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Mr. Rolleston.

[AS REPORTED FROM THE WASTE LANDS COMMITTEE.]

SPECIAL POWERS AND CONTRACTS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to grant certain Special Powers to the Governor to issue Crown Grants, and to enable him to carry out certain Contracts and Promises.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to give the Governor power to issue the Crown grants, and to do, execute, and perform the several acts and things set forth in the second column of the Schedule hereto, in fulfilment of the promises and for the several reasons and purposes set forth in the first column of such Schedule :

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 Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1882."

2. The Governor may issue such Crown grants, and do, execute, and perform the several Acts, deeds, matters, and things which are specified in the second column of the Schedule hereto.

All Crown grants, acts, deeds, matters, and things so issued, done, executed, or performed, shall be good, valid, and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever, subject to the exceptions, restrictions, and qualifications in the said Schedule specified.

All Crown grants issued hereunder shall be subject to the provisions of "The Crown Grants Act, 1866."

3. For the purpose of evidencing the title to any land specified in the said second column of the Schedule, the Governor may, in any Crown grant issued under the authority hereof, antevest the legal estate in the grantee to such date as he thinks fit.

4. In respect to any land mentioned in the Schedule hereto which is to be inalienable by sale, lease, gift, or mortgage for a longer period than twenty-one years, except with the consent of the Governor, it is hereby declared that no lease of any such land for the period of twenty-one years or a less period shall be valid unless such lease is sold at public auction after not less than thirty days' public notice of such auction has been given in some newspaper having

general circulation in the district wherein the lands offered for lease are situate; and also that such lease is sold without any fine, premium, or foregift being paid or received in respect thereof.

Repeal.

5. Section five in the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1880," which authorizes the Governor to vest the following land in the Education Board of the District of Hawke's Bay as a site for a school, namely, all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement ten acres two roods seventeen perches, more or less, being the north-western part of Rural Section number seventy-one of the Ormond Military Settlement Block, is hereby repealed.

Schedule.

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1. It being desirable to change the cemetery-reserve at Okaihau, Bay of Islands, which is found to be unsuitable for such purpose, to a site for a school.

2. The land described in the second column was reserved from sale by the Natives many years ago, as it contained the graves of their dead; and it is desirable to grant the same to certain Natives upon trust for a Native burial-place.

3. To fulfil a promise made to Thomas Holmes, who agreed to convey to the Crown land at the Tuakau Station for road-diversion, in exchange and on condition that he would be allowed the free use of the stream adjoining his property for purposes of water-power in connection with his mill. The land taken for road contains 3 roods 23 perches of Lot 12, Parish of Tuakau.

4. To give effect to a promise made by Mr. Commissioner Turton, in 1865, that the land should be granted to the Natives for a Native burial-ground reserve.

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1. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to the Education Board of the District of Auckland, as a site for a school, all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 1 acre, more or less, being Allotment 23 of the Parish of Okaihau.

2. May issue a Crown grant to Hohua Moanaroa, Peti te Hora, Reweti te Hura, and Anati pa te Mano Tunui, in fee-simple as joint-tenants, for Lot 24, Parish of Putataka, Provincial District of Auckland, containing 13 acres 3 roods. The Governor to reserve in the grant the right of road, not exceeding 100 links wide. The land to be held in trust as a Native burial-place, and to be absolutely inalienable.

3. May issue to Thomas Holmes, upon the said Thomas Holmes or his representatives fulfilling the said promise, a Crown grant for 3 roods 33 perches of Lot 13, Parish of Tuakau. Bounded on the North-east by other part of said Lot 13, 432 links; on the South-east by other part of said Lot 13, 294 links; on the South-west by other part of said Lot 13, 262 links, and a stream; on the North-west by a public road, 223 links, to the point of commencement: be said several measurements a little more or less. The grant to contain a reservation in favour of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, or any officers or servants of Her Majesty, of the right to take water from the stream running through the land to be granted, within said piece or parcel of land, by a three-inch pipe, at any and all times, and to perform all necessary works connected therewith or for the proper maintenance thereof.

4. May grant, in fee-simple, to Makareta Hopai, Miriama Okioki (successors to Matutaera Kaniwhaniwha), Mohi te Bongomau, Hepata Waaka (successor to Waaka te Ruki), Hariata Tatai, Wiremu Ngaweke Pohepohe, Hone Pihama, Tumua Mohi, Ngahiwi Ihaka, Rawiri Whakamarurangi, Epiha Whakamarurangi, Wiremu Waaka, Rangitita Waaka, Epiha Ngawaka, Mihi Metiria, Manu Metiria, Epiha Erima, Te Kaneri, Huihana Tuhiao, Nga Kaari

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5. To give effect to the recommendation of the Waste Lands Committee of the House of Representatives, No 311, Session II., 1879.

