

## Native Land Act Amendment.

### ANALYSIS.

Title.  
1. Short Title.

2. Court may award costs.  
3. Costs recoverable as a debt.  
4. Court may order security for costs.

### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Native Land Act, 1873." Title.

**B**E 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 Native Land Act Amendment Act, 1877." Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Native Land Court, in all cases and proceedings before such Court, to award costs by or to any party before the Court, or by or to the Crown whenever the Crown shall appear in any such case or proceeding, and to fix the amount of such costs by an order of Court: Provided that any such order may be altered, varied, or rescinded, at the discretion of the Court. Court may award costs.

3. If costs are not paid in accordance with the order of the Court, the same or any part thereof may be recovered by the party entitled to receive from the party liable to pay the same as a debt, whereof an official copy of the order of Court shall be a sufficient proof. Costs recoverable as a debt.

The Colonial Treasurer, out of moneys received or to be received by the Court aforesaid, shall pay costs awarded against the Crown, and costs awarded to the Crown may be recovered as a debt due to Her Majesty.

4. The Court, or any Judge thereof, may order any Native who is appearing as a party in any case before the Court to deposit such sum as the Court or Judge shall fix as security for any costs which may be awarded by the Court, and may refuse to proceed with the case or to hear any person who does not comply with such order. Court may order security for costs.