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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to validate certain Sales of and other Dealings with Crown Lands in the Township of Gisborne, in Poverty Bay, and the Suburbs thereof, and for other purposes.

Title.

WHEREAS upon the cession of the lands described in the Schedule hereto to the Crown by the Native owners thereof, certain promises and engagements were entered into on behalf of the Crown, regarding certain portions thereof, and it is expedient that the Governor should be empowered to perform and carry out such promises and engagements: And whereas since such cession, on the authority of the Government of New Zealand, certain other portions of the said land have been sold, and agreements have been entered into for giving certain other portions in exchange for lands agreed to be surrendered to Her Majesty by the owners thereof, and certain other portions have been reserved for purposes of public utility: And whereas it is expedient to empower the Governor to issue Crown Grants of the lands so sold and of the lands so agreed to be given in exchange: And whereas it is expedient to declare valid the said reserves: And whereas it is expedient that the residue of the said land should be sold or otherwise disposed of under the laws for the time being in force regulating the sale and disposition of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of Auckland: And whereas in and about the purchasing and the surveying selling and other disposition of the said land as aforesaid, certain costs charges and expenses have been incurred, and it is expedient that the Revenues of the Province of Auckland should be charged with such expenditure:

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 Gisborne Land Act, 1870.”

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2. The Governor may fulfil any contracts promises or engagements heretofore entered into by or on behalf of Her Majesty or the Governor

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or Government of New Zealand, with or to any Native inhabitants of New Zealand for a grant to such Native of any part or parts of the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto, on the Governor being satisfied with the evidence produced of such contract promise or engagement.

Grants to be issued to purchasers.

3. All contracts for the sale of any parts of the said lands, made or purporting to be made by or on behalf of Her Majesty or the Governor or Government of New Zealand, shall be deemed valid and binding on the Crown and the purchaser, and the Governor may cause Crown Grants to be issued of any part or parts of the lands mentioned in the said Schedule which have heretofore been sold or contracted to be sold to any person by any person on behalf of Her Majesty, or the Governor or Government of New Zealand.

Grants to be issued if lands contracted to be given in exchange.

4. The Governor may cause Crown Grants to be issued of any part or parts of the lands mentioned in the said Schedule, which have heretofore by or on behalf of Her Majesty, or the Governor or Government of New Zealand been contracted to be exchanged for other lands to be conveyed or surrendered to Her Majesty.

As to lands reserved for public purposes.

5. Such part of the lands mentioned in the said Schedule as may have heretofore been reserved or set aside as reserves for purposes of public utility shall be deemed to be reserves set aside for the purposes for which the same may have been respectively set aside.

Notice may be published of lands granted or proposed to be granted.

6. It shall be lawful for the Governor, at any time within thirty days after the passing of this Act, to cause to be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, a notice setting forth a short description of the lands of which, under the provisions of this Act, he has issued or proposes to issue Crown Grants, and the name or names of the persons to whom he has made or proposes to make such grants; distinguishing between lands granted or proposed to be granted to Natives in fulfilment of promises, and lands proposed to be granted in fulfilment of contracts of sale, and in fulfilment of contracts for exchange; and also setting forth a description of the lands reserved and the purposes for which reserved.

If Superintendent of Auckland notifies his desire that the residue of the lands should be dealt with as Waste Lands in the Province, they may by Proclamation be brought under the Waste Lands Laws of the Province.

7. If at any time within thirty days after the publication of such notice the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland notifies to the Governor his desire that all the land described in the Schedule, except such as shall be mentioned in the notice to be issued by the Governor as aforesaid, should be purchased subject to the laws regulating the sale and disposition of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the Province of Auckland, then the Governor may, by Proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, declare such land, except as aforesaid, to be Waste Lands of the Crown within the meaning of the laws for the time being in force in the Province of Auckland regulating the sale occupation and other disposition of Waste Lands of the Crown within such Province.

Province to be charged with a sum fixed by the Governor not exceeding £

8. Upon any such Proclamation being published, such sum as the Governor shall direct, not exceeding _____ pounds, shall be charged upon and payable out of the Revenues of the Province of Auckland; and the said sum may be deducted by the Colonial Treasurer from any moneys thereafter payable to the said Province, at such time or times and in such instalments as he thinks fit.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situated at Turanganui, in the County of Stafford, in the Province of Auckland and Colony of New Zealand aforementioned, and containing by admeasurement seven hundred and forty-one acres two roods and three perches, be the same more or less, bounded towards the North and North-east by the Taruhera River from a certain marked willow tree on the south bank thereof to its confluence with the Waimata River, a distance of one hundred and sixty-six chains or thereabouts; towards the East by the Waimata River and by land situate at the confluence of the said rivers, the property of George Edward Read, one hundred and fifteen links, four hundred and twenty-six links, and five hundred and five links, and by land situate at the confluence of a stream called "Wai o Potango" with the said Waimata River, the property of John William Harris, three hundred and fifty-seven links, two hundred and seventy-four links, and three hundred and ninety-two links; towards the South by the said stream and by Native lands, two thousand two hundred and thirty-three links, two thousand three hundred and nine links, four thousand three hundred links, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two links, two thousand seven hundred and two links, and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five links, to a survey peg at a place called "Taumata o Ruku;" and towards the West by land called Matawhero, eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine links, to the willow tree first above mentioned.

Schedule.