6. By a deed of mortgage dated the 16th July, 1874 (registered at Auckland, No. 1497c), Wiremu Patene and six other Natives, as Trustees for the Ngatitainu Tribe of Natives, mortgaged certain lands at Waipa to the Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, Colonial Treasurer of New Zealand, to secure certain moneys and interest. The Government have promised to release this mortgage without payment of the moneys so secured.

7. The Thames County Council have agreed with the Hon. the Postmaster-General for the occupation of the disused Post and Registry Offices, situate in Mary Street, Shortland, in the Borough of Thames, on condition of keeping the said offices in a good state of repair, and of insuring them from fire, in the name of the Colonial Treasurer, for the sum of £250, and of surrendering possession at three months' notice. It is necessary to authorize the execution of an agreement to this effect.

8. To give effect to a promise of the late Sir Donald McLean.

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Ihaka, Te Motutara Ihaka, Nero te Rehutai, Te Whanaki, Wiremu Pihama, Kariana Pihama, Rakapa Pihama, and Waata Tarahina, as joint tenants, all that area in the Provincial District of Auckland, in the Alexandra Survey District, containing by admeasurement 3 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section 284 in the Parish of Pukeke, and bounded towards the South-east by Cemetery Reserve 285, 660 links; and towards the South, North-west, and North-east by a road-line, 212.5, 263.5, 373, 571, and 290 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Auckland. The land to be held in trust as a Native burial-place, and to be absolutely inalienable.

5. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to Sarah Ann Walter, Elizabeth Middlemas, Joseph Middlemas, and Sarah Matilda Middlemas, as tenants in common, of Allotment 34, Parish of Opaheke, Provincial District of Auckland, containing 4 acres 2 roods, more or less.

6. May, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, without any of the principal or interest moneys secured thereby being paid, execute a release of the said mortgage, and reconvey the lands described in the said deed to the original mortgagors, antevesting the same as from the date of the original mortgage-deed, and discharge the said lands from all principal moneys and interest secured by the said deed.

7. May, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, execute an agreement letting the said offices on the terms stated in the opposite column.

8. May grant to Hemi Kakitu, Te Hoeroa, Te Para, Hamu, Hemi Kuri, Papu, Reka Tangikura, Rapa Tamaikoha, Taihuka Hamu, Te Aputahi Mita, Hohepa Ngaota, and Tiopira, in fee-simple, as tenants in common, part of Lot 389, Parish of Waitohi, Bay of Plenty, Provincial District of Auckland, containing 50 acres. The land to be inalienable, except with the consent of the Governor, by sale, gift, mortgage, or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years. The Governor may reserve in the grant a right of road in any part of the said land not exceeding 100 links wide.

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9. It being desirable to change the purpose of a recreation-reserve at Ormond to a site for a school, another more suitable recreation-ground having been provided in the district, special legislation is required, owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

10. To fulfil terms of the agreement under which George Edward Read transferred to the Crown his interest in the Uawa Block, Tolago Bay Township.

11. To decide who are the owners of two Native reserves in the Te Puke Block, Bay of Plenty District, containing respectively 1,000 acres and 500 acres, alleged to have been set aside for the Waitaha Tribe and its branches.

12. To settle disputes and adjust unsatisfied claims in connection with the purchase by the Crown of Te Puke Block, Bay of Plenty District.

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9. May, by Order in Council, gazetted, declare the following land to be diverted from the purposes of a recreation-ground, to be vested in the Education Board of the District of Hawke's Bay, as a site for a school, namely,—

All that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 4 acres, more or less, being Town Section 68 of the Township of Ormond; and upon the gazetting of the said Order in Council they shall become so vested in law for a fee-simple estate.

10. May issue to George Edward Read a Crown grant, in fee, of 1 acre, more or less, being the site of Trimmer's Hotel, in the Tolago Bay Township, being Sections 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block XV., on the plan of the Township of Uawa, as shown on the plan in the office of the Chief Surveyor, at Auckland. Title to antevest from the 21st October, 1874.

11. It shall be lawful for the Native Land Court to investigate the title to and decide, according to the terms of sale to the Crown of the Te Puke Block, and Native custom generally, who are the owners of the said reserves; and the said Court shall, within six months from the passing of this Act, and in the manner specified in "The Native Land Court Act, 1880," for the hearing of claims to Native land, investigate the title as aforesaid, and make orders accordingly.

