This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

Legislative Coun cil, 22nd July, 1892.

Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley.

ORAKEI SUCCESSION FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to provide for further Inquiry in respect of the Succession Title. to the Interest of Te Tahuri Arama, and Others, in the Orakei Block.

5 WHEREAS by a Crown grant dated the eighth day of July, one Preamble. thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, the parcel of land (hereinafter called "the said land," known as Orakei, and situated in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing six hundred and eightynine acres or thereabouts, was granted to Apihai te Kawau, an

10 aboriginal native, to hold the same in trust for himself and certain other aboriginal natives therein named: And whereas some of the beneficiaries under the said grant have died, and orders have from time to time been made by the Native Land Court declaring certain Natives to be entitled to succeed to the interests of such deceased

15 beneficiaries: And whereas by an order made the eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, Rere Arama, Te Hira Pateoro, Te Kihirini Reweti, and Paora Reweti have been declared to be the persons entitled to succeed to the interest of Te Tahuri Arama, deceased, the said Tahuri Arama being one of

20 three persons who by a previous order of the said Court had been declared entitled to succeed to the interest in the said land of Arama Karaka te Matuku, deceased, who was named in the said grant as a beneficiary under the said trust: And whereas by another order made the eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and

25 eighty-five, the said Rere Arama, Te Hira Pateoro, Te Kihirini Reweti, and Paora Reweti have been declared to be the persons entitled to succeed to the interest of Totara Arama, deceased, the said Totara Arama being another of the said three persons declared entitled to succeed to the interest in the said land of the said Arama Karaka

30 te Matuku, deceased, as aforesaid: And whereas by another order made the twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, Paora Tuhaere, since deceased, was declared to be No. 60-2.

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the person entitled to succeed to the interest in the said land of Paramena Nganahi, one of the persons named in the said grant as a beneficiary under the said trust: And whereas it has been alleged that the said Te Hira Pateoro, Te Kihirini Reweti, Paora Reweti, and Paora Tuhaere were not, nor were any of them, entitled, according to Native custom, to succeed to the interests of either of the said deceased beneficiaries hereinbefore mentioned; and that the said Rere Arama was, at the time of the making of the several orders aforesaid, an infant under the age of twenty-one years and unable to apply for a rehearing in respect thereof; and that by reason of the said orders 10 she has been deprived of interests in the said land to which she would have been entitled according to Native custom:

And whereas it is expedient that further inquiry should be made

in respect of the said allegations:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New 15 Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Orakei Succession

Further Investigation Act, 1892."

2. It shall be lawful for the said Rere Arama, at any time within 20 the period of three months after the passing of this Act, to apply to the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court for a rehearing in respect of any of the said orders made the eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and the twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, 25 respectively as aforesaid; and any such application may be dealt with, and if found expedient a rehearing may be ordered and had in the same manner as if a rehearing had been duly applied for within the period prescribed by the law in force in that behalf at the time when the said orders were respectively made. If any rehearing is 30 ordered under the provisions of this Act, the same shall be had in like manner, and the Court shall have the same jurisdiction in respect thereof, as if such rehearing had been applied for and ordered under "The Native Land Court Act, 1886," and the several Acts amending the same. 35

By Authority: George Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington.—1892.

Short Title.

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