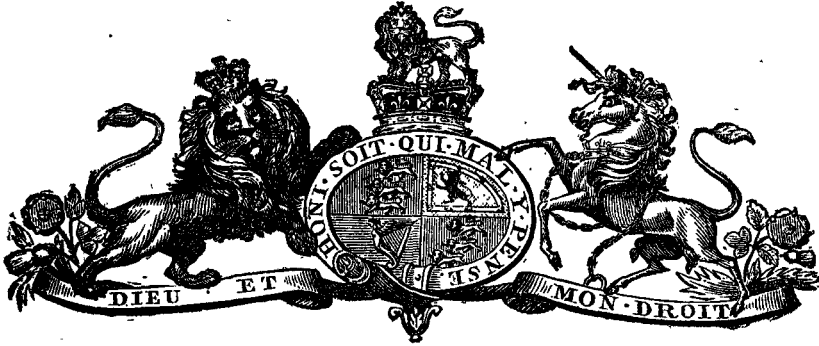


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AN ACT to amend "The Native Lands Act 1867." Title.
[20th October 1868.]

WHEREAS by the fifty-fifth section of "The Native Lands Act 1865" it is provided that upon each first disposal by way of lease of any of such hereditaments or Native land as are in the said section referred to there shall be due to Her Majesty by the lessee in whom the new estate is intended to be vested a sum equal to ten pounds per centum upon the amount of the rent in each year together with ten pounds per centum upon the amount of any fine premium or foregift contained in or paid on account of the lease And whereas by the twenty-fourth section of "The Native Lands Act 1867" after reciting as hereinbefore is recited and reciting that doubts had been raised as to the amount of duty made payable in respect of any such lease and that it was expedient to set at rest such doubts and reciting that it was expedient to extend the payment of such duty over the term of the lease if such lease in respect of which the same is payable be for a term of seven years or more than seven years it is enacted that the duty payable in respect of any such lease as aforesaid shall be ten pounds per centum upon the amount of any fine premium or foregift contained in or paid on account of any such lease and also a sum equal to ten pounds per centum yearly on the first day of January in every year upon the aggregate amount of rent payable for each and every year of the term of such lease And whereas it is expedient to amend the said enactments and further to amend "The Native Lands Act 1865" in manner hereinafter appearing Preamble.

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

Native Lands Act Amendment.

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Native Lands Act Amendment Act 1868."

Duty on leases on which the annual rent does not exceed £10.

2. The duty payable in respect of any lease for a term of seven years or more than seven years wherein the amount of the annual rent reserved shall not exceed the sum of ten pounds in any one year shall henceforth be ten pounds per centum upon the amount of any fine premium or foregift contained in or paid on account of any such lease and also a sum equal to six pounds per centum upon the aggregate amount of the rent reserved and payable during the said term for each and every year thereof when the term of such lease does not exceed seven years a sum equal to five pounds per centum upon such aggregate amount of rent when the term of such lease exceeds seven years but does not exceed fourteen years and a sum equal to four pounds per centum when the term of such lease exceeds fourteen years which sum shall be payable in full on such first disposal by way of lease instead of by payments extending over the term of the lease. Provided always that nothing in this Act shall be deemed in anywise to affect or alter the amount or manner of payment of duty in respect of any lease whereby the rent reserved to be paid shall exceed the sum of ten pounds in any one year.

As to amendments of defects and errors in proceedings.

3. The Chief Judge and every Judge of the Native Land Court may at all times amend all defects and errors in any proceeding in such Court whether there is anything in writing to amend by or not and whether the defect or error be that of the party applying to amend or not and all such amendments may be made with or without costs and upon such terms as to the Judge may seem fit and all such amendments as may be necessary for the purpose of determining in the existing suit the real question in controversy between the parties shall be so made if duly applied for.

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