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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
30th August, 1883.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Rolleston.

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. Title.

5 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 : Preamble.

10 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, 1883." Short Title.

15 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. Crown grants to issue.

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.

20 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. Legal estate may be antevested.

Provision in case of
land inalienable for
a longer period than
twenty-one years
except with consent
of Governor.

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.

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1. To enable the Board of Governors of Auckland College and Grammar School to construct a road through the land described, so that access may be regained to the main road to Auckland, approach to which was cut off by the construction of the Auckland Waikato Railway.

2. To provide a public hall for the inhabitants of Pokeno, Parish of Mangatawhiri, Provincial District of Auckland.

3. It being desirable to change the purpose of a portion of Allotment No. 20, Section No. 9, of the Suburbs of Auckland, Parish of Waitemata, and County of Eden, which was, under the provisions of section 11 of "The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1867," proclaimed and declared, on the 10th day of October, 1874, by John Williamson, the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland, and upon the recommendation of the Auckland Provincial Council made in conformity therewith, as a reserve, and dedicated for the public purpose of an endowment for or towards the maintenance and support of the lunatic and other asylums within the Province of Auckland, which portion is found to be useless for such purpose.

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1. Notwithstanding any provision in "The Public Works Act, 1882," may convey to the Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement thirty-three perches and decimal six (33·6) of a perch, more or less, in the Rangitoto Survey District, and being portion of Allotments Nos. 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 24, of a subdivision into allotments of original Allotment No. 9, of Section No. 95, of the Suburbs of Auckland. Bounded towards the North-east by lines, 76·1 links, 51 links, and 114·8 links; towards the South-east by a line, 126·8 links; towards the South-west by a line, 253 links; and towards the North-west by a street, 82·4 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on Plan No. 3003, deposited in the Survey Office at Auckland.

2. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest in nine Trustees upon trust as a site for a public hall the undermentioned parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, namely: All that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 32 perches, more or less, being Lot 144A of Section 1, Parish of Mangatawhiri. Bounded towards the North-east by Lot 144, 100 links; towards the South-east by Lot 144 aforesaid, 200 links; towards the South-west by a road line, 100 links; and towards the North-west by a road, 200 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. The land to be held by the Trustees under the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," and any Acts amending the same. Any vacancies which may occur in the Trust may from time to time be filled up by the Governor by notification in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

3. May, upon payment of a sum to be fixed by the Government, being the present value of the said land, issue a Crown grant in fee to the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Auckland of all that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 4 acres and 1 rood, more or less, situated in the Parish of Waitemata and Waitemata Survey District, and being the eastern portion of Allotment No. 20, of Section No. 9, of the Suburbs of Auckland. Bounded towards the North-west by the Waitemata Harbour; towards the North-east by the Waitemata Harbour aforesaid and Allotment No. 18A, 1130 links; and towards the North-west by a road reserve and the western portion of Allotment No. 20 aforesaid, 1930 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

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4. For the purpose of rectifying certain procedures under the Native Lands Acts, and to more satisfactorily determine the titles, according to Native customs and usages, to the blocks of land known as Paengaroa, Rauo-te-Huia, Pukehina, Puke-
tauhinu, Whakapaupakihi No. 1, Matahina, Pókohu, and Hauturu, rendered necessary by technical errors and defaults in the procedures aforesaid, having no relation to the several titles on the merits.

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4. May declare that the several parcels of land known as Paengaroa, Rauo-te-Huia, Pukehina, Puketauhinu, Whakapaupakihi No. 1, Matahina, Pókohu, and Hauturu, shall be thereafter deemed and taken to be lands held by the Native owners according to Native customs or usages in the manner they were severally held before any action in relation thereto was taken in any Native Land Court, and may declare it to be a duty of the Native Land Court of New Zealand to investigate, according and subject to its ordinary practice, the titles to such lands, and to ascertain who may be the owners thereof according to Native customs or usages, and may declare applications for investigation of title heretofore made by any Natives claiming to be owners to be good and valid applications under "The Native Land Court Act, 1880."

5. The half - caste children of Rihepete Puihi (Mrs Faulkner), of Tauranga, who had not joined in rebellion, petitioned Parliament for compensation for land which had been confiscated by the Government, and the Native Affairs Committee, on 25th September, 1878, recommended that the sons of Rihepete should be awarded thirty acres each out of the lands in the Tauranga district. Subsequently Sir Donald McLean, as Native Minister, promised that Rihepete's five daughters should have two hundred acres between them.

