

New Zealand.



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1894, No. 22.—*Local.*

AN ACT to define and determine certain alleged Native Claims. Title.
[29th September, 1894.]

WHEREAS by memorials of ownership heretofore issued by the Native Land Court under the provisions of "The Native Land Act, 1873," certain aboriginal natives of New Zealand (the survivors of whom, and successors duly appointed by the Native Land Court of such of them as are deceased, are hereinafter referred to as "the registered owners") were adjudged to be the owners according to Native custom of several blocks of land respectively mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto: Preamble.

And whereas the said registered owners, on the dates respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule, sold the said lands, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining, to Her Majesty the Queen, for the consideration in each case specified in the third column of the said Schedule:

And whereas it has been alleged by petitions to Parliament and otherwise that other Natives besides the registered owners had equitable claims in and to the said lands not recognised by the said memorials of ownership:

And whereas, with the consent of the said registered owners, the sums specified in the fourth column of the said Schedule have in each case respectively been retained by the Government out of the consideration aforesaid, pending an inquiry by the Native Land Court as to such equitable claims, and for distribution by the Government in such manner as that Court may after such inquiry direct:

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 is "The Ngaere and other Blocks Native Claims Adjustment Act, 1894." Short Title.

Native Land Court to inquire whether any other Natives than the registered owners entitled to share of lands in Schedule.

2. It shall be within the jurisdiction of the Native Land Court to inquire and determine whether any, and, if so, what, Natives other than the registered owners had any such equitable claims as aforesaid in and to the said lands mentioned in the recitals hereto, and in what proportions they or the successors of such of them as are deceased are by reason thereof equitably entitled to participate in the sums retained by the Government out of the consideration as aforesaid, and, generally, how the sums so retained as aforesaid should be distributed; and the order of the Court thereon shall be final and conclusive, and shall be a sufficient authority to the Colonial Treasurer to apply and distribute the aforesaid sums in such manner, and in such shares, and amongst such persons, as may be specified in the aforesaid order.

To be a final settlement of all claims thereto.

3. The adjustment to be effected pursuant to this Act shall be a final settlement of all claims, questions, and disputes whatsoever by and between whomsoever in connection with the said lands and the purchase thereof.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

First Column.	Second Column.	Third Column.	Fourth Column.
Name of Block, Area, and Locality.	Date of Sale to Her Majesty.	Total Consideration.	Portion of Consideration retained by Government for Benefit of Equitable Owners, if any.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ngaere: 7,500 acres, Ngaere Survey District, Taranaki Land District	24th October, 1893	3,750 0 0	1,875 0 0
Ngaturipukunui: 496 acres, Mangakahia Survey District, Auckland Land District	8th December, 1893	99 4 0	49 12 0
Kauaeranga: 3,672 acres, Motatau and Mangakahia Survey Districts, Auckland Land District	8th December, 1893	734 8 0	367 4 0