

McGregor Grant.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize a Grant of Land to John McGregor Esquire of Cherry Bank Wanganui. Title.

WHEREAS John McGregor Esquire of Cherry Bank Wanganui in the Province of Wellington in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven at the request of the then Governor of the Colony acted for six months in aid of Her Majesty's Forces then engaged in hostilities with certain Aboriginal Natives in the neighbourhood of Wanganui and was several times wounded in action and rendered many important services to the Colony And whereas Major James Townsend Edwards a Commissioner appointed to inquire into the claims of the said John McGregor recommended that a sum of five hundred pounds should be paid to him in recognition of his said services but no provision has yet been made for paying the said sum And whereas the said John McGregor has applied for a grant of land in lieu of the said sum of five hundred pounds Preamble.

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 shall be "The McGregor Grant Act 1870." Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to issue to the said John McGregor a land order in the form in the first Schedule hereto which shall authorize the said John McGregor to purchase to the amount of five hundred pounds any of the Lands of the Crown in the district defined in the second Schedule to this Act open for sale or selection without payment in cash at auction or by selection without auction or Governor empowered to issue land order to John McGregor for purchase of Crown Lands to the amount of £500 in certain districts in the Province of Wellington.

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 months from the passing of this Act and not afterwards and the acceptance of such land order by the said John McGregor shall be deemed a final settlement of every claim whatever of the said John McGregor in respect of the matters in the preamble of this Act referred to or in any way relating thereto.

Mode of exercising
land order.

3. It shall be lawful for the said John McGregor 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 or in more parcels than one but not exceeding parcels and whenever the said land order shall be exercised by the purchase or selection of any such land as aforesaid the said John McGregor shall at the time when under the law in force in the said Province regulating the sale of Lands of the Crown 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 the said John McGregor as such deposit or purchase money as aforesaid and shall also give to the said John McGregor a receipt or certificate in the like form and to the like effect as the said John McGregor 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 the said John McGregor had paid such sum so indorsed as aforesaid.

Provision in case of
death of John
McGregor.

4. In the event of the death of the said John McGregor 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 the said John McGregor and in case of the issue of the said land order to any person so appointed 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 after the expiration of the period of twelve months aforesaid.

Interpretation.

5. 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.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Governor.

In exercise of the powers in me vested by "The McGregor Grant Act 1870" I hereby authorize John McGregor of Cherry Bank Wanganui in the Province of Wellington to purchase to the amount of five hundred pounds any of the Lands of the Crown in the Province of Wellington described in the second 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 1870.

SECOND 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.