

Hon. Mr. Stout.

Land Claims Final Settlement.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make further Provision for the Final Settlement of Land Claims. Title.

WHEREAS there yet remain unsettled various claims to land Preamble.
 within the Colony of New Zealand, arising out of dealings with
 the aboriginal inhabitants thereof (which claims are enumerated in the
 Schedule hereto), and it is expedient to make further provision for the
 5 final settlement thereof: And whereas sundry Crown grants of doubtful
 validity have been issued in respect of some of the aforesaid claims
 under the Public Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, prior to the passing
 of the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six: And whereas
 all such Crown grants were called in under the provisions of the Act
 10 of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six in order that new grants
 might be issued in lieu thereof: And whereas in some cases no claim
 for the issue of a new grant has been made, and in other cases,
 although a claim for a new grant has been made, the claim has not
 been prosecuted to a final issue: And whereas it is not expedient that
 15 any such claims should be allowed to remain open for an indefinite
 period:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

20 **1.** The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Land Claims Final Settlement Act, 1878." Short Title.

2. The terms "Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six," Interpretation clause.
 and "Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight," herein used,

shall mean "The Land Claims Settlement Act, 1856," and "The Land Claims Settlement Extension Act, 1858," respectively. The term "Commissioners" shall mean any Commissioner appointed under the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and every such Commissioner shall be deemed to have the powers hereby vested in the Commissioners. The provisions of this Act shall be of force, anything in the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six and the rules established thereunder, or in the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Claims not prosecuted to lapse.

3. Any of the claims in the Schedule hereto which shall not be prosecuted before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, shall be deemed to have lapsed, and the Commissioners shall adjudge such claims to have lapsed, and notice of such adjudication shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*: Provided always that the Commissioners may, in their discretion, in any case, upon reasonable grounds being shown, extend such period, such extension not to exceed six months.

Lands in claims lapsed to be waste lands of Crown.

4. The land in any claim so adjudged to have lapsed shall be deemed to be waste lands of the Crown, freed from the right, title, or interest of any person whomsoever.

Selections of land to be made in prescribed time, or right of selection to lapse.

5. Whenever any selection of land is required to be made under the provisions of the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, or the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, the Commissioners may prescribe a period within which such selection shall be made, and if the selection be not made within such period, such right of selection shall lapse and be deemed abandoned, and the claimant or claimants shall have no further right, title, or interest in respect of such claim, or in respect of any land the subject of such claim.

Commissioners shall determine claims in certain cases.

6. In any claim in which difficulties exist in the way of obtaining quiet possession of the land to which the claimant is entitled, and in which the survey of the claim cannot be made in a reasonable time, to be fixed by the Commissioners, the Commissioners shall determine the claim by directing a grant of other land in exchange, or by the issue of scrip, as provided in section three of the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

Forty-third section of Act of 1856 repealed.

7. The forty-third section of the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:—

Commissioners may order surveys.

In all cases of surveys and maps required by the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six the Commissioners may order such surveys or maps to be made under their own direction.

Forty-fourth section of Act of 1856 repealed.

8. The forty-fourth section of the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six is hereby repealed.

Empowering Commissioners to investigate and settle claims Nos. 64 and 1128.

9. And whereas the claimants in claims numbers sixty-four and one thousand one hundred and twenty-eight were unable, through circumstances over which they had no control, to prosecute their claims within the time prescribed by the Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and it is expedient that relief should be given in respect of the said claims:

Be it therefore further enacted that the Commissioners are hereby empowered to investigate the said claims numbers sixty-four and one thousand one hundred and twenty-eight, and to make such orders and adjudication therein as they shall deem to be just.

SCHEDULE.

