

Hon. Mr. Bryce.

GREYMOUTH NATIVE RESERVE.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Management of the Greymouth Native Reserve. Title.

WHEREAS by the terms of the Arahura deed of purchase, dated the 5 twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, the land specified in the *Second* Schedule hereto, and known as the Greymouth Native Reserve, was, *inter alia*, set apart for the benefit of certain members of the Ngaitahu Tribe: And whereas promises have been made on the part of the Government of the colony that the said reserve should be granted by the Crown to the Native owners thereof: And whereas, 10 by an Order in Council, dated the third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, the assent of the Native owners was declared to have been ascertained to bringing the said reserve under the operation of "The Native Reserves Act, 1856," whereupon the said land became vested in Her Majesty, subject to the provisions of 15 the said Act as amended by "The Native Reserves Amendment Act, 1862": And whereas a system of leasing thereupon commenced, under which the present lessees now hold, and it is both just and reasonable that arrangements should be made to protect the interests 20 that have grown up under such system:

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 is "The Greymouth Native Reserve Act, 1882." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
"Public Trustee" means the Public Trustee appointed under "The Public Trust Office Act, 1872":

"Board" means the Board constituted under the said Act.

Governor may grant the reserve.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor, for and in the name of Her Majesty, to grant to the several Maoris whose names are set forth in the *First* Schedule to this Act the Native reserve described in the Second Schedule hereto, hereinafter called "the said reserve," to hold as from the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, as tenants in common in the several proportions or shares set forth in the said *First* Schedule to this Act. 5

The grant to be made under this Act shall set forth that the several shares and interests of the grantees are inalienable by sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, or other disposition, and every such alienation shall be null and void. 10

The legal estate in the several lands granted under this Act shall be deemed to have been vested in the several grantees respectively on the day to be set forth in the grant.

Reserve to be managed by the Public Trustee.

4. Notwithstanding such grant, the said reserve shall thereafter be under the control and management of the Public Trustee, and, subject to the special provisions of this Act, the said reserve shall be managed and leased, or otherwise dealt with, under and in accordance with the law for the time being in force in relation to Native reserves, and not otherwise. 15 20

The Public Trustee to offer reserves for lease.

5. The Public Trustee shall, twelve months at least before the expiration of the several leases now outstanding, offer the same for lease, subject to the following terms and conditions, together with such others as the Board may prescribe:—

Terms and conditions.

- (1.) The reserve shall be divided into as many lots as there now are holdings; 25
- (2.) The leases shall be for twenty-one years, at a rent without fine, premium, or foregift, except as hereinafter mentioned;
- (3.) The buildings on each lot erected by the lessee or his tenant shall be valued in such manner as the Board shall direct; 30
- (4.) The upset price of each lot shall be fixed by the Board at a fair annual rent, without reference to the buildings thereon erected before the passing of this Act by the lessee or his tenant;
- (5.) The purchaser of the lease shall pay as a premium or foregift the value of the buildings to be fixed as aforesaid. 35

Premiums to be paid to lessees, &c.

6. The money to be paid as premium or foregift shall be paid to the several persons who have erected the same respectively, or their assigns or legal representatives.

Provision in case of dispute.

7. In case any dispute shall arise as to the right of any person to receive any premium or foregift, or any part thereof, the Board shall appoint one or more competent person or persons to hear and determine the same in such manner as the Board shall direct, and the award made by such person or persons, in writing, shall be final and conclusive on all persons concerned. 40 45

Public Trustee to execute leases, &c.

8. The Public Trustee shall in his own name execute the leases to be granted under this Act, and the same shall be valid and effectual against Her Majesty and all persons whomsoever.

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SCHEDULES.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

	Acres.		Acres.
1 Werita Tainui ...	30	14 Tini Tarapuhi ...	30
2 Ihaia Tainui ...	30	15 Hira Makarini ...	25
3 Wikitoria Mutu ...	25	16 Riaki Tauhare ...	25
4 Hoani Tainui ...	14	17 Teoti Pita Mutu ...	25
5 Metapare Wepu ...	14	18 Hira Mutu ...	14
6 Makarini Tohi ...	25	19 Pita Mutu ...	14
7 Wikitoria Waipapa ...	20	20 Inia Tauhare ...	14
8 Amiria Tainui ...	14	21 Wakena Kokorau ...	14
9 Hakiaha te Horo ...	11	22 Hinepakia ...	14
10 Ripeka te Horo ...	10	23 Wakatau Pakapaka ...	16
11 Aperahama te Aika ...	20	24 Ihaia Tuhuru ...	20
12 Hori Kerei Taiaroa ...	25	25 Inia Tuhuru ...	25
13 Ripini Waipapa ...	12	26 Riki Mairaki Taiaroa ...	14

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate at the River Grey, in the County of Westland, containing by admeasurement five hundred acres, more or less, and known as the Greymouth Native Reserve. Bounded towards the North by the River Grey; towards the East, four thousand and fifty links or thereabouts, by freehold land; towards the South, nine thousand eight hundred links or thereabouts, by the Town Belt; and towards the West by a tidal creek: saving and excepting thereout so much and such parts thereof as may have been acquired by the Government either by purchase or for public purposes under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1876," and amending Acts.