No. XI.

An Act to remove doubts respecting the Validity of the Appointment of certain Justices of the Peace.

Magistrates'
Indemnity.

[29th July, 1856.]

HEREAS doubts have arisen respecting the validity of the Preamble. appointments of certain persons to be Justices of the Peace, and it is expedient that such doubts be removed:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New

Zealand as follows:—

1. All persons whose appointments as Justices of the Peace for the Colony or Islands of New Zealand, or for any Province of the said Colony, have at any time heretofore been notified in the New Zealand Government Gazette, by the direction of the Governor of the said

All persons heretofore gazetted as Justices to be deemed to have been duly appointed.

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Colony, or of the Officer lawfully Administering the Government thereof, shall be deemed to have been duly appointed as such Justices, notwithstanding such persons may not have been appointed by Commission under the Public Seal of the Colony, and notwithstanding any other defect or informality in their appointments.

Short Title.

2. This Act shall be intituled and may be cited as "The Magistrates' Indemnity Act, 1856."