

Hon. Mr. Ballance.

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 First 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, 1885." 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 First Schedule hereto. Governor may perform the several acts specified in the second column of the First Schedule.

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.

Legal estate may be antevested.

3. For the purpose of evidencing the title to any land specified in the said second column of the First 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. 5

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 First 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. 10 15

Thames Harbour Board may exchange land in Second Schedule.

5. The Thames Harbour Board is hereby empowered to convey to William Rowe the land described in the second column of the Second Schedule hereto, on the said William Rowe conveying to the Board a certain piece of land which is coloured green on plan marked M.D. 1054, and deposited in the office of the Marine Department, Wellington. 20

Vesting land at Wellington in the Governors of the Wellington College for a site for a Girls' High School.

6. From and after the passing of this Act the land hereinafter described—namely, all that area in the City of Wellington, containing one acre two roods thirty-nine perches and four-tenths of a perch, more or less, being Allotments one, two, three, four, and five of Section five hundred and eighty-four, Pipitea Street, and Allotment six of Sections five hundred and eighty-four and five hundred and ninety-four, and Allotments seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven of Section five hundred and ninety-four, Moturoa Street—shall be and the same is hereby absolutely vested in and transferred to the Governors of the Wellington College for a site for the Girls' High School, established under the provisions of "The Wellington College Acts Amendment Act, 1878." 25 30 35

Extension of Christchurch tramway beyond the city authorized.

7. Whereas the citizens of the City of Christchurch, being desirous of extending a tramway beyond the limits of the said city for the purpose of connecting it with its cemetery and nightsoil reserves, have duly sanctioned the raising of a special loan to pay the cost of such extension: And whereas no powers exist to authorize any such extension of a tramway, and it is expedient to confer such powers: 40

Be it therefore further enacted as follows:—

Subject to the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," relating to the construction of tramways within boroughs, and with consent of the citizens, the Mayor, Council, and citizens of the City of Christchurch, hereinafter called "the Council," may extend any tramway constructed within the limits of such city beyond the limits thereof for the purpose of connecting the said city with its cemetery and nightsoil reserves, and with such consent may apply the funds of the said city towards the construction and maintenance of such extension in the same manner as if the entire tramway were within the city. 45 50

Notwithstanding the repeal of "The Tramways Act, 1872," or anything contained in "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," the Council, with the consent of the local authorities having jurisdiction along the line of route, may construct, maintain, and
5 work the aforesaid extended part of a tramway under the aforesaid "Tramways Act, 1872."

For the purpose of extending such tramway beyond the limits of the City of Christchurch "The Tramways Act, 1872," shall
10 apply, except sections fifty-six to eighty-nine thereof, both inclusive, and the Council shall be deemed to be a local authority within the meaning of the Act last mentioned. All proceedings in and towards such extension shall be had, and all required consents of the local authorities in the districts through which such extended tramway is intended to pass shall be obtained, as in the last aforesaid Act
15 is provided.

8. Whereas the Greymouth High School Board and the Commissioners of the Education District of Grey respectively have passed resolutions to the effect that it was desirable that the moneys now in the hands of the said Board should, pending the establishment of the
20 Greymouth High School, be appropriated towards making provision for higher education in the existing Greymouth District High School; and it is desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions:

Income of Greymouth High School may be applied for purposes of the District High School.

Be it therefore further enacted as follows:—

Until the establishment of the Greymouth High School the
25 Greymouth High School Board shall have power to devote such part of its rents, profits, and annual income as it shall see fit to the promotion of secondary education, including technical knowledge and mineralogy, in the Greymouth District High School, by paying or contributing towards the payment of the salary or salaries of a teacher
30 or teachers, or of the fees of scholars, and by the giving of prizes, exhibitions, and scholarships in such district high school.

Schedules.

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AUCKLAND.

1. In anticipation of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to New Zealand in 1866 the Government erected a ball-room near the Government House in Auckland. One of the conditions of the contract was, that the contractor should remove the building within fourteen days after the departure of His Royal Highness. Mr. Fenton bought the building from the contractor, for a music-hall, intending to remove it on to other land. The Government wished to retain it, and applied to Mr. Fenton to transfer it to them, which he agreed to do on having a site for a music-hall set apart. This was assented to.

“17th June, 1868.

“*Sir*,—In reply to your letter of this day, I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the understanding arrived at with Messrs. Stafford and Richmond relative to a site for a music-hall, previously to the arrangement made by you for the purchase of the building behind the Government House, you are at liberty to proceed with the erection of the hall on the site in the paddock which has been agreed upon.

