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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Relief of certain Tenants of Crown Lands within the Land District of Nelson. Title,

WHEREAS certain persons have heretofore acquired leases of Crown lands under "The Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1874," and the provisions of section seventy-one of the said Act, notwithstanding its repeal, remain in force in respect of any such leases as are now subsisting, and thereunder the lessees aforesaid are liable to pay double rent in case the annual rent due in respect of their leases shall be in arrear for six months, and, further, that the lease shall be absolutely void in case of such double rent not being paid within three months after notice received of such increase of rent: And whereas the said persons complain that the above-recited conditions are oppressive, and desire relief: 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 Nelson Crown Tenants Relief Act, 1886." It shall come into operation on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight. Short Title.

2. The provisions of section seventy-one of "The Nelson Waste Lands Act, 1874," shall not have any operation after the coming into operation of this Act in respect to any lease still subsisting in force and granted under the aforesaid Act. Leases to be subject to fine for non-payment of rent, and forfeiture in case of further arrears.

If the holder of any such lease shall, after the commencement of this Act, fail to pay the annual rent therefor, or other moneys payable in respect thereof, for the space of thirty days after the day on which the same ought to be paid, ten per centum on the amount of such rent or other moneys unpaid, or on any part unpaid thereof, shall be added thereto; and if such rent or other moneys, together with such addition, be not paid within sixty days after notice of the said addition

is given to the lessee, his lease shall be liable to be forfeited; and he shall be deemed, upon such forfeiture, to be in illegal occupation of the land comprised in the lease; and the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the land district wherein the leased land is situate shall proceed for recovery of possession of such land, and also for the recovery of all rent or other moneys unpaid in respect of the lease thereof, together with the aforesaid addition thereto. 5