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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
15th October, 1903.*

Hon. Mr. Duncan.

CROWN GRANTS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

| 2. Power to compound custody fees extended.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Crown Grants Act, 1883."

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 Grants Act Amendment Act, 1903." Short Title.

2. (1.) Section fifty-two of "The Crown Grants Act, 1883" (authorising the compounding of the custody fees in respect of Crown grants on payment of an amount not exceeding ten pounds per centum of the original sum paid for the land described in the grant), is hereby amended by repealing all the words beginning "This provision," to the end of the section. Power to compound custody fees extended.

(2.) The power to deliver Crown grants on payment of a composition for the custody fees as prescribed by the said section is hereby revived: Provided that, where no sum was originally paid for the land described in any Crown grant, the custody fees in respect of its grant may be compounded for a sum not exceeding the sum of five shillings per acre for rural lands, and for one-fifth of the value of the other lands at the time the said lands were to have been granted.

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