“I take occasion to thank you for the readiness with which you propose to meet the wishes of His Excellency the Governor in reference to the ball-room at Government House.—I have, &c.,

“DANIEL POLLEN.

“F. D. Fenton, Esq., Auckland.”

Mr. Fenton associated himself with Mr. Thomas Russell, and these gentlemen raised sufficient funds to erect the music-hall. The money advanced was secured, as far as could be, by the issue of debentures bearing interest at 8 per cent., signed by them as trustees of the music-hall, to be paid off in 1876. After the hall had been twice destroyed by fire, Mr. Clarke actively joined the undertaking, and the existing hall was erected. The trustees

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1. May grant to Francis Dart Fenton, Thomas Buddle, and James McCosh Clarke, their heirs and assigns, all that piece of land in the City of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 3 roods 30 perches, more or less—bounded towards the North-east by a right line (an iron fence), 581 links; towards the South-east by Symonds Street, 224 links; and towards the South-west by Alfred Street 186 links, and by a fence and the old barrack wall 53, 216, 22, 200, and 11 links: be the same measurements more or less; as the same is delineated on the Plan No. 936D, deposited in the District Survey Office, Auckland—upon trust, to pay interest at 8 per centum per annum upon the capital moneys now owing to persons who erected the Choral Hall, their assignees or representatives, and to pay off the same as they may be able, and to pay rates and charges thereon, and to insure the buildings in not less than the full amount of money from time to time owing thereon, and to maintain the same in repair. And subject thereto, in trust, firstly, for the ordinary uses of the Auckland Choral Society, so long as it shall exist, pay a reasonable rent, be solvent, and carry on its operations to the satisfaction of the trustees or any two of them; and secondly, in case of such insolvency, dissolution, or failure of the Choral Society, for any other musical society or societies on the same conditions, with power for the trustees, their heirs and assigns, to convey the premises to any person or corporation for purposes connected with music, education, art, or science, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, among which terms shall be a consideration-money at least sufficient to discharge all debt and claims upon the premises, and a condition that right of occupation and use, at such times as may be arranged, shall be reserved for the Choral Society or other

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have been able, by letting the hall, to pay off but a small proportion only of the capital debt—none at all, in fact, if there is taken into account the interest owing to the trustees of an organ fund for money advanced by them, and to the Choral Society for debentures purchased by it, as they doubtless should be, for the Choral Society has been regularly paying rent. It is desirable that the vacant time of the hall should be devoted to the purposes of art, literature, and science, and be independent of casual lettings. It is probable this object may be achieved with great advantage. Provision is made for preserving the hall for music and art in case of the end of the Choral Society's career. This provision is taken from "The Albert Hall Act, 1864," an Act enabling the Governor to grant a site near Government House for a music-hall, which expired before sufficient money could be raised to comply with its terms.

2. To authorize the transfer of the site occupied by the present Survey and Crown Lands Departments at Auckland to the Auckland University College Council.

3. By "The Industrial School Act, 1872," of the Province of Auckland, the land described in the Second Schedule was set apart as a site for an industrial school, for which purpose it is no longer required. It is proposed to devote it to the purpose of a site for the Auckland Girls' High School.

4. It being desirable to change the purpose, from a cemetery reserve to a recreation-ground, of Lot No. 54, Section No. 12, Suburbs of Auckland (One-Tree Hill)—which cannot now be done, owing to the

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musical society, as the case may be, and with power, in the meantime, to let the premises for hire for any purpose not disapproved by the Governor, and, at the discretion of the trustees, to raise more money on debentures for completing the hall and its appurtenances, but not to mortgage or alienate except as above set forth. And upon the condition that the said hall, until such transfer as aforesaid, shall be maintained in good condition and available for musical performances and other purposes calculated for the advancement of knowledge and the improvement of the taste of the public; upon breach of which condition it shall be lawful for the Governor, at his discretion, to declare the grant aforesaid to be forfeited to the Crown, and to re-enter upon and resume possession of the land hereby authorized to be granted.

2. May, on the offices at present occupied by the Survey and Crown Lands Departments at Auckland being vacated, transfer to the Auckland University College Council all that piece or parcel of land being called or known as Lot No. 1, Section No. 12, of the City of Auckland, and containing by admeasurement 1 acre and 11 perches, more or less. Bounded on the North-west by Eden Street, 667 links; towards the North-east by Beach Road, about 183 links; towards the South-east by Lots Nos. 2A, 2, and 3 of Section No. 12 aforesaid, 648 links; and thence towards the South-west by Parliament Street, 133 links, to the commencing point: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; together with any buildings or tenements erected thereon.

3. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest in the Education Board of the District of Auckland (being the Board charged with the administration of "The Auckland Girls' High School Act, 1878") all that parcel of land in the District of Auckland, situate in the Parish of Waitemata and County of Eden, containing 3 acres, more or less, being Section No. 55 of the City of Auckland—bounded towards the North by Smith Street, 600 links; on the East by Howe Street, 500 links; on the South by Hopetown Street, 600 links; and on the West by Park Street, 500 links—together with the buildings thereon, as a site for the school constituted by the said "Auckland Girls' High School Act, 1878."

4. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose, from a cemetery reserve to a recreation-ground, of all that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 15 acres and 30 perches, more or

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provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

4A. It being desirable to change the purpose of Allotment No. 180A of section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, which was reserved for a quarry, to a recreation ground, which cannot now be done, owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

5. In compensation for timber taken from land the property of Wenzl Schischka, of Puhoi, in the Auckland Land District, by an arrangement made, in 1876, with the then Superintendent of the Province of Auckland.

6. Certain land, a portion of which is described in the second column hereto, was taken by Proclamation dated the 13th October, 1880, for the purposes of the Kawakawa Railway, and as several valuable buildings are erected on such land, and as the land is not absolutely required for the construction of the railway, it is considered desirable to annul so much of the Proclamation as takes the land described in the second column, and to vest it in the person from whom the Government acquired it.

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less, situate in the Survey District of Otahuhu, Provincial District of Auckland, being Lot No. 54 of Section No. 12 of the Suburbs of Auckland, Waitemata Parish. Bounded towards the North-west by Lot No. 12 of Section No. 12, Suburbs of Auckland, Parish of Waitemata, 1455 links; towards the North-east by Lot No. 55 of section aforesaid, 1055 links; towards the South-east by a public road, 1465 links; and towards the South-west by a public road, 1173 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. To be dealt with under the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

4A. May change the purpose from a quarry reserve to a recreation reserve of all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 2 acres 2 roods 36 perches, more or less, and known as Allotment No. 180A of section 10, Suburbs of Auckland, situated in Block I., Otahuhu Survey District. Bounded towards the North by Allotments Nos. 180 and 69A, 680 links; towards the East by a road, 534 links; and towards the South-west and West by a road, 163 links, 279 links, 217 links, 96 links, and 248 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. To be dealt with under the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

5. May issue a Crown grant to Wenzl Schischka for Section No. 13, Block III., Waiwera Survey District, containing 49 acres 2 roods. Grant to be subject to "The Crown Grants Act, 1883," and not to be issued until the Land Board of Auckland report to the Governor that the requirements of section 3, subsections 1 to 6, Appendix A, of "The Land Act, 1877," have been complied with.

6. May issue a Crown grant to the person from whom the land herein described was taken by Proclamation, as mentioned in accompanying column, of all that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 39 perches, being portion of Tainga Nos. 2 and 3 Blocks, Nos. 1172 and 1942, situate in the Parish of Ruapekapeka, Survey District of Kawakawa, Provincial District of Auckland; commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of land taken by Proclamation dated the 13th October, 1880, intersects the northern boundary of Tainga No. 3 Block, No. 1942. Bounded as follows: Northerly by the northern boundary of Tainga No. 3 Block aforesaid, 20 links; Westerly by lines, 266, 60, and 312 links respectively; Easterly by the eastern boundary of land taken by Proclamation as above, 280, 26, and 308 links respectively, to commencing point: be all the

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7. The land described in the second column having been used as a Maori burial-ground, it is desirable to grant the same to the Public Trustee, upon trust, for a Native burial-place.

8. Allotments of confiscated lands between the River Waikato and the City of Auckland, and within the Provincial District of Auckland, having been selected for occupation and settlement, for protection of the frontier, under the terms of the New Zealand Settlements Acts, by certain persons who, in breach of their engagements, have in some cases never occupied the allotments selected by them, and in others have abandoned them for more than ten years, leaving the same waste and unimproved, it is just that the Governor should resume possession of the said lands on behalf of the Queen, and dispose of them as Crown lands.

9. It being desirable to set apart, for the purpose of occupation by, or to grant to,

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above areas and linkages either more or less; as the same is more particularly delineated upon the plan marked P.W.D. 13343, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured pink.

