

TRICESIMO OCTAVO

## VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. LII.

## ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble.

1. Short Title. 2. Proclamation declaring district of Town of Westport a borough, and proceedings prior

An Acr to validate the Proceedings constituting Title. the Borough of Westport under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," and certain other acts and proceedings consequent thereon. [22nd August, 1874.]

HEREAS doubts have arisen as to the validity of a Proclama-Preamble. tion published in the New Zealand Gazette, number twentythree of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, under the hand of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, declaring the district of the Town of Westport, as the boundaries thereof are defined in the Schedule to the said Proclamation, to be a borough under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," by reason of non-compliance with certain of the provisions of sections ten and twenty-two of the said Act, which required that a period of two months should elapse between the publication of notice in some newspaper circulating in the borough district or place to which such petition referred of the petition praying the Governor to declare the said Town of Westport a borough, and of the time when it pleased His Excellency to order such petition to be taken into consideration, together with a copy of the document certificate or notification transmitted by the Superintendent of the province in which the district to which the petition referred is situate that he assented to or that he did not dissent from the prayer of such petition—the said petition having been taken into consideration and the said Proclamation having issued before the expiration of twomonths from the publication of the matters aforesaid in such news-.

Constitution of the Westport Borough Proceedings Validation.

And whereas it is expedient that an Act be passed for the purpose of validating the said proceedings and the said Proclamation:

BE IT THEREFORE 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 shall be "The Constitution of the

Westport Borough Proceedings Validation Act, 1874."

Proclamation declaring district of Town of Westport a borough, and proceedings prior thereto validated.

Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the proceedings taken and had previous to the issue of the said recited Proclamation in the New Zealand Gazette, number twenty-three of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, declaring the district of the Town of Westport, as defined in the Schedule thereto, a borough, shall be and be deemed to have been duly and validly taken and had, and the said Proclamation shall be and be deemed to have been duly and validly made and issued, and the said district of the Town of Westport shall be and be deemed to have been duly and validly constituted a borough within the meaning of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1867," by such Proclamation. And all elections valuations rates contracts payments accounts notices by-laws regulations loans appointments of officers, and other unmentioned acts and proceedings of what kind or nature soever, made struck given or done, or purporting to be made struck given or done thereunder, shall be taken to be as valid and in as due order and form as though the proceedings prior to the said Proclamation, and the said Proclamation itself, had been duly and validly taken and made.

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