Hon. Mr. Seddon.

DEBTS RECOVERY LIMITATION.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for Limitation of Actions for Debt, and to prohibit Title. Actions for Small Debts for Goods sold and delivered.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Debts Recovery Limita- Short Title. tion Act, 1895." It shall come into operation on the first day of

January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

2. The period prescribed by an Act passed in the twenty-first Actions for debt to 10 year of the reign of King James the First, chapter sixteen, and be brought within shortly intituled "The Limitation Act, 1625," as that within which must be commenced and sued all actions of debt grounded upon any lending or contract without specialty, is hereby limited as follows, that is to say:—

> To two years after the cause of action arose, if it arises after the commencement of this Act:

> In all other cases to two years after the commencement of this Act, but not exceeding six years after the cause of action

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the above-mentioned No recovery of debt 20 Act or elsewhere to the contrary, it is hereby enacted that it shall under £20 for goods sold. not be lawful to commence or maintain any action, or to recover in any Court any money, debt, or demand, in respect of goods sold and delivered after the commencement of this Act unless the price of 25 the goods exceeds twenty pounds.