

# Maori Credit Restriction.

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## ANALYSIS.

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## A BILL INTITULED

### AN ACT to prevent the Impoverishment of the Maoris. Title.

**W**HEREAS on account of the improvident habits of the Aboriginal Natives of New Zealand considerable numbers of them have incurred debts and have rendered themselves liable thereby to judgment and execution from the Courts of the Colony and they have no means Preamble.  
5 whereby to discharge such debts and satisfy such judgments except by sale or mortgage of their real estate And whereas it is matter of public concern that the Aboriginal Natives should not be allowed so far to divest themselves of their lands as to have insufficient left for the maintenance of themselves and their successors and it is therefore  
10 expedient to make such provision as shall prevent them from incurring debts which they cannot discharge without alienating their lands

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

15 **1.** The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Maori Credit Restriction Act 1869." Short Title.

**2.** No person shall recover in any action or other proceeding against an Aboriginal Native of New Zealand for or on account of the following things or some or one of them Action not to succeed for more than five pounds.

- 20 Goods sold and delivered
- Money lent
- Work and labour done
- Use and hire of chattels or beasts
- 25 Work and labour done and materials for same provided
- Use and occupation of land house or apartments
- Board and lodging
- Feeding and taking care of horses sheep or cattle
- Carriage of goods and chattels

where the action or other proceeding is for any sum above five pounds  
30 but all such actions or other proceedings shall be dismissed with costs.

**3.** No deed bill of exchange promissory note confession of judgment warrant of attorney to confess judgment bond obligation mortgage or other security whereof the consideration or value or any part thereof shall be any of the before-mentioned things or money Securities for more than five pounds invalid.  
35 due and owing or purported to be due and owing in respect or on account of the above-mentioned things or any of them made accepted executed or indorsed by any Aboriginal Native shall be valid or of any force at law or in equity as against such Native Provided always that this provision shall not apply to any instrument or mortgage made  
40 and executed under and in pursuance of the thirty-third thirty-fourth thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth clauses of "The Native Lands Act 1867."

**4.** No cause of action shall be divided nor shall any part thereof be abandoned so as to exclude it from the operation of this Act. Cause of action not to be divided.