done under such authority, or by such orders and directions as aforesaid."

And whereas an action was lately commenced and is now pending in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Northern District, wherein one John Runciman, in the Province of Auckland, is plaintiff, and Henry Meade Hamilton, late of Ngaruawahia, but now of Tauranga, of Her Majesty's 12th Regiment of Foot, Colonel of the first battalion, is defendant, in which action the plaintiff seeks to recover damages for an alleged wrongful detention of certain sheep at Ngaruawahia in the month of December, 1864:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Grey, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby declare that the acts, matters, and things, done, or by the declaration in the said action alleged to have been done by the said Henry Meade Hamilton, and thereby complained of, and for which the plaintiff therein seeks to recover damages as aforesaid, were done under such authority or by such orders and directions as in the said Act mentioned.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Grey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, at the Government House, at Wellington, and issued under the seal of the Colony this fifteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

E. W. STAFFORD.

