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## AN ACT to Authorize the Authentication of Coupons by means of Stamps. Title. [13th December 1864.]

**W**HEREAS by certain Acts passed by the General Assembly and Preamble.  
by various Provincial Legislatures in the Colony of New Zealand the  
Governor and Superintendents of various Provinces have been author-  
ized to raise money by loan and for the money so to be raised to issue  
Debentures with interest coupons attached in the forms prescribed by  
the said several Acts And whereas the forms of such coupons purport  
to require the signature of the Governor or Governor and some other  
officer and Superintendent or Superintendent and some other officer to  
each of such coupons respectively And whereas it is inconvenient  
to require such signature and it is desirable to provide other means for  
authenticating such coupons and to secure the same against forgery :

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Coupons Act 1864.” Short Title

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor and for the Superintendent Superintendent au-  
thorized to stamp de-  
bentures.  
of any Province who is or may hereafter be authorized by the General  
Assembly of the Colony or by the Provincial Legislature of any  
Province to issue Debentures and any officer or other person whose  
signature may be required thereto to authenticate the coupons attached  
or to be attached to any such Debentures by stamping or causing the  
same to be stamped with his name or with a *fac simile* of his signature  
in lieu of signing such coupons with his own hand.

III. All coupons so authenticated whether issued before or after the Coupon so stamped  
valid.  
passing of this Act shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had  
been signed by such Governor Superintendent or other person with  
his own hand.

IV. Whoever shall forge or counterfeit or shall utter knowing the Penalties for forging.  
same to be forged or counterfeited any coupon bearing any such stamp  
or impression or *fac simile* or any forged or counterfeited stamp or  
impression or *fac simile* made or apparently intended to resemble the  
stamp or impression or *fac simile* aforesaid or shall forge or utter  
knowing the same to be forged or altered any document or instrument  
having any such stamp or impression or *fac simile* thereon or affixed  
thereto shall be guilty of felony and being convicted thereof shall be

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liable at the discretion of the Court to be kept in penal servitude for life or for any term not less than three years or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years with or without hard labour and with or without solitary confinement.

V. Provided that the powers created by this Act shall not be exercised until the Governor in Council shall have approved of the stamps to be used for the purposes of this Act nor until Regulations as to the manner in which the same may be used shall have been issued by the Governor in Council nor except in conformity with such Regulations and the Governor in Council may from time to time issue such Regulations accordingly and may from time to time alter and rescind any such Regulations or any of them.