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MINING ON WATER-RACE RESERVES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize Mining on Water-race Reserves.

WHEREAS in certain mining districts in the colony reserves of land have been made under the provisions of the Public Works Act for the purpose of constructing water-races thereupon, and that such lands so reserved have been proved to be highly auriferous: And whereas mining industry is checked, and great loss and inconvenience arise, in that the Warden's Court of the said districts has no jurisdiction within the said reserves: Preamble.

10 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 is "The Mining on Water-race Reserves Act, 1882;" and it shall come into operation on such day as the Governor in Council shall appoint. Short Title.

2. From and after the date aforesaid all laws relating to gold fields and to Wardens' Courts shall operate within all water-race reserves that may be situated in any mining district in any part of the colony as if the same had never been reserved or granted, and every holder of a miner's right or business license may exercise the same respectively over the aforesaid lands, subject to the provisions of this Act and of "The Mines Act, 1877," and of any regulations made thereunder. Laws relating to gold fields and Wardens' Courts to operate within all mining reserves.

Governor in Council may make by-laws for regulating mining on water-race reserves.

3. The Governor in Council may from time to time make regulations for facilitating mining on water-race reserves and for hearing and determining suits in Wardens' Courts in connection with same, and may alter, vary, or repeal the same; and such regulations shall have the same force and effect as if made under the provisions of "The Mines Act, 1877."

Works constructed or hereafter to be constructed not to be interfered with.

4. Saving and excepting as herein provided, nothing in this Act contained shall empower any person to interfere in any way whatsoever with any works already constructed or that may be hereafter constructed by the colony within and upon such reserves without the consent of the Minister for Public Works having been first obtained.

Provisions of the Act not to detrimentally affect rights previously granted; such rights to be considered as if granted under the provisions of this Act.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall detrimentally affect any rights heretofore granted by the Warden upon such reserves, and any rights existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, and not being in any way injurious to the works upon the reserve, and the owners of which comply with any regulation hereafter to be made by the Governor in Council under the authority of this Act, shall be considered to be and be treated as rights granted under the provisions of this Act.

Scale of fees to be charged.

6. The scale of fees to be charged in respect of the occupation for mining or other purposes, of any portion of the said lands shall be the same as those fixed by "The Mines Act, 1877, and regulations made thereunder, and all moneys arising therefrom shall be paid into the consolidated revenue of the colony.