12. May issue Crown grants, in fee,—

For Section 25, Block II., Maketu Survey District, containing 35 acres, more or less, to Eruera te Paimoe, Kiharoa Akuhata, Retireti Tapihana, Perepe Tapihana, Ieni Tapihana, Rini Haukiwaho, Ngakuku, Te Ahomiro Ngakuku, Matia Ngamarama, Te Kepa Matene, Turiri Matia, Rewi Tereanuku, Reti Ieni Tapihana, and Mita Perepe, as tenants in common;

For Section 26, Block II., Maketu Survey District, containing 15 acres, more or less, to Wirimena Eruera;

For Section 27, Block II., Maketu Survey District, containing 20 acres, more or less, to Matataia Wikiriwhi, Te Rina Wikiriwhi, Mereana Wikiriwhi, and Emaré Wikiriwhi, as tenants in common;

For Section 30, Block II., Maketu Survey District, containing 20 acres, more or less, to Rakitu Haerehuka;

For Section 29, Block II., Maketu Survey District, containing 20 acres, more or less, to Mere te Kati, Mohi te Kati, and Niheta te Kati, as tenants in common;

For Section 28, Block II., Maketu Survey District, containing 20 acres, more or less, to Mere Hinetokona, Aporo Tipitipi, Eruera Kaare Honia, Rotareama Tumehe Kauri, and Haana te Kapaiwaho.

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13. To fulfil a promise made in 1874 by the Minister for Public Works to Henry Weeks, Doctor of Medicine, of Southampton, England (by his Attorney J. M. Lennox, of Auckland, New Zealand), whereby the said Henry Weeks agreed to convey to the Crown 7 acres 1 rood 4 perches of land, situate in the Parish of Tuakau, in exchange for other land; the said land so conveyed being required for railway purposes. All the covenants have now been carried out, except the issue of the Crown grant to the said Henry Weeks for the land referred to in the second column.

14. In order to rectify an error made in granting Education Reserve Allotment 33, Town of Hokianga, to Joseph Herbert, of Hokianga, which he has, by deed bearing date the 23rd February, 1882, reconveyed to the Queen, whereas it ought to have been Allotment 34, which was granted.

15. On the 26th October, 1875, the Rev. William Worker paid to certain Natives the sum of £130 on account of two pieces of land, containing together by estimation 600 acres, afterwards ascertained to be within the boundaries of the portion of the Pakiri Block acquired by the Crown. The Native Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives have reported on the case as follows:—

“That Mr. Worker paid his money away under a mistaken impression. The land passed through the Court in 1869, and the certificate of title was issued in 1870. In 1872 Government began to purchase, and completed the transaction for two-thirds of the block in 1880. The case is a hard one, as Mr. Worker was evidently a *bond fide* settler. The Committee recommends Government to consider whether, under the Special Powers and Contracts Bill, or by means of putting up the land for sale, with a reserve for cost and improvements, redress could be found for an evident hardship.”

15a. To carry out the recommendation of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into Naval and Military and Local Forces Land Claims.

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The lands in each case to be absolutely inalienable by sale, gift, or mortgage, or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years in possession, except with the consent of the Governor.

13. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to Henry Weeks, Doctor of Medicine, of Southampton, England, for all that piece or parcel of land situate in the Parish of Tuakau, in the Provincial District of Auckland, being Section 71, Block IV., Onewhero Survey District, containing by admeasurement 15 acres, more or less. Bounded towards the North-west by the Tuakau and Pokeno Road; towards the North-east by the Parish of Maungatawhiri; and towards the South-west by Section 36, Block IV., Onewhero Survey District.

14. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to the aforesaid Joseph Herbert, of all that parcel of land containing by admeasurement 38 perches, more or less, being Allotment 34 of the Town of Hokianga. Bounded towards the North by Allotment 33, 32 links; towards the East by a road-line, 100 links; towards the South by Allotment 35, 241 links; and towards the West by Allotments 27 and 26, 100 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

15. May issue a Crown grant to the Rev. William Worker for the two pieces of land in question, on payment of the sum of £170 (being the balance of 10s. per acre for the estimated area, 600 acres), subject, nevertheless, to a proportionate increase or reduction after the actual area has been ascertained by survey.

15a. May issue Crown grants to Michael Boland (1022), late of the Hawke's Bay Military Settlers, for one town lot at Fraser Town, and one fifty-acre lot at Wairoa.

Also to James Joseph Henderson (203), late of the 1st Waikato Regiment, for Town Acre 243, Section 2, Opotiki, and a fifty-acre rural section.

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16. It being equitable to extend to members of all Small Farm Associations in Hawke's Bay, settled on bush lands, the relief afforded in the similar case of the Heretaunga Small Farm Association, upon a recommendation of the Waste Lands Committee of the House of Representatives, dated the 22nd July, 1880 (I.-4, p. 4).

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17. It being desirable to change the purpose of a portion of the Marsland Hill Military Reserve to an addition to the present prison site.

