

Military Contribution.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
Preamble.
1. Short Title.

2. Contribution towards support of 18th Regiment of Foot while detained in New Zealand in pursuance of request contained in recited Addresses.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision by Law for the Payment of Imperial Troops. Title.

WHEREAS the Legislative Council of New Zealand did on the twenty-second day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine resolve as follows—"That a respectful Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency would be pleased to represent to Sir Trevor Chute K.C.B. the disastrous consequences which might follow the removal of the 18th Regiment at this critical period and would be also pleased pending further reference to the Imperial Government to move the General to accept the responsibility of detaining one regiment within the Colony and to assure him that this Council will concur in legislation making provision to pay such sum as the Imperial Government may require for the time the troops are detained until its decision is made known" Preamble.

And whereas the House of Representatives of New Zealand did on the said twenty-second day of July resolve as follows—"That a respectful Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to represent to General Sir Trevor Chute K.C.B. the disastrous consequences which may follow the removal of the 18th Regiment at this critical period and will be also pleased pending further reference to the Imperial Government to move the General to accept the responsibility of detaining one regiment within the Colony and to assure him that this House will pay such sum as the Imperial Government may require for the time the troops are detained until its decision is made known"

And whereas His Excellency the Governor has complied with the request so made in such Addresses and has requested Sir Trevor Chute to detain such Regiment in New Zealand until the decision of the Imperial Government is made known

And whereas it is expedient that provision should be made by law for the payment out of the Revenue of New Zealand of such sum as the Imperial Government may require for the time during which such Troops may be detained until the decision of the Imperial Government is made known

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 Military Contribution Act 1869." Short Title.

2. In the event of the said Eighteenth Regiment of Foot being detained in the Colony of New Zealand by the order of the said Sir Trevor Chute K.C.B. until the decision of the Imperial Government shall have been communicated to the Governor as to whether such Regiment or any other Regiment shall be stationed in New Zealand and as to the terms upon which such Regiment shall be so stationed there shall and may be issued and applied out of the Consolidated Fund of New Zealand such sum of money as any one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall certify to the Governor to be the sum which the Imperial Government requires to be paid by the Colony as a contribution towards the support of the said Regiment while on service in the Colony during the period commencing from the time of the signification to the Governor by Sir Trevor Chute that he has ordered such Regiment to be detained in New Zealand pending such decision as aforesaid and ending at the time when the decision of the Imperial Government shall be made known to the Governor as to whether such or any other Regiment will be stationed in New Zealand and as to the terms upon which such Regiment or other Regiment will be so stationed or at the time when such Regiment shall be removed from the Colony whichever shall soonest happen. Contribution towards support of 18th Regiment of Foot while detained in New Zealand in pursuance of request contained in recited Addresses.