7. May issue a Crown grant to the Public Trustee of New Zealand, in fee-simple, for all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 20 acres, more or less, situated in the Parish of Waiake, in the Rangaunu Survey District, and being a site for a burial-ground, commencing at a point on the south-eastern boundary of the above section, being the termination of a right line bearing 284° 12' from Trig. Station No. 1612, and at a distance of 216 links or thereabouts from that station. Bounded towards the South-east by a line, 489 links; towards the South-west by a line, 2000 links; towards the North-west by a line, 1000 links; towards the North-east by a line, 2000 links; and again towards the South-east by a line, 511 links, to the commencing point: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on Plan No. 3335, deposited in the Survey Office at Auckland. 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.

8. May, by notification in the *Gazette* or by advertisement in any newspaper or newspapers, or in both ways, as he shall think most suitable, not less than once in each of three consecutive months, advertise as derelict all allotments of confiscated lands within the respective Parishes of Hunua, Otau, Opaheke, Maungatawhiri, Tuakau North, Pukekoke, Puni, Waiuku, and Waipipi, all in the Provincial District of Auckland, which have been deserted for more than ten years by the persons to whom they were allotted under the terms of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and the Acts amending the same; and, if within three months from the date of the last of such last-mentioned notification or advertisement neither the person to whom any such allotment was originally allotted nor his lawful representatives shall establish his claim thereto, shall, at the expiration of such last-mentioned period of three months, resume possession thereof on behalf of Her Majesty, and may at any time thereafter dispose of the same as Crown lands.

9. May change the purpose, from an endowment for the Town of Alexandra to

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Te Kooti and his people, Lot No. 108, Punui, 40 acres, in the Land District of Auckland, which was set apart as a municipal endowment for the Town of Alexandra, in the Schedule to a notification dated the 13th July, 1868, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 48, of the 12th August, 1868, page 403.

10. To give legal effect to a promise made in 1874 to Hepora Raharuhi that a piece of land would be set apart for the descendants of Raharuhi Pururu.

11. The Koutou Block is included in a district proclaimed under "The Thermal-Springs Districts Act, 1881," and also in a notification under "The Government Native Land Purchases Act, 1877." It is represented that, prior to the passing of the first-named Act, certain of the Native owners made gifts to the late Mr. Robert Graham of portions of the said block, and that Mr. Graham has erected a house on one or more of these portions.

It is also represented that the late Mr. Graham leased from the Natives a considerable extent of land adjoining the portions given to him.

The Native Affairs Committee, in a report on Petition No. 353, 1885, from certain Natives of Rotorua, recommend that the Government be requested to remove the restrictions over 10 acres of land on which the late Mr. Robert Graham's house stands, known as Koutou, with a view to enable the petitioners to fulfil their agreement or promise made to the late Mr. Robert Graham, and over 300 acres of the land adjoining the gift pieces, to enable the Natives to give a lease to

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a reserve for occupation by, or may grant to, Te Kooti and his people, of all that piece of land situate in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 40 acres, more or less, and known as Lot No. 108, Punui. Should the land be granted, it is to be absolutely inalienable.

10. May grant to Hepora Pururu, Pua Pururu, Raharuhi Pua, Ngamihi Pua, Korua Pua, Ruiha Pururu, Pore Motunau Ruiha, Katene Ruiha, Haimona Ruiha, Heta Ruiha, Hare Ruiha, Rakera Ruiha, Heke Ruiha, and Paora Patu, as tenants in common, all that parcel of land situate in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement 56 acres and 12 perches, called or known as the north-east portion of Section No. 29, Parish of Matata, Rangitaiki Survey District. Bounded towards the North by Section No. 27, Parish of Matata, 2250 links, and by lines 894 links, 620 links, 455 links, 344 links, 366 links, and 30 links, to the Rangitaiki River; towards the East and South-east by lines, 480 links, 136 links, 400 links, and 80 links, to the Rangitaiki River aforesaid; thence by that river, and by lines 41 links, 288 links, and 46 links, by the termination of a road, and by a line 471 links; again towards the South-east and South by lines, 693 links, 762 links, 698 links, 226 links, and 1412 links; and towards the West by a line, 1595 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. The land is to be absolutely inalienable.

11. May, by Order in Council, exempt portions of the Koutou and Te Kawaha Blocks from the operation of "The Thermal-Springs Districts Act, 1881," and any other Acts or notifications thereunder, precluding persons from negotiating or acquiring Native lands, but so only as to allow Mrs. Robert Graham an opportunity of acquiring the fee-simple of a portion of the Koutou Block on which Mr. Graham's house stands, not exceeding 10 acres in extent, and a leasehold for a period of twenty-one years of a portion of the Koutou Block, adjoining the side of the said house, and of Te Kawaha Block, in all not exceeding 300 acres.

No thermal spring to be included in either the freehold or leasehold lands acquired under the authority of this clause.