5. May issue Crown grants to the persons named in the first column in the under-mentioned Schedule for the lands respectively described in the second and third column therein. The grants to be antevested as from the 11th May, 1877, and issued without restrictions upon alienation.

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Names and Description of Grantees.	Description of Land.	Area.
John Faulkner, <i>alias</i> Haki Pakana, of Tauranga, half-caste	Lot No. 1, of subdivision of Lot 20, Parish of Katikati	ACRES. 30
Joseph Faulkner, of Tauranga, half-caste	Lot No. 2 " "	30
Maria Maxwell, wife of James Maxwell, of Hokianga, settler	Lot No. 3 " "	40
Jane Sellars, of Tauranga, widow of Daniel Sellars, deceased	Lot No. 4 " "	40
1, Elizabeth Regina Beazley; 2, William Henry Beazley; 3, George Beazley; 4, John Beazley; 5, Mary Eliza Munro Beazley; 6, Sarah Jane Beazley, of Hokianga: all children of Elizabeth Beazley, deceased	Lot No. 5 " "	40
Christopher Faulkner, of Katikati, half-caste	Lot No. 6, of subdivision of Lots 20 and 18, Parish of Katikati	30
Isabella Neighbour, wife of James Lovel Neighbour, of Tauranga, settler	Lot No. 7 " "	40
Jervis Faulkner, of Tauranga, half-caste	Lot No. 8, of subdivision of Lot 18, Parish of Katikati	30
Eliza Bush, wife of Robert Smelt Bush, of Opotiki, gentleman	Lot No. 9 " "	40
Alfred Faulkner, of Katikati, half-caste	Lot No. 10, of subdivision of Lots 18 and 22, Parish of Katikati	30
1, George Frederick Christopher Faulkner; and 2, Clara Maud Faulkner, children of George Faulkner, half-caste, deceased	Lots Nos 85, 86 and 87, Parish of Katikati	30

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6. It being desirable to change the purpose of a portion of the reserve for a rifle range at Mangapiko with the view of making provision for certain Natives in terms of the Waikato Confiscated Lands Acts.

7. To give legal effect to an arrangement made by the Hon. Mr. Whitaker in October, 1880, with a view to the settlement of a long-pending land dispute with certain Natives of Hikutaia.

8. To give effect to the recommendation of the Waste Lands Committee, dated the 30th day of August, 1882, on Petition No. 453.

9. A Courthouse having been erected on another site at Waiuku, in the Provincial District of Auckland, it is desirable to sell the old Courthouse and site.

10. The Komata North Block, Hauraki, which contains 888 acres, was put through the Native Land Court about 1870 in the absence in Waikato of Tukurino, who was the recognized chief of the locality. It was awarded to eight owners, of whom Tukurino was one; seven of the owners sold, but Tukurino would neither sell nor recognize the right of the other natives, and asserted his ownership to the whole block. To prevent a serious complication the Government some years ago bought from the European purchaser the seven undivided shares in the block held by him, but the land could not be utilized owing to Tukurino's attitude. The Hon. Native Minister, on the 14th March, 1883, in settlement of the difficulty, arranged that, upon Tukurino conveying his share of

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6. May, by warrant, gazetted, change the purpose of all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 19 acres 1 rood, being Lot No. 326A, Parish of Mangapiko, from a Rifle Range Reserve to a reserve in terms of the Waikato Confiscated Lands Acts, and upon the gazetting of such warrant the purpose of the said reserve shall be deemed to be so changed.

7. May grant to Tamati Paetai, Te Amo Paetai, Rangihoro Paetai, Wikitoria Te Wao, and Miriama Konehu, in fee-simple, as tenants in common, Section No. 1, Block VI., Ohinemuri Survey District, in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing 260 acres, more or less. The land to be inalienable, except with the consent of the Governor previously obtained, 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.

8. May issue a Crown grant to Jane Maria Phillips (half-*caste*) for Section No. 11, Block VI., Waoku Survey District, Provincial District of Auckland, containing 68 acres 1 rood.

9. May sell by public auction, and execute a conveyance for the following piece of land in the Village of Waiuku, being Lot No. 18:—

All that allotment or parcel of land, containing by admeasurement 1 rood, more or less, situate in the Village of Waiuku, Parish of Waiuku and County of Eden, and being Allotment No. 18. Bounded on the North by Lot No. 17, 250 links; on the East by a road, 100 links; on the South by Lot No. 19, 250 links; and on the West by Lot No. 38, 100 links. With the buildings thereon and the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging.

