This Public Bill originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

Legislative Council. 30th August, 1883.

Hon. Mr. P. A. Buckley.

LAND TRANSFER ACT 1870 AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Land Transfer Act, 1870." 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 is "The Land Transfer Act 1870 Short Title.

Amendment Act, 1883."

2. In this Act the "said Act" means "The Land Transfer Act, Interpretation.

1870," and all its amendments.

3. In case of the loss or destruction before registration thereof of Supreme Court may any instrument executed by a registered proprietor for the purpose of investigate claim to be registered as creating, transferring, or otherwise dealing with any estate or interest in land, or any mortgage or incumbrance affecting land under the said dead lost or destroyed. Act, it shall be lawful for the person claiming to be entitled to be registered as proprietor of any estate or interest by virtue of such lost instrument to make application to the Supreme Court to have such claim investigated and declared; and upon proof to the satisfaction of the Court of such loss or destruction as aforesaid, and that such instrument has not been wilfully destroyed by or with the connivance of the applicant, and that the applicant is entitled to be registered as aforesaid, and that due notice of such application has been given to the registered proprietor of the land, estate, or interest intended to be affected, and to all other necessary parties, it shall be lawful for the Court to make an order defining and declaring the estate or interest of the applicant under such instrument, and requiring the District Land Registrar to register him as proprietor thereof, and the Registrar shall obey such order; and such registration shall have the same effect as from the date thereof as if the original instrument had been duly registered.

4. The Court shall, in hearing and deciding upon any case under court to be guided this Act, be guided by the real justice of such case, and shall direct by real justice. 132-2.

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itself by such evidence as may seem to it most suitable to the circumstances of such case.

Covenant for further assurance to be implied in instruments under Land Transfer Act. 5. In any instrument of sale or lease executed in accordance with the provisions of the said Act there shall be implied, on the part of the vendor or lessor, a covenant that he will, when called upon so to do by the vendee or lessee, execute any such further instruments as may be deemed necessary by the vendee or lessee for the further assuring or perfecting of the title of the vendee or lessee to such estate in the land as purports to be dealt with by the original instrument, the cost of such further assurance to be borne by the vendee 10 cr lessee.

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1883.