18. To give legal effect to an arrangement made by the Superintendent of Taranaki, by which 2 acres of land (being the lands described in the opposite column) were set aside and used as a cemetery in the Tikorangi District.

19. In the original plan of the Town of New Plymouth, Fulford Street was continued through Marsland Hill Reserve, but was closed informally during the military occupation of the town; and doubts being entertained as to its being still a public thoroughfare, it is desirable to remove such doubts.

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20. By a deed of mortgage dated the 1st July, 1873 (registered at Wellington,

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16. May issue Crown grants, in fee, to members of the Victoria Special Settlement and the Bush Mills Small Farm Association, in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, of the lands purchased by them in cases where the required improvements have been effected, and in which all the purchase-money has been duly paid, but where the rule as to the actual residence of the member of such special settlement or association (or his family) has not been carried out.

17. May, by Order in Council, gazetted, change the purpose of all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Taranaki, containing by admeasurement 11 acres 2 roods, more or less, being the south-eastern portion of the Marsland Hill Reserve, as shown on the map of the Town of New Plymouth, and bounded as follows: Commencing at the north-eastern corner of Section 808, by Downe Street, 676 links, to Robe Street; thence in a southerly direction by the western side of said Robe Street, 270 links; thence by a line at right angles to Robe Street to the Huatoki Stream, 675 links; thence towards the East and South by the Huatoki Stream; and towards the West by said stream, a swamp, and Section 808, 75 links, to the starting point: saving and excepting a circular area with a radius of 20 feet around geodetical station erected thereon; from a military reserve to an addition to the gaol reserve; and upon the gazetting of such Order in Council the purpose of the said reserve shall be deemed to be so changed.

18. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose of all that piece or parcel of land situate in the Tikorangi District, containing 2 acres, being part of Section 25 on the map of the said district. Bounded on the South by the North Road, 500 links; on the West and North by Section 25, 900 links; on the East by Section 14, 400 links: from primary education to a public cemetery; and upon the gazetting of such notice the purpose of the said reserve shall be deemed to be so changed.

19. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that all that piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of New Plymouth, containing 3 roods, more or less, being the extension of Fulford Street from Section 761 to Section 762, along the southern boundary of the Church Reserve, 90 links wide, shall be changed from a military reserve to a public thoroughfare or highway; and thereupon it shall become a public thoroughfare.

20. May, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, upon payment of

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No. 16701), Patrick Monaghan mortgaged certain lands to Edward Swartz Maunsell and John Howard Wallace, to secure certain moneys and interest. This mortgage was, by deed dated the 24th April, 1879, assigned to Manihera te Rangitakaiwaho, who again, by deed dated the 26th November, 1879, assigned it to Her Majesty the Queen. It is necessary to give the Governor power to release or assign this mortgage.

21. By "The Wanganui Freemasons' Land Sale Act, 1872" (Wellington), power was given to the Superintendent of Wellington to convey to Trustees for Masonic uses a rood of land, being part of Cook's Gardens; and by "An Act to grant a Piece of Land to the Wanganui Fire Brigade, 1869," power was also given to the Superintendent to convey to Trustees a site for the use of the Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade in Cook's Gardens aforesaid; and accordingly, on the 14th March, 1871, the Superintendent executed a conveyance to the Fire Brigade. By some mistake, which cannot now be explained, the conveyance to the Trustees of the Fire Brigade was executed by the Superintendent for the piece of land which had been set apart for the Freemasons; and as the whole of Cook's Gardens has since been granted to the Borough of Wanganui, and appropriated to other uses, there is not a site available therein for the Freemasons. The Borough of Wanganui, the Trustees of the Fire Brigade, and the Trustees of the Masonic body all agree to the proposal to convey the site described in the second column hereto to the Masonic Trustees.

22. It being desirable to increase the width of a street in the Square in the Borough of Palmerston North.

23. It being desirable that the present athenæum, which is situate within the boundaries of the railway-station site at Foxton, should be handed over to the Public Works and Railway Department, and another site provided for the athenæum.

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all principal and interest due on the same, execute a release or assignment of the said mortgage, and reconvey or convey by assignment the lands described in the said deed, and either discharge the said lands from all principal moneys and interest secured by the said deed, or assign such principal moneys and interest, and the benefit of all powers, covenants, and provisoes in the said deed expressed or implied.

21. May convey to such persons as he shall think fit the following piece of land in the Borough of Wanganui: All that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement 1 rood 2 perches, more or less, being part of the reserve marked E on the plan of the Town of Wanganui. Bounded towards the North-west by other part of Reserve marked E, 203 links; towards the North-east by Harrison Place, 123 links; towards the South-east by other part of Reserve marked E, 165 links; and towards the South-west by Reserve marked K, 170 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington: to hold the same upon such trusts for the society called the Order of Freemasons as the Governor may approve in any conveyance that he may execute.

22. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare the following piece of Crown land in the Borough of Palmerston to be a street within the meaning of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876:" All that piece or parcel of land containing 20 perches, more or less, being part of Section 257 on the plan of the Township of Palmerston. Bounded towards the North-east by the Square, 50 links; towards the South-east by Section 256, 250 links; towards the South-west by Section 330, 50 links; and towards the North-west by Coleman Place, 250 links: be the same several measurements or any of them more or less: and thereupon it shall become such a street.

23. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that the piece of land hereinafter described shall be changed from an athenæum site to a site for station purposes in connection with the Foxton and Manawatu Railway: All that piece of land situate in the Town of Foxton, being part of a Government

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24. To enable the Governor to accept a lease of a piece of land in the Waitotara District for the occupation of certain Natives as a fishing station, in fulfilment of a promise made to them by the Native Minister in 1879.

25. The late Dr. Hewson, being Native Medical Officer of Otaki, desired, many years ago, to purchase land from the Natives as a site for a residence. Owing to the provisions of the laws relating to Native lands at the time, private persons were unable to purchase from the Natives, and it was arranged that the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington should purchase the land from the Natives on behalf of Her Majesty, and afterwards procure a Crown grant to Dr. Hewson. Accordingly, on the 23rd September, 1867, the land mentioned in the opposite column was conveyed to Dr. Featherston, then Superintendent of Wellington, on behalf of Her

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reserve, commencing at a point on the southern boundary of said reserve distant 109 links from the south-eastern corner of said reserve. Bounded towards the East by portion of said reserve, 86 links; towards the North by a portion of said reserve, 46 links; towards the West by a portion of said reserve, 15 links; again towards the North by a portion of said reserve, 46 links; again towards the West by a portion of said reserve, 72 links; and towards the South by a public road, 91 links, to the starting point.

And that the piece of land hereinafter described, being a portion of the site upon which the courthouse is erected, be set apart as a site for an athenæum: All that piece of land situate in the Town of Foxton, being a part of the courthouse reserve, together with the building thereon, which was erected for an immigration depôt, commencing at the north-eastern corner of said reserve. Bounded towards the North by a public road, 100 links; towards the West by other portion of said reserve, 230 links; towards the South by other portion of said reserve, 100 links; and towards the East by the eastern boundary of said reserve, 200 links, to the starting point. And upon the gazetting of such notices the said changes shall be deemed to be effected as aforesaid.

24. May accept a lease to Her Majesty, from the person for the time being entitled in law to grant it, for any period not exceeding ten years from the date of execution, of all that parcel of land, containing by admeasurement 42 acres, more or less, being the western moiety of the Section numbered 50 on the plan of the Waitotara District. Bounded towards the North by Section 59, 1050 links; towards the East by other part of the said Section 50, 4000 links; towards the South by the top of a cliff on the shore of Cook Strait; and towards the West by Section 60, 4000 links: at the annual rent of £21, and subject to such covenants and conditions as may be agreed.

25. May issue a Crown grant in favour of Charles George Hewson, antevested from some date prior to his death, of 8 acres 1 rood 33 perches, being all that area in the Provincial District of Wellington, commencing at a point on the right bank of the Otaki River; and bounded towards the North-west by the Tutangatakinu No. 4 Block, bearing N. 18° 15' E., 152·5 links; towards the North by the Tutangatakinu No. 3 Block, bearing N. 87° 8' E. 790 links, N. 78° 54' E. 121 links, N. 75° 46' E. 624 links, N. 68° 2' E. 68 links; towards the East by the Waerenga Block, bearing N. 168° 13' E., 187 links; again towards the North by the said block, bearing N. 73°

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Majesty; £132, the purchase-money therefor, having been paid by the said Dr. Hewson out of his own moneys. In order to carry out the above-mentioned agreement, power is required to issue a Crown grant to the representatives of Dr. Hewson of such land.

26. It being deemed desirable to set apart as a school site part of Reserve 1420 (in red), made for gravel-pit, which cannot now be done owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

27. It being desirable to change Reserve 110 from a gravel-pit to a recreation-ground, which cannot now be carried into effect owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

28. It being deemed desirable to set apart as a site and grounds for a school of part of Reserve 736 (in red), made for a stone-quarry, which cannot now be done owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

29. A parcel of land in the Provincial District of Canterbury having been conveyed, under deed dated 6th March, 1882, by James Edward FitzGerald to Her Majesty in trust for the purposes of a plantation, and for the improvement and protection of a stream running there through, authority is required to enable the Governor to provide for the administration of such land in accordance with such trusts.

