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Hon. Mr. Seddon.

# NAVAL AND MILITARY SETTLERS' AND VOLUNTEERS' LAND.

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## A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT in supplement of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1891." Title.

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Crown Lands in various land districts have, under the authority of sections four and six of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1891" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), reported to the Governor that, having inquired into claims of all persons who, under the authority of the aforesaid sections of the said Act, have advanced any such claims, they have found that the several persons mentioned in the Schedule to this Act had respectively substantiated such claims, and to the extent in the said Schedule expressed; and it is expedient to make provision for the settlement of such claims by the issue of certificates for remission of money in the purchase of land, as provided in the said Act: Preamble.

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 Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1892." It shall be deemed to be incorporated with the said Act. Short Title.

2. The Governor may grant to the several persons mentioned in the Schedule to this Act certificates for the remission of money in the purchase of land in manner provided by section two of the said Act, and subject to all the provisions thereof, saving that every certificate which is issued under the authority of this section shall be barred unless exercised on or before the *thirty-first* day of *March*, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. Remission certificates may be issued to persons in Schedule.

3. All certificates for the remission of money, issued under this Act, shall be subject to the provisions following:— Conditions of occupation of land acquired under remission certificates.

(1.) Every remission certificate shall be available for the purchase of land in any part of the colony.

- (2.) The original grantee of any remission certificate shall be entitled to exercise such certificate to its full extent in the selection of land, notwithstanding any limitation as to area mentioned in any Land Act for the time being in force; but, if entitled to select less than two hundred acres under the original certificate, may exercise a transferred certificate up to that limit. 5
- (3.) The transferee of any one or more such certificates shall not exercise such certificate or certificates in the selection of land in excess of two hundred acres inclusive of any land he may have selected as original grantee of a certificate, and subject in every case to all limitations of area mentioned in any such Land Act as aforesaid. 10
- (4.) As soon as all the claims aforesaid within any land district are satisfied, if there remain any allotments of land set apart for the purposes of this Act which are not required for such purposes, the Governor may declare the same to be open for disposal under the Land Act in such manner as he may think fit. 15

Section eight of the said Act is hereby repealed. 20

Governor may group sections of land for selection by holders of certificates.

4. When any block of land is declared open for settlement under the Land Act, the Governor may set apart as many allotments therein as there may be original applications from holders of remission certificates issued under the said Act or this Act desirous of settling together in such block to form a special settlement therein. 25

Exchange of certificates for debentures.

5. (1.) The original grantee of any unexercised remission certificate issued under the said Act or this Act may, upon application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands in any land district, and on surrender of such certificate, receive debentures to be issued under this Act for the amount of the remission money stated in the said certificate in lieu thereof; and 30

(2.) Any person named in the Schedule to this Act who has not received a remission certificate under this Act, upon application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the land district in respect whereof the remission certificate to which such person is entitled is authorised to be issued, may receive debentures to be issued under this Act in substitution of any such certificate to which he is entitled as aforesaid to an amount of the remission money to which he would be entitled under such certificate. 35

Debentures may be issued for redemption of scrip.

6. The Colonial Treasurer may, when so authorised by an Order in Council in that behalf, create and issue debentures from time to time, but for such amount only as may be necessary to effect the exchanges and substitutions authorised under the last preceding section. 40

Nature and currency of debentures.

Debentures shall— 45

- (1.) Be in such form as shall be prescribed by the Colonial Treasurer, shall be signed by the Colonial Treasurer and by the Controller and Auditor-General, and be for not less than *fifteen* pounds nor more than *one hundred* pounds; 50
- (2.) Be payable to bearer at such place or places within the colony as shall be named in the debenture, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding *four* pounds and *ten* shillings per centum per annum, payable half-yearly, and shall have a currency not exceeding *seven* years;

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(3.) Be numbered consecutively throughout the whole series of debentures issued under this Act;

5 (4.) On presentation of a debenture at the prescribed times when any interest thereon is due, such interest shall be payable at any post-office money-order office within the colony, or at such other place or places within the colony as the Colonial Treasurer may prescribe.

10 7. The sum of money named in any debenture issued under the authority of this Act, and all interest thereon, shall be a charge upon and paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

Debentures and interest charged on Consolidated Fund.