10. May issue Crown grants in favour of Tukurino for the under-mentioned lands, viz.: 222 acres, more or less, situated in the Te Komata North Block, No. 2268, in the Waihou and Ohinemuri Survey Districts, in Blocks Nos. XII. and IX. respectively, and being Section No. 2 in the former and Section No. 3 in the latter survey district, in the Provincial District of Auckland; and 50 acres, more or less, situated in the Te Komata North Block, No. 2268, in the Waihou Survey District, and being Section No. 6 of Block XII., in the Provincial District of Auckland. The lands to be inalienable, except with the consent of the Governor previously obtained, by sale, gift, mortgage, or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years. The Governor may reserve in the grants

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the land to the Queen, a grant should be made to him of the land upon which his settlement was situated, 222 acres, and also the burial-places of his ancestors, 50 acres. Tukukino accepted this arrangement, and has conveyed by deed to the Queen his interest, one-eighth, in the whole block. The land to be granted to him is described in the second column.

11. In 1871 the sections enumerated in the second column were promised to be granted to Samuel Ludbrook Clarke, as compensation for a public road from Te Papa to Judea (new portion), taken through his property, as described in a Proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of 5th May, 1871.

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12. To enable effect to be given to a recommendation of the Waste Lands Committee of the House of Representatives, Session 1883, on petition of Stephen Earl.

12. Mr. John Chambers being desirous of obtaining a lease, to a company to be hereafter formed, of portions of foreshore as described in the second column hereto, for the purpose of working the iron-sand deposits thereon, the Land Board of Auckland has recommended that leases be issued for a period of 66 years, which recommendation cannot be given effect to owing to the provisions of "The Harbours Act, 1878."

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a right of road in any part of the said lands not exceeding 100 links wide.

11. May grant, under the provisions of "The Crown Grants Act, 1866," and "The Crown Grants Act Amendment Act, 1867," to Samuel Ludbrook Clarke, of Tauranga, Allotments numbered 507, 508, 509, and 510, of Section No. 2, of the Town of Tauranga, containing 3 acres 2 roods and 20 perches. Bounded towards the North-east by the Eleventh Avenue, five hundred and forty-five (545) links; towards the South-east by Clarke Street, five hundred and ninety (590) links; towards the South-west by Stack Street, seven hundred and fifty (750) links; and towards the North-west by a road-line, one hundred and eighty-three (183) links and three hundred and seventy-two (372) links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

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12. May issue a Crown grant to James Whitney, late of H.M.'s 12th Regiment, for 60 acres of land selected by him in the Okahu Block, Kaipara District, County of Marsden, which he has sold to Stephen Earl. The grant to be subject to the provisions of the Crown Grants Acts.

12. May issue leases of the lands hereinafter described, to any company that may be registered for the purpose of working the iron-sand deposits, upon such terms as he may think fit, for any period not exceeding 66 years, namely: All that parcel of land being part of the foreshore of the Manukau Harbour, containing by admeasurement 7 acres 1 rood and 25 perches, more or less. Bounded towards the North by the seaward boundary of Lot 6 of Section 30 of the Town of Onehunga, and the seaward boundary of the road to the eastward of said Lot 6; towards the East by a line being the production of the western boundary of Lot 8 of Section 27 of the Town of Onehunga aforesaid, 1620 links; towards the South by a line, 222 links; and towards the West by lines, 330 links, 1240 links, and 519 links: be all the aforesaid linkages, more or less.

Also, the foreshore between high- and low-water mark, extending for a distance of about four miles, commencing at a point by the production to the sea-coast in a westerly direction of the northern boundary of Lot 59 of the Parish of

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13. In order to secure a continuous road frontage to Crown and freehold lands in the Taramarama and Waiau Survey Districts, County of Wairoa.

14. In 1851 certain land abutting on Alten Road, Auckland, was granted to certain trustees for the maintenance of a college and grammar school. In consequence of inaccuracy of the surveys, the line between the land so granted and this street was placed in a wrong position, as now appears from a recent accurate survey. The strip of land described in the second column, therefore, is found to intervene between the grammar school land, as described by the grant of 1851, and the street. Buildings and fences have been erected on the land, and the street made and used outside the fence. The grammar school leases are just falling in and the property is about to be again leased. The object is to remove all question of title before the new leases are issued.

