

The Supreme Court Act, 1871.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to settle doubts respecting the Jurisdiction and Powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Supreme Court Act 1871." Short Title.

2. Every Judge of the Supreme Court shall have and may exercise at any place within the Colony either alone or along with one or more of the other Judges all or any the jurisdiction powers and authority of the Court or of any Judge thereof: Provided that this enactment shall not apply to sittings of the full Court under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act 1867." Any Judge may act anywhere in the Colony either alone or with others.
Not to apply to sittings of the full Court under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act 1867."

3. Every Judge of the Court shall on Circuit or otherwise have power to hear and determine all indictable crimes and misdemeanours committed in any part of the Colony and for which any person has been or shall be committed to take his trial at the place where such Judge may be sitting or who has been or shall be held to bail to answer any indictment which may be found against him at such place and also all issues joined in any action or proceeding in the Court which shall in due course of practice have been or be appointed to be tried at such place. Jurisdiction as to offences and issues.

Be it also declared and enacted as follows:—

4. The Judge presiding at any sitting of the Court or of a Circuit Court thereof has and shall have power to adjourn the sitting of such Court from the Court House or other building or place at which such sitting has been appointed or proclaimed to be held to any other convenient building or place in the vicinity thereof: And all trials convictions judgments and proceedings which hitherto have taken place or hereafter shall take place at sittings so adjourned shall be deemed and taken to be and to have been as valid and regular as if they had taken place at the Court House building or place originally appointed or proclaimed. Power to adjourn to other places.
Validating trials and convictions after adjournments.

5. Every Judge of the Court has and shall have full power to appoint and hold sittings of the Court other than those of a Circuit Court and also sittings in Chambers at such hours and places as the convenience of the suitors and of the public shall seem to him to require. Power to appoint and hold other sittings than Circuit Courts.