15 8. When any debentures issued under this Act become due, the Colonial Treasurer, if he think fit, and on being so authorised by an Order in Council in that behalf, may renew such debentures, or any of them, by the creation and issue of new debentures for the like amount, which shall have a currency not exceeding seven years from the date of their issue.

When due, debentures may be renewed.

20 9. The Governor in Council may from time to time declare all or any of the debentures issued under this Act to be convertible into stock created or issued under "The New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877," and "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884."

Debentures to be convertible into stock.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

AUCKLAND.		£		£
Alexander, Robert (deceased), Forest Rangers	25		Shale, William James, Onehunga Rifle Vo-	
Barriball, William Henry, Waiuku Cavalry	30		lunteers	30
Volunteers	30		Smith, Thomas Hawkins, Auckland Rifle	
Barron, Thomas, Auckland Naval Volunteers	30		Volunteers	30
Brunkard, William (deceased), Royal Artillery	40		Thompson, William, 78th Regiment	30
Clark, John, Thames Naval Volunteers	30		Twissley, George, Onehunga Rifle Volunteers	30
Clout, Benjamin (deceased), 58th Regiment	30			
Curtis, William Alexander, Royal Navy	30		TARANAKI.	
Diviani Antonio, Pokeno Rifle Volunteers	30		Hatlin, William, 65th Regiment	20
Dromgool, James (deceased), Mauku Rifle	30			
Volunteers	30		HAWKE'S BAY.	
Franklin, John, Onehunga Rifle Volunteers	30		Austin, William, Waipawa Cavalry Volunteers	30
Furby, William Stratford, 1st Westland Rifle	30		Badley, Paul (deceased), Hawke's Bay Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers	30
Volunteers	30		Bear, Thomas William, Artillery Volunteers	30
Gill, Frederick (deceased), Tauranga Cavalry	30		Black, William, Artillery Volunteers	30
Volunteers	30		Blake, Richard Thomas, Royal Cavalry Vo-	
Gilfillan, Henry, Auckland Rifle Volunteers	30		lunteers	30
Gilligan, Peter, 65th Regiment	30		Chicken, Joseph, Napier Rifle Volunteers	30
Green, Edward Lister (deceased), 26th Regi-	200		Cotter, Patrick, 65th Regiment	30
ment	200		Currie, Henry, Waiuku Rifle Volunteers	30
Grey, Walter (deceased), Royal Navy	30		Elmes, John, Artillery Volunteers	30
Grey, Walter, Auckland Rifle Volunteers	30		Finlayson, Robert Pearson, Wairoa Rifle	
Gordon, Samuel, Bombay Commissariat	40		Volunteers	30
Howard, Frederick William, Otahuhu Ca-	30		Flanagan, Timothy, 14th Regiment	30
valry Volunteers	30		Foote, William, 65th Regiment	30
Jackson, William (deceased), Forest Rangers	100		Gill, Michael, 57th Regiment	30
Jordan, Thomas Edward (deceased), Tauranga	30		Gillmer, Eleazar Birch (deceased), Auckland	
Volunteers	30		Defence Force	30
Lewis, Francis Charles, Otahuhu Cavalry	30		Gorman, Patrick, 65th Regiment	30
Volunteers	30		Gray, James, Artillery Volunteers	30
Maclean, Benjamin John, Remuera Rifle	30		Gray, John (deceased), Wairoa Rifle Volun-	
Volunteers	30		teers	30
Macdonald, Angus A. K., Auckland Rifle	30		Jackson, Richard, 65th Regiment	30
Volunteers	30		Langley, John (deceased), Napier Rifle Volun-	
McCabe, Charles Martin (deceased), Cam-	30		teers	30
bridge Cavalry Volunteers	30		Leach, Arthur, 12th Regiment	30
Moore, William, Pukekohe Rifle Volunteers	30		Mackay, Alexander (deceased), Waipawa	
Payton, John, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30		Cavalry Volunteers	30
Powley, Thomas Elwin, 96th Regiment	30		McKain, Frederick, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30
Pratt, John, 40th Regiment	40		Moffit, Robert (deceased), 65th Regiment	40
Ratray, James (deceased), Hauraki Volun-	30		Mogridge, Charles Samuel (deceased), Artil-	
teers	30		lery Volunteers	30
Robinson, Charles, Wellington Artillery	30		Morrissey, John (deceased), 70th Regiment	30
Volunteers	30		O'Flaherty, Thomas, 65th Regiment	30
Rose, Henry James, Auckland Artillery Volun-	30		Pearson, Thomas, 65th Regiment	20
teers	30		Phillips, David, 70th Regiment	30