15. To give legal effect to an arrangement made by the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Auckland with the Auckland College and Grammar School by which the lands described in the Second Schedule Column, which are parts of a piece of land granted on the 27th day of February, 1873, to the Superintendent of Auckland and his successors, by deed of

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Karangahape, and extending thence in a southerly direction to Paratutai, on the North Head of Manukau Harbour, with liberty to take ironsand from the adjoining sandhills at such places and in such manner as shall be approved of by the Governor. Also, the foreshore between high- and low-water mark, commencing at a point being the production to the sea-coast in a westerly direction of the line which forms the northern boundary of Lot 141 of the Parish of Awitu, and extending thence along the sea-coast in a southerly direction for a distance of two miles.

13. May exchange with the owners of the Owlio and Pihanui Nos. 1 and 2 Blocks, situated in the County of Wairoa, the Crown lands lying between the road which runs along near their boundary and the said boundary for equal areas of the said blocks which lie between such boundary and the said road.

Or, in case equality of exchange cannot be effected, may, for the purpose of arriving at such equality, either purchase land from the owners aforesaid within the said limits, at a price not exceeding fifteen shillings for every acre, or may sell to the said owners Crown lands between the said road and boundary at a price not exceeding less than fifteen shillings for every acre.

14. May issue a Crown grant to the Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School for the following piece of land:—

All that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 2 roods and 2 perches, more or less, situated in the City of Auckland, in the Rangitoto Survey District, and being a portion of the western side of the Alten Road as originally surveyed, and lying between Wynyard and Stanley Streets. Bounded towards the North-east generally by lines, 151 links, 73·3 links, 60·3 links, 143 links, 221 links, and 219·5 links respectively; towards the South-east by Stanley Street, 25 links; towards the South-west generally by Allotment No. 20 of Section No. 9, 243 links, 458 links, 154·5 links, and 11 links respectively; and towards the North-west by Wynyard Street, 57 links, to the commencing point; be all the aforesaid linkages, more or less; as the same is delineated on Plan No. 2772, deposited in the Survey Office at Auckland.

15. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that all that parcel of land, containing by admeasurement 7 perches, situated in the City of Auckland, in the Rangitoto Survey District, in the Provincial District of Auckland, being a part of the south-west portion of Section 34, bounded towards the South-west by part of the south-west portion of Section 34,

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grant registered in the Land Registry Office at Auckland, Vol. vi., folio 85, as a site for a Grammar School and playground, and which are now, by virtue of "The Auckland College and Grammar School Act, 1877," vested in the Auckland College and Grammar School for the purpose specified in the said Act, should hereafter be vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Auckland as and for a street and public highway.

16. Under "The Auckland Improvement (Albert Barracks Reserves) Act, 1872," as amended by "The Auckland Improvement Act, 1873," and under "The Auckland Improvement Commissioners Transfer of Powers Act, 1879," the body corporate of the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Auckland were required to set out and reserve, as absolutely inalienable, not less than 15 acres of the land described in the First Schedule to the first-mentioned Act, and were empowered to lay out, plant, and enclose the same, as mentioned in section 13 thereof; but it was required by section 14 of the first-mentioned Act, as amended by the second-mentioned Act, to lay out a street from Coburg Street, near Victoria Street, to Princes Street, with as good gradients as could be conveniently obtained, which the said body corporate did, and called the said street Bowen Street; but the said body corporate lately formed and completed an adjoining public street called Victoria Quadrant, and being one of the boundaries mentioned in the said Schedule, which connects the said points, and provides full and ample communication from Coburg Street, near Victoria Street, to Princes Street aforesaid; and it is desirable that the said body corporate should have power to enclose the said piece of land called Bowen Street, and deal with the same as though the same were part of the said 15 acres mentioned in said section 13 of the said first-mentioned Act.

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362.6 links; towards the South-east by Wynyard Street, 12.1 links; towards the North-east by other part of Section 34, 362.6 links; and towards the North-west by Symonds Street, 12.1 links, to the point of commencement; and all that parcel of land, containing by admeasurement 17.2 perches, situated in the City of Auckland, in the Rangitoto Survey District, in the Provincial District of Auckland, being a part of the south-west portion of Section 34, bounded towards the North-west by other part of the south-west portion of Section 34, 202.2 links; towards the South-east by Wynyard Street, 166.7 links; and towards the South-west by Gillies Street, 129.5 links, to the point of commencement: shall be changed from a reserve as a site for a grammar school and playground, or for educational purposes, to streets within the meaning of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," and thereupon the said two pieces of land shall become vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Auckland as streets.

16. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that all that piece or parcel of land in the City of Auckland, being part of the land firstly described in the First Schedule to "The Auckland Improvement (Albert Barracks Reserves) Act, 1872," and being that part thereof which was formed and is now known as Bowen Street, shall thereafter be held by the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Auckland, as absolutely inalienable, as ground for recreation and amusement, and with the same powers as is specified in section 13 of "The Auckland Improvement (Albert Barracks Reserves) Act, 1872, as though the said street had formed part of the 15 acres therein mentioned.

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17. To give effect to a promise of the late Mr. McLean, Land Purchase Commissioner.

18. The Provincial Government of Taranaki, in the year 1855, decided to open a new street in the Town of New Plymouth, connecting Courtenay Street with Eliot Street. Among other lands required for the purpose was part of Allotment No. 1715, and arrangements were made with Isaac Newton Watt, then owner of the said allotment, whereby he agreed to surrender to the Superintendent of Taranaki 25 perches thereof, receiving in exchange 17 perches of Allotment No. 1696, then vested as a reserve in the said Superintendent.

Under "The New Plymouth Exchanges Commission Act, 1865," and Acts amending the same, bearing date respectively 1866 and 1867, Commissioners were appointed to inquire into and confirm exchanges of land in the Town of New Plymouth made by the Provincial Government for purposes of public utility, and confirmed, among others, the above-mentioned exchange, ratifying the same as between the Superintendent and Thomas Hirst, the owner of Allotment No. 1715 at the time of the Commissioners award.

In the year 1874 the New Plymouth Exchanges Completion Act was passed for the purpose of completing the awards of the Exchanges Commissioners above referred to, and in the Schedule thereto the above exchange is erroneously set forth as a surrender of the whole of Allotment No. 1715 by Thomas Hirst, in exchange for 17 perches of Allotment No. 1696, and given effect to accordingly.

In order to remedy the above error, and to give effect to the original exchange made between the Provincial Government of Taranaki and the owner of Allotment No. 1715, may reconvey the land described in the second column.

19. The Education Board having erected school-buildings on Sections Nos. 8 and 19, Block II., Manaia Township, which had been reserved for municipal purposes, it is proposed to change these reserves from Class I. to Class III. in the Schedule to "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," which

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17. May issue a Crown grant to Rawiri Waiaua, for Section No. 28, Bell District, Paritutu Survey District, Provincial District of Taranaki, containing 20 acres, more or less. The land to be inalienable by sale or by lease for a longer period than twenty-one years, or by mortgage, except with the consent of the Governor previously obtained to every such sale, lease, or mortgage. The Governor may reserve in the grant a right of road in any part of the said land not exceeding 100 links wide.

18. May, on deposit of Crown grant of Allotment No. 1715, in the Town of New Plymouth, in the custody of the Registrar of Deeds, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, execute a conveyance, free of cost, of 17 perches of Allotment No. 1696, in the said town, to Thomas Hirst.

19. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose of Sections Nos. 8 and 19, Block II., Town of Manaia, from "municipal purposes" to a "school site."

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cannot now be done owing to the provisions of that Act. The Manaiā Town Board concurs.

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20. By conveyance dated 19th December, 1874, and issued under the authority of an Ordinance of the Provincial Council of the Province of Wellington, Session XI., No. 10, intituled, "An Act to grant a piece of Ground to the Society of Freemasons," the Superintendent conveyed, as in said Ordinance provided, all that parcel of land situate in the City of Wellington, containing twenty-seven and a half (27½) perches, more or less, being part of Block VII., reclaimed land. Bounded towards the North-east, 100 feet, by Sections 9 and 10; towards the South-east, 75 feet, by Section 7; towards the South-west, 100 feet, by Ballance Street; and towards the North-west, 75 feet, by Lambton Quay: be all the said several admeasurements more or less.

This land, being a portion of the block upon which the Supreme Court and Police Buildings in the City of Wellington are erected, and being adjoining the Police Court Buildings, it is desirable to have the said land reconveyed to the Crown to prevent its use for purposes other than as a site for future extension of Government buildings.

21. On the 23rd March, 1872, the Superintendent of Wellington purchased Section No. 443, in the Township of Palmerston, Manawatu District, containing 198 acres 1 rood and 27 perches, for the sum of £198 5s., with the intention of reselling the land to one Peter Pope Fagg, on deferred payments, on condition that it was used for growing hops. Mr. Fagg paid a deposit of £30 to the Provincial Treasury at the time the land was purchased by the Provincial Government.

The Waste Lands Committee have recommended this session that the land should be offered for sale as of special value, and weighted with improvements.

