

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable Superintendents and Provincial Councils to make permanent provision for Immigration and for other purposes.

Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Superintendent of each Province with the advice and consent of the Provincial Councils thereof should be enabled to make permanent provision for Immigration

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 Immigration Act 1868."

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2. It shall be lawful for the Provincial Council of any Province by any Bill passed by it in that behalf to provide that out of the General or Ordinary Provincial Revenue or out of the Land Revenue of such Province or other Revenue subject to Appropriation by such Council there may be issued and applied in each year during such period of years as shall be fixed in such Bill such sum or sums of money or such proportion of such General or Land or other Special Revenue as it may by such Bill prescribe for the purpose of selecting and conveying immigrants to such Province and generally for promoting Immigration into such Province from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or elsewhere Provided the Superintendent of such Province shall first have recommended to such Council to make provision for such service And whenever any such Bill appropriating Provincial Revenue to such purpose during a period of years shall be passed and assented to if the sum or the proportion authorized to be issued and applied in any year of such period shall not be issued or applied

Provincial Council on recommendation of Superintendent authorized to make permanent appropriations for promoting Immigration. Reserves. Land Revenue.

in that year such sum or a sum equal to such proportion may be issued and applied in any year thereafter during such period anything in an Act of the General Assembly passed or intended to be passed in this present Session and called "The Provincial Audit Act Amendment Act 1868" to the contrary notwithstanding.

Superintendent empowered to make regulations &c.

3. The Superintendent of any Province or any agent duly appointed by him may from time to time enter into contracts with any person that he may think fit for the selection and for conveyance of immigrants into such Province or for either of such purposes and the Superintendent may from time to time make regulations for the conduct of and for promoting and regulating Immigration to such Province and for the nomination of immigrants by persons resident therein and for the distribution of any funds which may be available for the purposes of Immigration and for the introduction into such Province from places within or without the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland upon such terms and conditions as he may think fit of persons skilled in any description of industry which the Superintendent may deem it advisable to encourage in such Province and of the families of such persons.

Penalty for fraudulently obtaining passage.

4. If any person by any false statement made in New Zealand obtain either for himself or any other person a passage granted in accordance with any regulations under this Act he shall on conviction before any two Justices be liable for each such offence to pay the whole cost of any such passage and also to pay a penalty of not more than fifty or less than five pounds and in default of payment of such passage money and penalty or either of them he may be imprisoned with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months.

Governor on recommendation of Provincial Council may reserve blocks for sale &c. to immigrants on terms to be prescribed by Superintendent.

5. It shall be lawful for the Governor on the recommendation of the Superintendent and also of the Provincial Council of any Province from time to time to declare by Proclamation that any block or blocks of the Waste Lands of the Crown for the time being open for sale or selection within such Province to be defined in such Proclamation shall be set apart and reserved for sale or disposal to or amongst immigrants expected to arrive or who shall have arrived and desire to settle within such Province and such land so set apart and reserved shall be granted sold or otherwise disposed of to immigrants in such manner and upon such terms and conditions and (if sold) for such consideration and whether for money or otherwise and if for money on credit or otherwise as the Governor on the like recommendation aforesaid shall from time to time by regulations to be made in that behalf prescribe And it shall be lawful for the Governor on the like recommendation aforesaid at any time to revoke any such Proclamation and the land therein comprised shall thereafter be open to be classified and dealt with as though the same had not been set apart and reserved as aforesaid.

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