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### CENTRAL OTAGO GOLD FIELDS RESERVES.

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#### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable Reserves to be made in the Central Otago Gold Fields. Title.

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

- 5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Central Otago Gold Fields Reserves Act, 1882." Short Title.
2. "The Land Act, 1877" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), so far as applicable and where not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is incorporated herewith. "Land Act, 1877," read with this Act.
- 10 3. It shall be lawful for the Governor to cause a Proclamation to be published in the *Gazette* when he shall be of opinion that any Crown lands situate in any mining district in the Provincial District of Otago (hereinafter called "the Otago Gold Fields"), are required for public purposes, whether such lands are comprised in any pastoral license or lease or not; and such Proclamation shall contain a description of the lands and the public purposes for which such lands in the opinion of the Governor are required. Governor may proclaim.
- 15 4. It shall be lawful for the Governor to determine in manner provided by and subject to the conditions contained in section one hundred and twenty-one of the said Act any pastoral license or lease situate in the Otago Gold Fields, if he shall be of opinion that the land comprised in any such license or lease, or any part thereof, is required for public purposes: Provided that the pastoral license or lease so proposed to be determined is a license or lease granted in terms of the said Act. Governor may determine lease.
- 20 5. "Public purposes" shall include lands required as mining reserves or for commonages, endowments or grants of land to County Councils in aid of the construction of bridges over rivers running through or bounding Crown lands, sites for racecourses, grants for forest-tree-planting under any Act making provision for such grants from time to time in force, endowments for hospitals in country districts, endowments for mechanics' institutes or public libraries, and all other purposes for which reserves may be made by the powers conferred upon the Governor in the said Act. Public purposes defined.
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Effect of Proclamation.

6. Upon the publication of any Proclamation as herein provided, and either before or after the determination of any pastoral license or lease under the authority of this Act, the lands described in such Proclamation, other than lands required for settlement in terms of the said Act, shall vest immediately upon such publication in the Council of the county in which such lands are situate in trust for the public purposes indicated in such Proclamation, but subject to existing licenses or leases, if any, over the same lands. 5

County Council to administer.

7. The Council of the county in which such lands shall vest in trust as aforesaid shall administer such lands subject to by-laws duly made and sanctioned by the Governor: Provided that no lands so vested shall be alienated by way of absolute sale, except in the case of lands granted in aid of the construction of bridges. 10

Revenues to be land revenue.

8. All revenues derived from lands so vested as aforesaid shall be deemed to be land revenue, and, as to one-half of such revenues, shall be payable quarterly to the Colonial Treasurer on such dates as he may direct. 15

Chairman to certify to accounts.

9. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the county in which any lands so proclaimed as aforesaid are situate, and he is hereby required, to certify in writing to the accuracy of accounts made up once in each year, and to forward copies of such accounts so certified to the Colonial Treasurer during the month of April in each and every year, which accounts shall show the moneys received during the twelve months immediately preceding (up to and including) the thirty-first day of March, for the use and occupation of the lands so vested in the said Council in trust for public purposes. 20