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33' E., 543 links; towards the North-east by said block, bearing N. 151° 10' E., 127·5 links; towards the South-east by the Tutangataki No. 2 Block, bearing S. 44° 26' W., 934 links; towards the South-west by the right bank of the Otaki River, about 1770 links: all the above linkages being more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Wellington.

26. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose from gravel-pit to a site for a school of part of Reserve 1420 (in red), in the Wakani Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, containing 3 acres 3 roods 20 perches, more or less. Bounded—Northward, Southward, and Westward by the northern, southern, and western boundaries of the said reserve; and Eastward by a line parallel to the western boundary, and 775 links distant therefrom: and thereupon such change shall be deemed to be so effected.

27. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change from gravel-pit to recreation-ground all that area in the Christchurch Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, containing 20 acres, more or less. Bounded—North-westward by the Lower Lincoln Road; North-eastward by Section 379; and Southward by Section 1072, and by Reserve 128 (in red): and numbered 110 (in red) on the official map in the Survey Office, Christchurch; and thereupon such change shall be deemed to be so effected.

28. May change the purpose from stone-quarry to a site and grounds for a school of part of Reserve 736 (in red), in the Patiti Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, containing 12 acres 2 roods, more or less. Bounded—Westward and South-westward by the road west of the said reserve; Eastward by the road east thereof; and Northward by a line at right angles to the last-mentioned road drawn from a point thereon 575 links northward of its junction with a road leading to Pig-hunting Creek; and thereupon such change shall be deemed to be so effected.

29. May, by Order in Council, declare the lands hereinafter next specified to be set apart as Crown lands, subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881," to be managed, administered, and dealt with under the said Act as a place of public recreation, subject to the same being planted and preserved for the improvement and protection of the stream running through the said lands: All that parcel of land situated in the Provincial District of Canterbury, being part of the Rural Sections numbered 884, 1712, 1880, and 2223 on the map of the

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30. The Borough of Sydenham selected an area of 2,000 acres as an endowment under the 350th section of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876." By Order in Council, issued on the 23rd July, 1878, an area of 855 acres only was set apart as an endowment for the borough. On representation being made to the Government as to the smallness of the area set apart as an endowment for the borough, directions were given that Rural Section 30494, containing 345 acres, which adjoin the 855 acres already granted to the Borough of Sydenham, should be withdrawn from sale, pending consideration of the claims of the borough for an additional endowment. Meantime it is alleged that the Borough Council were given to understand by a Minister of the Crown that the additional 350 acres would be granted. Before any decision was arrived at "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1878," became law. This Act prohibits any further lands being granted to Corporations of Borough Councils as endowments.

31. The Recreation Reserve 1639, in the Kowai Road District, is several miles from any centre of population, and it is desirable to sell it, and devote the amount received from the sale to the purchase of other land, for the like purpose, in a more suitable position.

32. Reserve 1781 was made for Provincial Government purposes, and it is expedient to set apart 5 acres of it as a school-site, which cannot now be done owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

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Chief Surveyor, setting out and describing the rural lands in the Lincoln District thereof, and being that portion of the said sections bounded Northwardly by the Town Belt, Southwardly by the Town Belt, Eastwardly by Leinster Terrace, and Westwardly by Kildare Terrace; as shown on the sale-plan of the said sections, setting out the Township of Lincoln, and deposited in the Deeds Registry Office at Christchurch as No. 21; and thereupon they shall be deemed to be so set apart as aforesaid.

Struck out.

30. May grant to the Corporation of the Borough of Sydenham Rural Section 30494, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, containing 345 acres, as an endowment in aid of the borough funds, to be dealt with under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," any provision in "The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act, 1878," notwithstanding.

31. May, by notification in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale, by public auction, in such manner and on such terms and conditions in all respects as the Governor shall think fit, of Recreation Reserve 1639, in the Kowai Road District, containing 344 acres, more or less; and thereupon it may be so sold, and cause the amount received from such sale to be applied—four-fifths to the establishment of recreation-grounds at Amberley and Sefton respectively, and one-fifth to the improvement of Recreation Reserve 2066, in the same road district.

32. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose from Provincial Government purposes to school-site of part of Reserve 1781 (in red), in the Hind's Survey District, containing 5 acres, more or less. Bounded—South-eastward and Southward by the Southern Railway Reserve and by a road-line; Eastward by a road-line, 565 links; Northward by a line at right angles thereto, 800 links; and Westward by a line at right angles to the southern boundary: and thereupon it shall be deemed to be so changed.

