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CROWN AND NATIVE LANDS RATING ACTS REPEAL.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to repeal the Acts providing for the Payment of Rates in respect of Crown Lands and Native Lands. Title.

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 Crown and Native Lands Rating Acts Repeal Act, 1888." Short Title.

2. This Act shall have retrospective operation and be deemed to have come into force on the *first* day of *April*, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, which day is hereinafter referred to as the day of the commencement of this Act. Commencement of Act.

3. "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882," and "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1883," are hereby respectively repealed. Repeal of Crown and Native Lands Rating Acts from 31st March, 1888.

4. The repeal effected by this Act shall not— Saving from effect of repeal.

(1.) Affect the recovery by the Colonial Treasurer of any rates that may have been paid by him in respect of Native lands, but all moneys paid in respect of such rates shall be recoverable by or on behalf of the Colonial Treasurer as if this Act had not passed ;

(2.) Affect any rate made and levied prior to the day of the commencement of this Act, and due and payable to any local body, whether in respect of Crown lands or Native lands, and every such rate may be paid, received, and recovered as if this Act had not passed ;

(3.) Affect any bond, debenture, or other security already given by any local body in accordance with any law in force prior to the day of the commencement of this Act, and by virtue of which law the whole or any part of any rate payable in respect of Crown lands or Native lands under the Acts hereby repealed are or have been made the whole or part of the security for the payment of any such bond, debenture, or other security, or the interest and sinking fund to accrue due thereon respectively ; and in any such case such rates shall continue to be levied, paid, and recovered as if this Act had not been passed.

Crown and Native lands rateable or exempt from rates as if repealed Act had never existed.

5. Crown lands and Native lands, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, shall, from and after the time of the commencement of this Act, and until otherwise enacted, be deemed respectively to have been and to be liable to be rated or exempted therefrom under any unrepealed Act authorising the making and levying of rates, in the same manner and to the same degree only, as if "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882," had never been passed.

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Native lands in boroughs to be rateable.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other Act, all lands the property of or belonging to aboriginal natives situate within boroughs shall be rateable property under any Act for the time being in force regulating the making, levying, or recovery of rates in boroughs in like manner as lands the property of or belonging to persons other than aboriginal natives.

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