

Stewart Island Grants.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to empower the Governor to carry out certain Engagements for Grants of Land situate at Stewart Island and the neighbouring Mainland. Title.

WHEREAS by deed bearing date the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, Rakiura or Stewart Island was ceded to the Crown by the Native owners thereof, one of the terms of the said cession being that certain land at the Neck, Paterson's Inlet, should be reserved for and divided amongst the half-castes resident thereon: And whereas the area of land at the Neck is insufficient to make adequate provision for the said half-castes, and engagements have also been entered into to make provision in land for all half-castes born on the said island, and it is expedient to give the Governor power to grant land at Stewart Island, or the neighbouring mainland, in fulfilment of the aforesaid engagements:

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 shall be "The Stewart Island Grants Act, 1873." Short Title.

2. The term "said island" in this Act shall mean Rakiura or Stewart Island. Interpretation.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, when he shall think fit, to execute Crown grants of such lands as have been or shall be set apart for the maintenance of the said half-castes, in fulfilment of any contract promise or engagement made in respect of the cession of the said island: Provided that the area so granted shall not exceed ten acres in the case of each male, and eight acres in the case of each female. Governor may carry out any engagements with half-castes made in respect of cession of island.

4. And whereas certain European residents on the said island have been given land by the original Native owner thereof, and have been in occupation of the same for upwards of thirty years, and have effected improvements thereon, but, owing to difficulty of communication and ignorance of the laws, have not preferred any claim thereto, and it is expedient that the said Europeans should be confirmed in the rights thus acquired: Governor may grant certain lands to Europeans.

Be it therefore further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor to execute grants in favour of the persons and for the lands specified in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

No. of Section.	Name.	Area.			Locality.
		A.	R.	P.	
7	Hunter, John	10	0	0	The Neck, Paterson's Inlet, Stewart Island.
6	Coombs, John	5	0	0	Ditto.
12	Sherburd, William, sen	10	0	0	Ditto.