Number of Claim.	Claimant.	Locality.	Area Claimed.		
			A.	R.	P.
68	Edward Brady	Stewart Island ...	690	0	0
79	James Bruce	Otago ...	2	0	0
101	George Thomas Clayton	Kororareka ...	2	2	0
103	Ditto	" ...	3	0	0
111	Ditto	" ...	8	0	0
271	Thomas Joyce	Bay of Islands ...	4	0	0
392	Cornelius Prout	Coromandel ...	100	0	0
436	Thomas Spicer	Kororareka ...	4	2	0
438	Ditto	" ...	0	2	0
451	William Sturley	Bay of Islands ...	100	0	0
535	Thomas Wing	" " ...	120	0	0
536	Samuel Allan Wood	" " ...	100	0	0
763	Jeremiah Nagle and John W. Renn	Piako ...	150	0	0
113	George Thomas Clayton	Bay of Islands ...	2	0	0
140	John Terry Hughes	Hokianga ...	301	2	0
181-3	John Evans	Bay of Islands ...	30	0	0
231	Thomas Hipkins and William Tutty Pearse	" " ...	305	0	0
249	James Johnson	" " ...	100	0	0
250	James Johnson and William Jackson	" " ...	10	0	0
283	William Lillicoe	Whangaroa ...	35	0	0
334	John Macquarie Palmer	Bay of Islands ...	20	0	0
340	Isaac Moore	Stewart Island ...	240	0	0
347	David Edward Munro	Thames ...	550	0	0
348-9	John Murray	Hokianga ...	504	0	0
356	James Scott Odeland	" ...	300	0	0
357	Ditto	" ...	300	0	0
358	Ditto	" ...	500	0	0
363	John Macquarie Pahner and Charles Campbell	Whangaruru ...	250	0	0
377	Thomas Honan	Hokianga ...	30	0	0
393	Frederick Reid	Bay of Islands ...	335	2	0
394	John Reid	" " ...	30	0	0
452	Henry Swain	" " ...	300	0	0
542	William Young	Hokianga ...	100	0	0
550	William Baker	Whangaroa ...	15	0	0
616	Mary Robertson	Bay of Islands ...	400	0	0
643	John Scott	Kororareka ...	1	0	0
644	William Jeffray and John Whytlaw	Bay of Islands ...	22	0	0
729	Rev. Benjamin Yates Ashwell	" " ...	20	0	0
762	Vincent Wanostrucht	Piako ...	250	0	0
811	Robert Amoyl	Hokianga ...	359	0	0
819	Kororareka Land Company	Bay of Islands ...	160	0	0
820	Ditto	" " ...	180	0	0
821	Ditto	Kororareka ...	2	0	0
822	Ditto	" ...	2	0	0
823	Ditto	" ...	20	0	0
824	Ditto	" ...	3	1	0
825	Ditto	" ...	1	0	0
826	Ditto	" ...	2	0	0
827	Ditto	" ...	0	0	16
833	James Joss	Bluff ...	106	2	0
834	Ditto	Stewart Island ...	30	0	0
835	Ditto	" " ...	150	0	0
973	John Grant	Hokianga ...	50	0	0
1003	Donald Mackay	" ...	40	0	0
1028	Robert A. Murphy and George Ennis	Milford Sound ...	612	0	0
149-154	James Coutts Crawford... ..	Cape Farewell and Blind Bay ...	Not stated.		
207	John Guard and — Wymen	Cloudy Bay ...	Not stated.		
359	Polynesian Company (Rolla, O'Farrell, and others)	New River ...	64,000	0	0

Number of Claim.	Claimant.	Locality.	Area Claimed.		
			A.	R.	P.
360	Polynesian Company (Rolla, O'Farrell, and Others)	Bluff	384,000	0	0
145	William Eppes Cormack	Waipa	5,500	0	0
146	Ditto	"	12,000	0	0
147	Ditto	Waikato	2	0	0
930	William Mayhew	Mangawai	20,000	0	0
1315	James Maclean	Croixelles Harbour	150	0	0
2	George Green	Stewart Island	198	0	0
288	Lachlan Allan McCaskill	Thames	1,047	0	0
521	Henry Williams	Bay of Islands	652	0	0
287	Lachlan Allan McCaskill, Allan McCaskill, and Samuel McDonald Martin	Ohinemuri	902	0	0
288	Rev. Angus Martin	Thames River	1,254	0	0
289	Ditto	"	141	0	0
726	William Webster (Fredk. Whitaker)	Piako	12,855	0	0
961	W. Devlin (Sir Stuart Donaldson)	"	1,464	0	0
539	R. Kent (by William Young)	Hokianga	640	0	0
97-98	John Church	Bay of Islands	100	0	0
129	Couper, Holt, and Rhodes	Kapiti Island	Not stated.		
130	Ditto	Otaki and Waikanae	Not stated.		
132	Ditto	Hawke's Bay	Not stated.		
133	Ditto	"	345,000	0	0
134	Ditto	Cape Turnagain	883,000	0	0
228	William G. C. Hingston	Bay of Islands	500	0	0
230	Ditto	"	300	0	0
327	John Martin	Hokianga	53	0	0
652	Henry Day	Bay of Islands	1,600	0	0
710	George William White (A. Willis)	Bay of Plenty	723	0	0
842	Scott, Russell, and Anderson (Malcolm Brown)	Whangarei	20	0	0
924	Thomas Black	Tauranga Harbour	300	0	0
1086-7	Thomas Jackson (Brown and Campbell)	Onehunga	50	0	0
1276	John Ruby Hatfield	Weiti	104	0	0
1296	Daniel Clucas (A. Rooney)	Lucas Creek	137	0	0
1314A	Laurie and Joseph	Kawhia	Not stated.		