22. The portion of the reserve described in the second column hereto being no longer required as a resting-place for stock, it is proposed, on the recommendation of the Marlborough Land Board, to offer it for sale.

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20. May, on receipt of a certificate of title under the Land Transfer Act, in favour of Her Majesty, from the persons, in connection with the Society called the Order of Freemasons, in whom the land described in the first column hereto may be at present vested, convey to such persons as he shall think fit, all that parcel of land situate in the City of Wellington, containing by admeasurement thirty-six (36) perches, more or less, and being Sections 9 and 10 of Block V., reclaimed land. Bounded towards the North-east by Section 8, 99 feet; towards the South-east by Sections 4 and 5, 99 feet; towards the South-west by Section 11, 99 feet; and towards the North-west by South-street, 99 feet: be all the said several admeasurements more or less.

To hold the same upon such trusts for the use and benefit of every regularly constituted Lodge within the City of Wellington, holding a charter from any recognized Grand Lodge of the said Order, as the Governor may approve in any conveyance that he may execute.

21. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, direct the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Wellington to sell by public auction the land described in the first column hereto, at such upset price per acre as may be fixed in such notice; the sum of £30, paid by Peter Pope Fagg, and the value of the improvements which have been effected upon the land, being added to the upset price:

Such sum of £30 and the amount of the valuation of the improvements to be paid to the present occupant of the section, James Fowler (who has purchased it from Peter Pope Fagg), as provided by section 155 of "The Land Act, 1877," in the event of his not acquiring the land when submitted to auction.

22. May sell by public auction the land hereinafter described, and may execute titles under the Land Transfer Acts to the several persons who may purchase any portion or portions of the same.

All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Marlborough, being part of Section two hundred and twenty-six (226), in the District of Kalkoura Suburban; approximate area, one hundred

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23. Reserve No. 161 was made for Provincial Government and other public purposes, and it is now expedient to set apart the remaining portion of it as a recreation-ground, which cannot be done owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserve Act, 1881."

24. It was enacted by "The Public Reserves Sale Act, 1882," that the Governor might declare part of Reserve No. 178, containing 180 acres, in the County of Selwyn, open for sale under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877." It is now, however, considered desirable to vest the land in the Board of Conservators of the South Waimakariri District.

25. Reserve No. 204 (in red), in the Town of Timaru, was made in 1866 for a hospital. The hospital buildings having been since erected in another place, it is not required for the purpose, and it is expedient to set apart a portion of it as a site for a drillshed.

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and sixty-five (165) acres. Bounded—Northerly by a public road; North-westerly by another public road; South-westerly partly by Section one of one hundred and ninety (1 of 190), and partly by Section two of one hundred and ninety (2 of 190); and Easterly by the edge of the terrace running through the said section: as the same is more particularly delineated on the official map in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Blenheim.

23. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose from Provincial Government and other public purposes to a recreation-ground. CANTERBURY.

All that parcel of land in the Halswell Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, containing by admeasurement 188 acres 3 roods 11 perches, more or less, being Section No. 161 (in red). Bounded towards the North by Section No. 2147, 4491.7 links; towards the East by Section No. 20922, 5256 links; towards the South by Sections Nos. 11227 and 11170, 4049.6 links; and towards the West by the Dyer's Pass Road; subject, nevertheless, to a road-line 1 chain wide branching from the Dyer's Pass Road, and leading to Section No. 11170: as the same is delineated on the official map in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

24. Notwithstanding anything in "The Public Reserves Sale Act, 1882," to the contrary, the Governor may by Order in Council vest part of Reserve No. 178, containing 180 acres, which was Crown-granted on the 21st February, 1870, to the Superintendent of Canterbury and his successors in trust as a site for a ferry, in the Board of Conservators of the South Waimakariri District, in trust for the improvement and protection of the banks of the Waimakariri River.

25. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose from hospital site to a site for a drillshed of part of Reserve No. 204 (in red), in the Town of Timaru, containing two roods. Bounded—Northward by North-street, 200 links; Eastward by Rose Street, 250 links; and Southward

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26. The portions of the railway reserve not numbered between Balcairn and Waipara, and Reserve No. 457, which are described in the second column hereto, being no longer required for the purpose for which they were set apart, it is deemed desirable to sell them.

27. The land described in the second column was transferred to Her Majesty the Queen by Elizabeth Ann Carter as a site for a Courthouse at Amberley. The purchase-money was not paid. A more convenient site having subsequently been obtained, it is desirable to re-transfer the land to the original owner.

