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(Hon. Mr. Fox.)

## McGregor and Others Compensation.

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### A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to authorize Grants of Land to be made to certain persons as Compensation for Losses sustained by them. Title.

**W**HEREAS the several persons whose names and residences are set forth in the First Schedule hereto are settlers in Wanganui in the Province of Wellington and at divers times have sustained losses by reason of the destruction of their property by hostile Native inhabitants and they have or some of them have at different periods rendered services to the Government of the Colony: And whereas in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives James Townsend Edwards Esquire was appointed a Commissioner for the purpose of inquiring into the claims of the said persons and he hath recommended that sums of moneys to the amount set opposite to the respective names of the said persons in the Schedule hereto should be granted to them but no provision has yet been made for paying the said sums: And whereas the said several persons have agreed to accept grants of land in lieu of the said sums so recommended to be paid to them: And whereas Francis Williamson the elder of Wanganui settler did in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one present a petition to the House of Representatives during the Session of the General Assembly held in that year praying for compensation to be awarded to him in respect of the failure of consideration of a certain land purchase theretofore made by him: And whereas the said petition was referred to a Select Committee of the said House to consider and report thereon: And whereas on the fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one the said Committee did report that they were of opinion that a Land Order should be issued to the said Francis Williamson authorizing him to purchase five hundred

pounds worth of any waste land in the Province of Wellington and that a Bill should be introduced to give effect to the said recommendation: And whereas no Bill was then or hath since been introduced for the purpose of giving effect to the recommendation of the said Committee and it is expedient that the said Francis Williamson should be permitted to receive such compensation under the provisions of this Act: 5

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:— 10

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The McGregor and Others Compensation Act 1872."

Interpretation.

2. In the construction of this Act the word "claimant" shall mean any one of the persons whose respective names are set forth in the First Schedule to this Act annexed. 15

Governor empowered to issue land orders to claimants in certain districts in the Province of Wellington to the amount set opposite the name of such claimant in the First Schedule.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor to issue to each claimant land orders in the form or to the effect in the Second Schedule hereto which shall authorize each such claimant to purchase to the amount set opposite his name in figures in the said First Schedule any of the lands of the Crown in the district defined in the Third Schedule to this Act and which may be open for sale or selection without payment in cash at auction or by selection without auction or otherwise but subject in every respect to the laws and regulations for the time being in force regulating the sale and disposal of such lands and the price at which such lands shall be sold except only so far as such laws and regulations require payment for such lands to be made in money or cash: Provided however that the right to make any such purchase shall be exercised within twelve calendar months from the passing of this Act and not afterwards and the acceptance of such land order by any claimant shall be deemed a final settlement of every claim whatever of the said claimant in respect of the matters in the preamble of this Act referred to or in any way relating thereto. 20 25 30

Mode of exercising land order.

4. It shall be lawful for any claimant to exercise such right wholly at one time or from time to time (before the expiration of the period aforesaid) and to purchase under such land order land in one parcel and whenever the said land order shall be exercised by the purchase or selection of any such land as aforesaid the claimant exercising the same shall at the time when under the law in force regulating the sale of such lands he would be bound to pay any deposit or purchase money if such purchase had been made under such law alone and not under this Act produce such land order to the person to whom such deposit or purchase money would be payable and such person shall thereupon note by indorsement on such land order the sum of money which would be payable by such claimant as such deposit or purchase money as aforesaid and shall also give to such claimant a receipt or certificate in the like form and to the like effect as the said claimant would be entitled to receive if he had paid in cash the sum so indorsed and such receipt or certificate shall have the same force and effect as if such claimant had paid such sum so indorsed as aforesaid. 35 40 45 50

Provision in case of death of claimants.

5. In the event of the death of any claimant before the expiration of the period aforesaid and before such land order shall be issued or before the expiration of the period aforesaid and before such land order shall be fully exercised such order may be issued to or exercised as to the whole or the residue as the case may be by any person appointed in writing for the purpose by any such claimant or by his legal representatives and in case of the issue of the said land order to any person so appointed or to such legal representatives the form thereof may be altered to meet the circumstances of the case: Provided that the said order shall not in any case be exercised 55 60

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after the expiration of the period of twelve calendar months aforesaid.

6. In the grant or grants of any land selected or purchased by any such claimant there shall be reserved to Her Majesty the Queen such part thereof as may be thought fit (not exceeding at the rate of            acres for every one hundred acres of any parcel of land so selected or purchased as aforesaid) for the construction through in or upon any part of the same land of any railway road or other work of public utility which may be constructed by or on behalf of Her said Majesty or by the authority of the General Assembly: And no such claimant shall be entitled to any compensation for or in respect of the construction of any such railway road or other work of public utility through in or upon any lands so reserved as aforesaid.

Right to make railway &c. to be reserved.

7. The expression "lands of the Crown" when used in this Act shall include not only lands of the Crown subject to disposal under the laws and regulations for the time being in force in the Province of Wellington regulating the sale of Waste Lands of the Crown within the said Province but also lands taken under "The New Zealand Settlements Act 1863" and the Acts amending the same.

Definition of "lands of the Crown."

SCHEDULES.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

Name of Claimant.	Residence.	Amount recommended to be paid.
		£ s. d.
John McGregor	Cherry Bank Wanganui	500 0 0
Francis Williamson the elder	Wanganui	500 0 0
Moore Hunter	Wanganui	87 10 0
Francis Williamson the younger	Wanganui	87 10 0
John Walker	Wanganui	51 0 0
Philip Mussen	Wanganui	30 0 0
John Pawson	Wanganui	16 0 0
Te Kepa	Wanganui	11 5 0

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Governor.

IN exercise of the powers in me vested by "The McGregor and Others Compensation Act, 1872" I hereby authorize            of Wanganui in the Province of Wellington to purchase to the amount of            pounds any of the Lands of the Crown in the Province of Wellington described in the Third Schedule to the said Act open for sale or selection without payment in cash therefor subject however to the provisions in the said Act contained.

Dated the            day of            187 .

THIRD SCHEDULE.

THAT portion of the Province of Wellington bounded on the North-west by the south-eastern boundary of the Province of Taranaki on the North-east by a right line drawn from the summit of Mount Egmont to Perikino on the Wanganui River on the South-east by the Wanganui River to its mouth and on the South-west by the sea.