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No. XVI.

SUPERINTENDENTS  
DEPUTY.

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AN ACT to make provision for the performance of the Duties of Superintendents during the temporary Absence of such Superintendents, and during Vacancies in the Office. [6th August, 1856.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for the more effectual performance of the duties of Superintendents of the several Provinces of New Zealand during the temporary absence of any such Superintendent, and also during any vacancy which may occur in the office of Superintendent:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand as follows:—

A Deputy may be appointed by Superintendent to act during his absence from the Province.

1. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of any Province, by Proclamation to be published in the Government *Gazette* of such Province, to appoint such person as he may think fit, being a registered elector of such Province, to be his Deputy, and as such to perform and exercise all the acts and powers (except such powers as are conferred by the Constitution Act, 15 and 16 Viet. c. 72,) which may be exercised and performed by such Superintendent, or such of them only as shall be specified in such Proclamation; and the acts of such Deputy Superintendent, so far as authorized by such Proclamation, shall be as effectual in all respects as if performed by the Superintendent himself: Provided always that such Deputy Superintendent shall act only during the absence of the Superintendent from the Province, and in case of vacancy by his death resignation or otherwise during such absence, until his successor shall have been elected: Provided always that it shall not be lawful that the duties of any Superintendent shall be performed by deputy for any greater number of days collectively than one hundred and fifty in any period of twelve calendar months from the date of such Proclamation.

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2. Whenever any vacancy other than in the cases hereinbefore provided for shall arise, from death resignation or otherwise, in the office of Superintendent of any Province, all the acts and powers which may be performed and exercised by the Superintendent of any such Province (except such powers as are conferred by the said Constitution Act) shall during such vacancy (unless a Deputy as hereinbefore mentioned shall at the time exist in the Province where such vacancy shall occur) be performed and exercised by the Speaker of the Provincial Council thereof.

In case of vacancy in the office of Superintendent, Speaker of Provincial Council to perform duties.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "*The Superintendents Deputy Act, 1856.*" Short Title.

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