

New Zealand.



ANALYSIS.

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1888, No. 16.

AN ACT to amend "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885." Title.
[28th August, 1888.]

BE IT 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 New Zealand State Forests Act Amendment Act, 1888." Short Title.

2. The Governor in Council may from time to time, by Proclamation gazetted, rescind, amend, or alter, in part or in whole, any previous Proclamation issued under section three of "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885," and declare any open lands, or any lands where the bush is cut, burned, or otherwise destroyed, or which may no longer be required for State Forest purposes, to be no longer within the provisions of the aforesaid Act; and all lands so proclaimed shall, from and after the date of the gazetting of such Proclamation, be deemed to be Crown lands and subject to "The Land Act, 1885," and its amendments: Governor may withdraw open lands from Forests Act.

Provided always that no such Proclamation shall be issued in respect of any land on the ground that it is no longer required for State Forest purposes until a plan showing the extent and position of such land, and a statement of the reasons why it is no longer required for State Forest purposes, shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament for a period of thirty days without any resolution objecting thereto being passed by either House. Proviso.

3. Section thirty of "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885," is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:— Unexercised land-orders for forest-trees planting may be exercised until 31st December, 1890.

(1.) Any unexercised land-order issued under "The Forest-trees Planting Encouragement Act Amendment Act, 1872," which shall be presented on or before the thirtieth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, to the Commissioner of the land district wherein If not exercised within time limited to be null and void.

such order was originally applicable, may, with the sanction of the Minister, be indorsed by such Commissioner, with a certificate declaring such order to be exercisable in the purchase of Crown lands, whether town, suburban, or rural land, in any part of the colony, at any time on or before the thirty-first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and the last day whereon such order shall be exercisable shall be stated in such certificate; and any land-order so indorsed shall be exercisable accordingly, anything in the last above-mentioned Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

- (2.) No land-order, whatever the amount stated therein, and no number of land-orders in favour of the same person shall entitle such person, or any other person with him, or for or on his behalf, or any other person or persons whatever their number, by virtue thereof, or under any transfer thereof in trust or otherwise, to acquire Crown lands as aforesaid in any part of the colony to any value exceeding five hundred pounds in the whole.
- (3.) Every land-order where it is exercised in whole or in part shall be surrendered to the Receiver of Land Revenue, who shall indorse thereon the amount of money to which it has been exercised in the transaction in respect whereof it has been so surrendered, and shall transmit the same to the Commissioner of the district, who shall forthwith cancel such order, and issue in lieu thereof to the holder of such cancelled order a new order for the balance only in amount of money and area of land to which the aforesaid holder remains entitled after such exercise of the cancelled order as aforesaid.
- (4.) Every land-order indorsed as aforesaid which is not exercised within the time limited for the exercise thereof, shall be absolutely null and void; and no renewal thereof shall be granted.

Unissued land-orders to be subject to same conditions.

4. Every land-order yet to be issued under the provisions of the last-mentioned Act shall be issued subject to the conditions mentioned in the last foregoing section, and also to the condition that such order shall be valid and good for two years from the date thereof; and, if not exercised within such time, shall be absolutely null and void.

Special provision as to Canterbury and Otago.

5. No land order which before the passing of this Act could lawfully be issued in relation to plantation of forest trees made within the Land Districts of Canterbury and of Otago at any time subsequent to the coming into force of the regulations made under an Order in Council of the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, shall be refused to be issued to any person by reason solely of such person not having complied with Regulation No. 6 of the aforesaid regulations, if the Commissioner shall think the said person has sufficiently complied with the said regulations in other respects to entitle him to such land order.