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33. The lands described in the Schedule to "The Timaru Harbour Board Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1881," and which were by that Act vested in the Timaru Harbour Board, having been so described as not to vest in the said Board all the land intended to be vested, power is required to issue the grant in the opposite column mentioned.

34. To enable the site of the old courthouse at Oamaru, together with the buildings thereon, to be vested in the Trustees of the Oamaru Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute (Incorporated), after the new courthouse has been built.

35. When the old post office at Port Chalmers was given up it was handed over to the Fire Brigade, which has occupied it since the 22nd April, 1878; and it is therefore desired to make it always available for fire-brigade purposes; but, as the Fire Brigade is not a corporate body, it is thought best to vest the land in the Municipal Corporation upon trust.

36. It being desirable to provide a more suitable site for a morgue in Port Chalmers, than the one at present in use, which is situate in Mount Street.

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33. May grant, in fee, to the Timaru Harbour Board the land lying between two points—at 105 miles 20 chains, and 105 miles 45 chains respectively—which points are referred to in the Schedule to the aforesaid Act, on the seaward side of a line not less than 20 feet distant from the centre line of the line of railway, as indicated on the plan referred to in the said Act.

34. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to the Trustees of the Oamaru Mechanics' Institute for all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 1 rood, more or less, situate in the Town of Oamaru, and being part of Block XCV. of said town. Commencing at the north-east corner of Section 6 of said block, and bearing from thence in a north-easterly direction along Thames Street for a distance of 100 links; thence at right angles in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 250 links; thence at right angles in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 100 links; thence in a south-easterly direction at right angles for a distance of 250 links to the starting-point: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; together with the buildings erected thereon. To be held in trust for the purpose of an athenæum or mechanics' institute, and not to be leased.

35. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to the Corporation of the Borough of Port Chalmers of the following piece of land, namely: All that parcel in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 31 perches, more or less, situate in the Borough of Port Chalmers, being Section 407 on the map of the said borough. Bounded towards the North-west by Section 2, 50 links; towards the North-east by Crown lands, 213 links; towards the South-east by George Street, 21 links; towards the South-south-east by Mount Street, 150 links; and towards the West-south-west by the said Section 2, 157 links: together with the buildings thereon. To be held in trust as a site for a fire-brigade station.

36. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that the following piece of land, being part of the old cemetery site, may be vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Port Chalmers, as a site for a morgue, namely: All that area in the Provincial District of Otago, situated in the Borough of Port Chalmers, and containing by admeasurement 21 perches, more or less; commencing at a point 125·7 links distant from the Ajax Road on the south-west boundary-line of the cemetery reserve, bearing N. 49° 33' 30" W.; and bounded towards the South-west by a line in same direction, 129·3 links; towards the North-west by a right line bearing N. 40° 26' 30" E.

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New.

36A. A more suitable site having been selected upon which to erect a morgue, it is desirable to vest the site of the present morgue in the Borough of Port Chalmers, in exchange for the land mentioned in clause 36.

37. To provide paddock accommodation in the vicinity of their works for the Waitaki Abattoir Company (incorporated), proposed to be established at Waitaki, with a view to which has been formed for the exportation of frozen meat from the colony.

38. The land described in the second column hereto was withdrawn from sale on the 15th October, 1878, under the 167th section of "The Land Act, 1877," at the request of the Naseby Athenæum Committee, pending the necessary legislative authority being obtained for setting the site apart as an endowment for the athenæum.

SOUTHELAND.

39. Rural Section 6, Block XI., Longwood District. Ten acres, hitherto reserved as a site for a school, having been found inconvenient for the purpose, Mrs. Sarah Ann Cameron has promised to convey to the Government Section 1A, Longwood District, containing 8 acres, for a like purpose, on Section 69, Block II., Longwood District, being granted to her.

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71.8 links, and by a right line bearing S. 76° 44' 11" E. 137.5 links; and towards the South-east by a right line bearing S. 39° 31' W., 127 links, to the point of commencement: as the same is delineated on the plans deposited in the District Survey Office, Dunedin.

New.

36A. May issue a Crown grant to the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Port Chalmers for Section No. 406, being Crown land within the Borough of Port Chalmers, containing 17 perches, more or less, and bounded towards the North-west by Ajax Road; towards the North by Mount Street; towards the East by Section No. 405; and towards the South-west by Section No. 74. The land when granted may be dealt with by the Borough Council, in accordance with the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876."

37. May grant a lease to the Waitaki Abattoir Company (Incorporated) of Reserves 644 and 1642, containing 1,140 acres, more or less, for any period not exceeding twenty-one years, upon such terms as the Governor shall see fit, notwithstanding the provisions as to sale of the reserves contained in "The Public Reserves Sale Act, 1878." The lease to contain a power of re-entry and determining the lease if the land is not at any time for a period of twelve consecutive months used for the purposes for which the company has been formed.

