

(Hon. Sir D. McLean.)

Ford and Others Pension.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to grant Pensions to the Widow and Daughter of Samuel Ford, and to grant Pensions and Allowances to the Widows and Children of certain Maoris of Waiapu, killed in action. Title.

WHEREAS Samuel Ford, a private in the Taranaki Militia, was murdered by the rebel Maoris in the year 1860, under circumstances that would not entitle Elizabeth Ford and Emma Ford, his widow and daughter respectively, to a pension or allowance, and it is expedient, owing to the age and indigent circumstances of his widow, that the said widow and daughter should have the pension and allowance hereinafter provided for: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 shall be "The Ford and Others Pension Act, 1875." Short Title.

2. There shall be paid to Elizabeth Ford, the widow of the said Samuel Ford, as and in manner hereinafter provided, the annual sum of forty-six pounds during the term of her natural life if she shall so long remain a widow. Pension to Elizabeth Ford.

3. There shall be paid to Elizabeth Ford, or to such other person or persons as the Governor shall from time to time appoint, for the benefit of the said Emma Ford, an annual allowance of seven pounds, such allowance to cease upon the said Emma Ford attaining the age of twenty-one years, or marrying or dying before that age. Allowance to Emma Ford.

AND WHEREAS certain loyal Maoris, whose names are set forth in the third column of the First Schedule hereto, were killed in action at the places and times in the fourth column of such Schedule set forth, and they have left wives and children who were dependent upon them for support, and are now unprovided for: And 5
 whereas it is just that pensions should be granted to the said widows, and to the children of one of such loyal Maoris as hereinafter set forth, notwithstanding that their claims have not been made out within the time required by law: Be it therefore enacted,—

Pensions to certain widows of loyal Maoris.

4. There shall be paid to each of the said widows whose names appear in the first column of the said Schedule, so long as they shall remain sole and unmarried, the annual sum of twenty pounds, and their receipts shall be good discharges for the same. 10

Allowance to children of William Christie.

5. There shall be paid to some person or persons to be appointed as hereinafter provided, for and on behalf of the three children of William Christie, whose names and ages are given in the Second Schedule hereto, the annual sum of six pounds, by equal quarterly payments, in respect of each such child until they shall respectively attain the age of fifteen years, and in case any of the said children shall die under that age, then the annual payment in respect of such 15
 child so dying shall wholly cease. 20

Allowance to children of certain loyal Maoris.

6. There shall be paid to some person or persons to be appointed as hereinafter provided, for and on behalf of the four children of Hamiora Taitua, the child of Ruka Miromiro, the child of Wikiriwhi Papa, and the two children of Nopera Tirohia, in case his her or their 25
 mother respectively shall die, leaving him her or them respectively infants or an infant under the age of fifteen years, a sum not exceeding six pounds per annum for each such child whose mother shall so die: Provided that no such payment or payments shall be made after such child or children respectively shall have attained the age of fifteen 30
 years: Provided also, that no such payment or payments as provided for in this section shall be made if the Governor shall think fit, by warrant under his hand, to discontinue such payments or any of them, and upon the Governor so determining, and from a date to be fixed in and by such warrant, the said payments, or such of them as shall be 35
 directed to be discontinued, shall wholly cease.

In case of disability, persons may be appointed to receive allowance for children.

7. Whenever any person under age or other disability is entitled under this Act to any pension or allowance, it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to appoint such person or persons as he may think fit for the purpose of receiving the said pensions or 40
 allowances hereby made payable, and every such appointment from time to time to revoke, and another or others to appoint, as he may think expedient.

Application of allowances made to children.

8. Any person or persons so appointed as aforesaid shall apply the sum or sums of money which shall come to his or their hands 45
 under this Act in and towards the maintenance and education of the person or persons beneficially entitled thereto, and the receipt or receipts of any person or persons so appointed as aforesaid shall be a good discharge for the payment thereof.

Date of commencement of pensions &c.

9. All pensions and allowances provided for by this Act shall 50
 respectively be deemed to have commenced from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and shall be payable by equal quarterly payments.

Receipts of persons entitled or appointed to be good discharges

10. The said pensions and allowances shall be paid out of, and chargeable on, the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and the 55
 receipt and receipts of the persons entitled to such pensions or allowances, or (in case of disability) of the person or persons who under this Act may have been appointed to receive the same, shall be good and valid discharges for the payment of such pensions or allowances respectively. 60

11. Whenever in this Act it is provided that any payment shall cease on the happening of any event, then, if such event shall happen in the interval between two periodical payments, the next following periodical payment shall be made as if the event had not happened, and thereafter the payment shall cease as the case may require.

When payment to cease.

12. The Colonial Treasurer, or any officer charged with the payment of any money under this Act, may, before making any payment under this Act, require the person to whom such payment is to be made to make a declaration under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1866," stating whether any of the events have happened upon which the payment ought to cease, and he may withhold such payment until such declaration be produced.

Colonial Treasurer may require evidence whether payment ought to be withheld.

SCHEDULES.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

Name of Widow.	Residence.	Name of Deceased Husband.	Remarks: Cause, Place, and Date of Death.
Paremako Huaki ... Aramata Pongahuru	Waiapu, East Coast " " "	Hunia Huaki ... Hamiora Taitua ...	Killed at Tikitiki, 1865. " Makeronia " leaving four children.
Heni Turaki ...	" " "	Ruka Miromiro ...	Killed at Ngatapa, 1869, leaving one child.
Moehahu Tokatapu Katerina Kopae ... Maora Materoa ...	" " " " " " " " "	Pekama Tokatapu Herewini Te Maro Whikiriwhi Papa...	Killed at Ngatapa, 1868. " " 1869. " Maungapohatu, 1870, leaving one child.
Bahera Takahi ...	" " "	Nopera Tirohia ...	Killed at Patea, 1871, leaving two children.
Meri Katea ...	" " "	Pehimana Kerekere	Killed at Maungapohatu, 1870.
Maraea Tukuoho ...	Pakowhai ...	Matina ...	Died in 1875 at Pakowhai from wounds received at Poverty Bay.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Name of Deceased.	Names and Ages of Children.	Place of Death of Deceased.	Date of Death of Deceased.
William Christie ...	Erueti, aged about 10 years Henare, aged about 8 years Wiremu, aged about 7 years Near Wairoa 25th Dec., 1865.