

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,  
28th October, 1878.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Sheehan.

Government Native Land Purchases Act Amendment.

ANALYSIS.

1. Short Title.	3. Abandonment of rights by Her Majesty not to operate for two months.
2. Right of Her Majesty to expel intruders on lands under negotiation.	4. Authorizing the Governor to issue Crown grants for reserves made under land purchase agreements.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Government Native Land Purchases Act, 1877." 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 shall be "The Government Native Land Purchases Act Amendment Act, 1878." Short Title.

2. Every notification gazetted in manner provided by "The Government Native Land Purchases Act, 1877" (hereinafter called the "said Act"), of notice of the prior rights of the Crown in respect of the land described in such notification shall, as against all persons other than the aboriginal owners or occupiers of such land, be equivalent to a notice that the Native title over the said land has been extinguished; and, from the day of the taking effect of any such notification, Her Majesty, and every person on her behalf, shall have and shall be deemed to have had from the day last named the same powers of removal and expulsion, and the same redress and remedies in respect of the unlawful occupation of, and intrusion or trespass upon any such lands, by any person other than such aboriginal owners or occupiers as aforesaid, as Her Majesty or any person on her behalf has under any existing law in respect of the unlawful occupation of, and intrusion or trespass upon lands of the Crown by any person: Right of Her Majesty to expel intruders on lands under negotiation.

New Proviso.

Provided that this section shall not apply to any persons in occupation of land prior to the Proclamation of such land under the provisions of the said Act.

3. From and after the passing of this Act, no notification of Her Majesty's relinquishment of any negotiations in respect of any Native land gazetted, as in the said Act is provided, shall have any force or effect before the expiration of two months after the publication of the Gazette containing such last-mentioned notification: Provided that this section shall not apply to any persons in occupation of land prior to the passing of the said Act. Abandonment of rights by Her Majesty not to operate for two months.

4. When the claim of the Governor to any piece or parcel of land shall be heard under the provisions of the one hundred and seventh section of "The Native Land Act, 1873," or the sixth section of "The Native Land Act Amendment Act, 1877," it shall be lawful for the Court to award all or any portion of such land to the Governor, and if any agreement shall have been entered into for reserving for the use and occupation of any person of the Native race any lands comprised within any such block, it shall be lawful for the Governor to execute a Crown grant or other instrument vesting such reserve or reserves in the persons interested therein: Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor to insert in such Crown grant or other instrument such restrictions as he shall deem fit as to the alienability of such reserve, either by sale, lease, or otherwise. Authorizing the Governor to issue Crown grants for reserves made under land purchase agreements.