38. May, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," issue a Crown grant, in fee, to the Naseby Athenæum (Incorporated), of all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 200 acres, more or less, being Section 2 of Block V., Swinburn Survey District; as the same is delineated on the plans deposited in the Provincial District Survey Office, Dunedin.

39. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to Sarah Ann Cameron of all that parcel of land containing 11 acres 1 rood 6 perches, more or less, being Section 69, Block II., Longwood District, Provincial District of Otago. Bounded towards the North-east by a public road, 1031.2 links; towards the South-east by a public road, 901.7 links; towards the South-west by Section 9 of aforesaid block, 1127.1 links; and towards the North-west by Section 9A of aforesaid block, 1287.2 links: the land to be inalienable by sale or by lease for longer than twenty-one years in possession, except with the consent of the Governor, on the said Sarah Ann Cameron conveying to Her Majesty the Queen all that parcel of land containing by admeasurement 8 acres, more or less, being Section 1A on the map of the said Longwood District. Bounded towards the North-east by

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40. By "The Education Reserve, Jacob's River, Sale Ordinance, 1872," of Otago, it is stated that a certain piece of land therein described was granted to the Superintendent of Southland as an education reserve in error, and that it was expedient to grant the same to one Thomas Brown, who was then in occupation of the land. The land, however, which was described in the provincial ordinance, was not the same as the land which proved, after survey, to be that which was actually in occupation of Thomas Brown; and the provincial ordinance was therefore of no effect. Meanwhile Thomas Brown transferred his interest in the land to William Thomas, sen., with the consent of the Land Board, in accordance with the provision of clause 9 of the Otago Land Regulations, 1856. William Thomas is now and has been for upwards of twenty years in occupation of this land.

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41. By "The Hokitika Harbour Board Act, 1876," Reserve 145 (in red), exclusive of pre-emptive rights, is declared to be set aside as an endowment for the purposes of the said Act. The pre-emptive right not having been exercised within the time required by section 15 of "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1873," it is desired to set it aside as an additional endowment, to be dealt with under the provisions of "The Hokitika Harbour Board Act, 1876," aforesaid.

42. To give effect to resolutions of the Westland Land Board, made on the 7th and the 21st December, 1881, for the purpose of adding to the present Westland Hospital Reserve a portion of Reserve 455 and Reserve 16, which purpose cannot now be carried into effect by reason of the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

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Section 2A of aforesaid district, 1394 links; towards the South-east by the road-reserve, 100 links wide, along the shore of Colac's Bay; towards the South-west by a public road, 1312 links; and towards the North-west by Section 6, Block XI., of aforesaid district, 667 links. The said land to vest in Her Majesty the Queen as a site for a school.

40. May issue a Crown grant, in fee, to William Thomas, sen., for the following piece of land, comprising 14 acres 3 roods 39 perches, more or less: All that piece or parcel of land in the Southland Land District, comprising 14 acres 3 roods 39 perches, more or less, being Section 62, Block VI., Jacob's River Hundred, and bounded as follows, namely: Towards the North-east by a Government road-line, 1530 links; towards the South-east by Section 51 of said block, 894 links; towards the South-west by said Section 51 and by a road-line, 1867 links; and towards the North-west by a Government road-line, 100 links and 863 links respectively.

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41. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare the 800 acres, within the boundaries of Reserve 145 (in red), described in the Second Schedule to "The Hokitika Harbour Board Act, 1876," over which there was a pre-emptive right which has expired, to be an additional endowment for the purposes of the Act aforesaid; and thereupon it shall become such.

WESTLAND.

42. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, set aside, as a reserve for hospital purposes, all those parcels of land containing 3 acres 3 roods 23 perches, more or less, being Reserve 455 (in red), Block IV., Mahinapua, and Block XIII., Waimea Survey Districts; bounded towards the East by Railway Reserve 8 (in red), 1007 links; towards the South by Buckland Road, 350 links; towards the West by Beach Road, 1006 links; and towards the North by a road, 400 links. Also 1 acre 3 roods 6 perches, more or less, being Reserve 16 (in red), Block XIII., Waimea Survey District; bounded towards the South by a road, 451 links; towards the West by Railway Reserve 8 (in red), 400 links; towards the North by Section 1009, 451 links; and towards the West by Beach Road, 400 links: be all the aforesaid linkages a little more or less; and thereupon it shall be deemed to be such a reserve as aforesaid. And may also, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare the purpose of the last-named Reserve 16 to be changed from a reserve for the deposit of nightsoil to a reserve for hospital purposes; and thereupon it shall be deemed to be changed as aforesaid.