28. On the 15th April, 1874, George Willis conveyed to the Superintendent of Canterbury 1 acre, being part of Rural Section 9176, described in Land Register, Canterbury, 66 D, folio 764, upon trust for purposes of a public library.

This site is now found to be inconvenient for the purpose for which it was conveyed to the Superintendent, and the Library Committee wish to allow the land to revert to Mr. Willis, and to remove the building to a more convenient site which has been secured for a library.

29. The two parcels of land described in the second column hereto having been purchased by the Provincial Government of Otago, it is desirable to dedicate them to railway and recreation-ground purposes respectively, which cannot now be done owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

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and westward by lines parallel to the northern and eastern boundaries.

26. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale of the under-mentioned land, viz. :—

All that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Canterbury, containing by admeasurement 301 acres, more or less, being the strip of land, 3 chains wide, extending from the southern bank of the River Waipara in a southerly direction to Reserve No. 119 (in red) : as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch. Save and excepting so much of the above described area as may be required for the purposes of public roads or railways.

Also all that parcel of land in the Provincial (in red) District of Canterbury, containing by admeasurement 87 acres, more or less, being a strip of land 3 chains wide, situate in the Oxford and Kowai Survey Districts, numbered 457 (in red), and extending north-westerly from the Coal Tramway Reserve to the Dalethorpe and Kowai Road : as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch. Save and excepting so much of the above described area as may be required for the purposes of public roads or railways.

27. May, on behalf of Her Majesty, execute a transfer of all that piece of land situated in the Ashley District, containing one rood and twenty perches, more or less, being part of Rural Section 4713, and included in Certificate of Title Vol. xxvii, folio 232 (the same having been erroneously transferred to the Crown), to Elizabeth Ann Carter of Portsmouth, in England, Spinster.

28. May, on behalf of Her Majesty, execute a conveyance to George Willis of 1 acre, being part of Rural Section 9176, described in Land Register, Canterbury, 66 D, folio 764, after the building erected thereon has been removed to a more convenient site which has been secured for a public library at Sheffield.

29. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that the following pieces of land may be respectively a railway reserve and a recreation-ground :—

Proposed Railway Reserve near Maheno.
All that area containing by admeasurement sixteen (16) acres three (3) roods

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and thirty-four (34) perches, more or less, being part of Section No. 2 of 22, Block VII., Oamaru Survey District, and two road-lines. Bounded towards the North-east by the Kakanui River; towards the South-east by the main road; towards the South-west by Island Stream; towards the North-west by a right line, 1391 links; again towards the South-west by a right line, 1883 links; and again towards the North-west by a right line, 75 links; again towards the North-east by a right line, 1883 links; and again towards the North-west by a right line, 1039 links, to the Kakanui River: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the Survey Office, Dunedin.

Proposed Recreation Reserve near Maheno.

All that area containing by admeasurement forty-seven (47) acres three (3) roods and nineteen (19) perches, more or less, being part of Section No. 2 of 22, Block VII., Oamaru Survey District—a road-line and a shingle-bank; and bounded towards the North by Section No. 20 of said Block VII.; towards the East by the Kakanui River; generally towards the South-east by the boundary-lines of a railway reserve, 1039 links, 1883 links, 75 links, 1883 links, and 1391 links, to the Island Stream; towards the South-west by that stream; and towards the West by Section No. 1 of 22 of said Block VII.: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the Survey Office, Dunedin.

30. It being deemed desirable to exchange Section No. 19, Block I., Cromwell Township, Crown lands temporarily reserved from sale, for Section No. 20 of that block owned by Stephen Noble Brown, with the view of including the latter section in the reserve for recreation.

31. Before the Proclamations of the 9th February, 1875, and 27th July, 1876, made under the sixty-first section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1871" (Amendment Act), reserving for the purposes of immigration, and to be dealt with under the said Act, the land now comprised in the Jackson's Bay Special Settlement, John Marks and Joseph Collyer were in possession and occupation of the parcels of land described in the second column hereto; and it was always understood and agreed by the Superintendent of the Province of Westland, who had the control and management of the Special Settlement established at Jackson's Bay, that the said John Marks and Joseph Collyer should retain possession of the land so occupied by them, and should hold the same on the same terms and conditions as if the said land had been selected under the provisions of Part II. of "The Westland Waste Land Act, 1870," and of Section 28 and the subsections thereto of "The Westland Waste Land Act Amendment Act, 1873." And since the said John Marks and Joseph Collyer cannot

30. May authorize issue of grant or certificate of title to Stephen Noble Brown for Section 19, Block I., which is no longer required for the purpose for which it was withheld from sale, on his conveying to Her Majesty Section No. 20 in the same block.

