

Hon. Mr. Bryce.

RANGIPO-MURIMOTU AGREEMENT VALIDATION.

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AN ACT to validate an Agreement made by the Crown in respect of the Rangipo-Murimotu Block. Title.

WHEREAS on or about the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, an agreement was entered into between the Government of the colony, the Provincial Government of Wellington, and certain private persons referred to in the said agreement (the terms and particulars of which said agreement are contained in a printed paper published in the Appendices of the House of Representatives for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and indexed as C.-6.): And whereas on or about the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, the Colonial Government confirmed the said agreement, and agreed to take steps to give effect to the same, and also, in consideration of the delay and expense to which the said private persons had been subjected, that, on the completion of the Crown's title, the term of the lease to be granted should be extended to twenty-one years: And whereas the said agreement was again ratified by the Colonial Government on the twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine: And whereas it was provided in all of the said agreements above referred to that the necessary legislative power to give effect to such agreements should be applied for by the Colonial Government: 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 Rangipo-Murimotu Agreement Validation Act, 1882." Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to lease to the said private persons all or any of portion of the said land so soon as the title of the Crown to the same, whether by way of lease or purchase, shall have been completed, and subject to the following conditions:— Governor may grant leases of Rangipo-Murimotu lands, when acquired from the Natives, in terms of an agreement made between certain parties and the Crown in that behalf. Terms and conditions of such leases.

(a). The lease or leases to be so granted shall be in accordance with the said agreements.

(b). Each portion of the said land, as it may be acquired, may be forthwith dealt with under the said agreements without the necessity of waiting for the completion of the Crown's title to the whole of the blocks comprised in the said agreements.

(c). The rentals to be paid by the said private persons shall, in the event of the Crown only acquiring a leasehold interest from the Native owners, be equal to the rental which the Crown shall have agreed or may agree to pay to the Native owners of the said lands.