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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Better Control of the Disposal of Title.
Milling-timber growing upon Maori Lands.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Maori Forests Act, Short Title.
1904."

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
10 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Crown Lands of any land district in which any Maori lands dealt with under this Act are situated:

"Maori land" means Maori land as defined in section eight of
15 "The Maori Lands Administration Amendment Act, 1901":

"Minister" means the Minister of Native Affairs.

3. The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council Commissioner to report as to milling-timber on Maori lands.
20 direct the Commissioner for any land district to report to the Minister upon all the milling-timber existing upon Maori land in the land district under his control, and to recommend the setting-apart of forest areas under this Act.

4. The Governor may from time to time by Proclamation declare Forest areas may be proclaimed and vested in Commissioner.
25 vested in and be under the control of the Commissioner for the purposes of this Act.

Removal of timber from forest areas unlawful.

5. It shall not be lawful for any person after the public notification of any such Proclamation to cut or remove milling-timber from any forest area without the consent of the Commissioner.

Commissioner to dispose of timber.

6. Upon the proclamation of any Maori land, whether held under title or not, as a forest area the Commissioner shall dispose of the milling-timber thereon by royalty either by public auction or by public tender, and subject to such regulations and conditions as are in force with respect to timber on Crown lands in the land district in which such forest area is situate.

Disposal of timber on land transferred to Maori Land Councils.

7. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, a Maori Land Council may, with respect to any Maori land which has been transferred to its control under "The Maori Land Administration Act, 1900," either dispose of the milling-timber thereon by public auction or public tender, or transfer the control thereof to the Commissioner to be dealt with in the manner provided in section *six* hereof.

Maori Forest Account.

8. (1.) The Colonial Treasurer shall cause a separate account to be kept called the "Maori Forests Account," into which shall be paid all moneys received from the sale and disposal of milling-timber from Maori lands.

Payments to Maori owners.

(2.) The Colonial Treasurer shall from time to time, on the certificate of the Commissioner, pay thereout to the owners of any Maori land the title to which has been ascertained, their shares of the proceeds derived from the sale or disposal of the milling-timber thereon, less any expense incurred in the disposal of such timber as certified to by the Commissioner, and also less a deduction of twenty-five per centum therefrom.

Maori Forests Provident Account.

(3.) Such deduction shall be retained and paid into a special account to be called the "Maori Forests Provident Account" for the benefit of such Maori owners or their successors, and shall be paid to such owners or successors at such times and in such instalments as the Minister in each case from time to time determines.

(4.) The moneys derived from the sale or disposal of milling-timber upon papatupu lands shall be retained until the owners of such lands have been ascertained in manner provided by law, and shall then be dealt with in the manner prescribed by subsections *two* and *three* hereof with respect to lands the title to which has been ascertained.

Delegation of powers to Commissioner.

9. The Governor may from time to time, for the purposes of this Act, delegate to the Commissioner all or any of the powers conferred on the Commissioner of State Forests by "The New Zealand State Forests Act, 1885."

When land to cease to be under Act.

10. The Commissioner shall, as soon as all the milling-timber has been cut and removed from any Maori land, report to the Minister, and thereupon such land shall, from the publication by the Minister in the *Gazette* of a notification to that effect, cease to be vested in or under the control of the Commissioner.

Offences.

11. Any person who after the passing of this Act cuts or removes milling-timber from any forest area or traffics in milling-timber upon Maori land in contravention of the provisions of this Act is liable for the first offence to a fine of not less than *twenty* pounds and not exceeding *one hundred* pounds, and for a second or any subsequent offence to a fine of not less than *fifty* pounds and to imprisonment for any term not less than *one* month.

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"Minister" means the Minister of Native Affairs.

3. The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council direct the Commissioner for any land district to report to the Minister upon all the milling-timber existing upon Maori land in the land district under his control, and to recommend the setting-apart of forest areas under this Act. Commissioner to report as to milling-timber on Maori lands.
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4. The Governor may from time to time by Proclamation declare that any Maori lands so recommended to be set apart shall be forest areas under this Act, and thereupon such lands shall be deemed to be vested in and be under the control of the Commissioner for the purposes of this Act. Forest areas may be proclaimed and vested in Commissioner.
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Removal of timber from forest areas unlawful.

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