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Roe, Samuel, Waipawa Cavalry Volunteers..	30	Haigh, Allan, 68th Regiment .. .. .	40
Sellars, William Henry (deceased), Artillery Volunteers .. .. .	30	Lally, Michael, 14th Regiment .. .. .	30
Slater, Walter George, Napier Rifle Volunteers	30	McMullen, Joseph, 68th Regiment.. . .	30
Walker, Peter (deceased), Wairoa Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Newton, William, 70th Regiment .. .. .	30
Washington, William, 57th Regiment .. .. .	30	Williams, John (deceased), 58th Regiment ..	30
Winter, Martin (deceased), Napier Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	CANTERBURY.	
WELLINGTON.			
Beaven, George, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30	Cox, Luke John, Royal Navy .. .. .	30
Bishop, James (deceased), 65th Regiment ..	30	Cox, William, 58th Regiment .. .. .	40
Broughton, Edward Thomas, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	OTAGO.	
Carkeek, Stephen (deceased), Wellington Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Brown, Hugh, Artillery Volunteers.. .. .	30
Colman, Ewen, Kaiwarawara Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Casey, Michael (deceased), 43rd Regiment ..	30
Cummins, John (deceased), Wanganui Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Gregory, Peter, 65th Regiment .. .. .	30
Daly, Owen, Wellington Rifle Volunteers ..	30	Kay, John, Oamaru Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
Eley, Thomas, 70th Regiment .. .. .	30	McKinlay, Malcolm, Clutha Rifle Volunteers	30
Flighty, Archibald, Hutt Rifle Volunteers ..	30	Miller, Joseph Bain, Auckland Defence Force	25
Gilligan, James (deceased), 65th Regiment ..	30	Small, Alexander, Dunedin Hussars Volunteers .. .. .	30
Greensmith, Joseph, 65th Regiment .. .. .	30	Webster, James Alexander, Dunedin City Guards Volunteers .. .. .	30
Hodges, Carter, Kaiwarawara Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Wright, William John, 65th Regiment .. ..	30
Holland, William (deceased), Waituku Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	SOUTHLAND.	
Kells, John Foster, Wanganui Cavalry Volunteers .. .. .	30	Ballantyne, David, Artillery Volunteers ..	30
Kennedy, Michael (deceased), 65th Regiment	30	Bull, George Henry, Artillery Volunteers ..	30
London, Henry William, Pahautanui Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Crawford, Henry, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
Manley, John, 57th Regiment .. .. .	30	McChesney, Frank, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
Mulcahy, Morris (deceased), 14th Regiment..	30	McKenzie, Abraham, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
Overend, James Henry, Kaiwarawara Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Morley, Joseph (deceased), Royal Artillery ..	30
Shean, Edward (deceased), 65th Regiment ..	30	Perkins, William John, Southland Hussars..	30
Skinner, William Henry, Taranaki Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30	Stead, John, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers ..	30
Spalding, Thomas, 70th Regiment.. .. .	30	Stead, William, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers	30
Twohy, Daniel, 65th Regiment .. .. .	30	Ward, John, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers ..	30
Vaney, William (deceased), 14th Regiment ..	40	WESTLAND.	
NELSON.			
Barnes, Warner, 99th Regiment .. .. .	30	Blake, Henry (deceased), 40th Regiment ..	30
Coulahan, —, 40th Regiment .. .. .	30	Blake, Herbert, 40th Regiment .. .. .	30
Dawson, John, 57th Regiment .. .. .	30	Brayshaw, James, Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
Dollman, Thomas, Royal Navy .. .. .	30	Breeze, John Jerome, Rifle Volunteers .. ..	30
Gibbs, John, 12th Regiment .. .. .	30	Connor, John, 70th Regiment .. .. .	30
		Cooper, Charles (deceased), 70th Regiment ..	30
		Spohr, August, Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
		Stennard, Ebenezer, Rifle Volunteers .. ..	30
		Thompson, William Frederick, Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
		Wallace, John, Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
		Watt, William, Rifle Volunteers .. .. .	30
		Williams, John, 58th Regiment .. .. .	30