31. May authorize the Land Board of Westland to allot to the said John Marks and Joseph Collyer respectively, under the provisions of "The Jackson's Bay Special Settlement Act, 1881," the parcels of land hereinafter described, notwithstanding that the area of the said lands is in excess of the area permitted under the said Act, and to give credit to the said John Marks and Joseph Collyer for any rent that may have been paid by them, and to determine for what further period it shall be necessary for the said John Marks and Joseph Collyer to occupy the said lands in order to entitle them to a grant of the said lands under the provisions of section six of the said Act.

Description of the said Lands.

(1.) Land occupied by John Marks at the Haast.

Two hundred and sixty-two acres two roods (262a. 2r.), more or less, situate in Special Settlement Block I., Jackson's Bay District, commencing at a point on the road reserve along the south side of the Haast River, distant two chains seventy

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hold the said lands under the provisions of "The Jackson's Bay Special Settlement Act, 1881," by reason of the size of their holdings being in excess of the area allowed by the said Act, and it is just and right that they should be entitled to hold the said land upon payment of a fair rent, and thereby to acquire the freehold thereof upon proper conditions.

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links, and bearing southerly 183° 40' mag. from traverse peg marked B on said road reserve; thence Southerly along a line in continuation of said bearing for sixty chains; thence Easterly at a bearing of 90° 37' mag. for fifty-seven chains thirty-one links; thence Northerly, parallel with western boundary, for seventy-three chains to the road reserve before mentioned; and thence North-westerly down the said road reserve to the commencing-point, being Section No. 289; as the same is delineated on the map of the Chief Surveyor of Westland, setting out and describing the said Special Settlement Block No. 1. Excepting so much and such part not exceeding five per cent. of the land so described above as may be necessary for the making of roads, tramways, or railways.

(2.) Land occupied by Joseph Collyer at the Okura.

Two hundred and sixty-two acres two roods (262a. 2r.), more or less, situate in Special Settlement Block No. 1, Jackson's Bay District, commencing at a point on the southern bank of the Okuru River, being the northernmost corner of the Ferry Reserve; thence South-easterly along north-eastern boundary of said Ferry Reserve and line in continuation thereof for fifty-six chains seventy-seven links; thence North-easterly at a right angle for fifty-eight chains thirty-six links to the road reserve before mentioned; and thence Westerly along said road reserve to the commencing point, being Section No. 231; as the same is delineated on the map of the Chief Surveyor of Westland, setting out and describing the said Special Settlement Block No. 1. Excepting so much and such part not exceeding five per cent. of the land above described as may be necessary for the making of roads, tramways, or railways.

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33. To permit James O'Connor, of Waitangi, in the Land District of Westland, to select an allotment of land in lieu of an allotment selected by him, and allotted to him by the Land Board of Westland on the 19th day of September, 1876, in Special Settlement Block IV., Okarito, amounting to forty acres, the original allotment having been washed away and damaged by floods.

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33. May authorize the Land Board of the Land District of Westland to permit James O'Connor, within six months from the coming into operation of this Act, to select in the Special Settlement block mentioned in the first column, and upon such selection to allot to him, an area of land to be held by him under the provisions of "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870," and "The Westland Waste Lands Act Amendment Act, 1873," relating to special settlements, notwithstanding the repeal of the said Acts, and to give credit to the said James O'Connor for all moneys paid by him on account of the allotment originally selected by him, as in the first column set forth; and in due time, and upon completion of the conditions required by the said Acts, to award to the said James O'Connor a Crown grant for the said land as if the said James O'Connor had occupied the said land from the date of the original selection as aforesaid.

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32. A dispute of a serious nature existed between a portion of the Ngaterangi tribe, of Tauranga, and a portion of one of the Thames tribes, for an injury done to the former at a meeting of the Thames tribes to settle with the Government various outstanding land questions. The disputing tribes refused to proceed with the matter before the Ngaterangi were satisfied for the injury done them. After a long discussion it was arranged that 49½ acres of land belonging to Rawiri te Wakaite and others of the Thames tribes, should be given in payment to Akapita te Tere and others of the Ngaterangi tribe as compensation; and one of the conditions of settlement was that a Crown grant should be made of the land to be given, and this was promised.

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32. May issue a Crown grant to Akapita te Tere and others of the Ngaterangi tribe of the 49½ acres of land mentioned in the other column.