

*This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council and having this day passed as printed is now ready for presentation to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.*

L. STOWE,  
Clerk of the Council.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
New Zealand, 4th September, 1867.

A BILL INTITULED

*An Act to authorize the issue of Crown Grants* Title.  
*for certain reserves for public purposes in*  
*the Province of Canterbury.*

WHEREAS by the nineteenth clause of the Waste Lands Preamble.  
Regulations of the Province of Canterbury it is declared that reserves  
for the uses of the Provincial Government and other public purposes  
may upon the recommendation of the Provincial Council be made by  
5 the Superintendent and shall not be alienated from the specific  
purposes to which they shall have been severally dedicated except  
under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly intituled "The  
Public Reserves Act, 1854" and whereas in pursuance of the powers  
10 given by the said clause reserves have been from time to time made  
for churches chapels and cemeteries for the use and benefit of different  
religious bodies in the said Province and whereas doubts have been  
expressed as to whether such reserves are reserves for public purposes  
within the meaning of the aforesaid regulations and it is expedient  
15 that powers should be given for the effectual conveying of such reserves  
to trustees appointed by the religious bodies for whose benefit such  
reserves have been made

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parlia-  
ment assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Canterbury Public Short Title.  
20 Reserves Act 1867."

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in the name and on behalf of Governor to execute  
Her Majesty to make and execute Crown Grants in the usual form to Crown Grants.  
the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury of all such lands as  
have been reserved by the Superintendent of the said Province of  
25 Canterbury from time to time under the nineteenth clause of the Waste  
Lands Regulations of the said Province for churches chapels or  
cemeteries and any land so granted shall be deemed to have been duly  
granted under "The Public Reserves Act 1854."

3. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of the said Province of Superintendent to  
30 Canterbury to convey and assure all such land to the respective convey land.  
trustees and their successors of the several religious denominations  
bodies or societies in whose favour such respective reserves may  
have been originally made and the term "trustees" shall with reference  
to any such denomination body or society be deemed to mean the  
35 person or persons or body ecclesiastical or secular to whom or which  
in the opinion of the Superintendent such conveyance will according  
to the usages or practices of such denomination body or society be  
most fittingly made having regard to the due preservation and  
observance of the trusts for which such lands were reserved.