This clause shall only remain in force for _____ years from the passing of this Act.

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the representatives of the late Mr. Graham.

12. By a Report No. 1133, dated the 4th December, 1873, made by the Commissioner under "The New Zealand Company's Land Claims Ordinance No. 15, Session XI," on claim No. 1464, one Thomas King is decided, in error, to be entitled to a grant for 3 acres 2 roods 26 perches, part of Section No. 511A, Grey District, the said land having previously become vested in equity in one William French.

13. To give legal effect to promises given by the Superintendent of Taranaki in respect of the Egmont Village (Taranaki).

14. To give effect to an arrangement made in the year 1852, by direction of the then Governor of the colony, by which land acquired from the Natives was to be exchanged for the sections in the Town of New Plymouth enumerated in the second column.

15. To give effect to an arrangement made in the year 1855 to form a military reserve of the piece of land in the Town of New Plymouth known as Marsland Hill, and, there being a Native reserve within the area in occupation by the Natives, an exchange was effected, by which the Natives surrendered their interest in the reserve on receiving certain sections in the Town of New Plymouth.

16. The lands described in the second column were included in the Schedule to "The Native Lands Alienation Restriction Act, 1884," and at the time of the passing of the said Act an order had been duly made under the provisions of "The Native Land Court Act, 1880," directing that a certificate of title should, subject to certain conditions in the said order mentioned, be issued to the Native owners of the said land, one of the said conditions being "that such land should be inalienable except for a term of years not exceeding fifty-six years."

After the making of the said order one

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12. The said report shall be read as if the name of the said William French had been inserted therein instead of the name of the said Thomas King; and the date from which the legal estate in the land comprised in such report shall be deemed to have vested in the said William French shall be the 26th November, 1858, instead of the 2nd August, 1851. TARANAKI.

13. May authorize the issue of certificate of title under "The Land Transfer Act, 1870," and Acts amending the same, to such persons as may be in that behalf recommended in writing by the District Land Registrar of Taranaki, for Sections Nos. 3 to 8, 13 to 18, 23 to 28, 33 to 38, 43 to 48, 53 to 58, 61 to 69, 71 to 79, 81 to 91, 95 to 98, 102 to 105, 109 to 112, 116 to 119, 122 to 124 (in each case inclusive), 127, 131, 132, 134, 135, 137 to 151 (inclusive), 153, 154, 156 to 158 (inclusive), 183 to 198 (inclusive), 200, and 205 on the official plan of the Egmont Village, Hua and Waiwakaiho District (Taranaki).

14. May issue Crown grants to Matena Tupoki for town sections in the Borough of New Plymouth, Nos. 2043, 2044, and 2045; and to Wiremu Rangi for town sections in the Borough of New Plymouth, Nos. 2062 and 2063. The legal estate of the grantees to vest as from the 27th August, 1852.

15. May issue Crown grants to Hone Utuhia for town sections in the Borough of New Plymouth, Nos. 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1867, 1868, 1869, 2051; to Karira, for town sections in the Borough of New Plymouth, Nos. 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 2033; to Paratene, for town sections in the Borough of New Plymouth, Nos. 2128, 2129, 2142, 2143. The legal estate of the grantees to vest as from the 23rd October, 1855.

16. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that a parcel of land bounded on the North by the Mokau River; on the South by the Mohakatino River; on the West by the sea; and on the Eastward by a line drawn from the mineral spring at Totoro, on the Mokau River, due south to the Mohakatino River, shall be and be deemed to have been excluded from the Schedule to "The Native Lands Alienation Restriction Act, 1884," but so only that the said Joshua Jones shall be entitled to complete the negotiations entered into by him with the Native owners of the said land for a lease thereof

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Joshua Jones, of Mokau, settler, had entered into negotiations with the Native owners in whose favour the said order was issued for a lease of the land described in the second column for the term of fifty-six years, the said Joshua Jones assuming, from the terms of the said order last-mentioned, that a lease for such a term could be lawfully made of the said land; and he, on the faith thereof, has expended large sums of money on the said land; and in accordance with a report of the Public Petitions Committee of the House of Representatives, No. 17, 1885, it is expedient that the land described in the second column should be released from the provisions of "The Native Lands Alienation Restriction Act, 1884," in order that the said Joshua Jones should be enabled to complete the negotiations so entered into by him with the Native owners of the said land described in the second column, and that the said lease may be and may have been validly made for the said longer term.

17. Section No. 71, Block VII., Waitara Survey District, which was proclaimed an endowment for primary education, in pursuance of "The Education Reserves Act, 1878," on the 15th June, 1884, having been found unsuitable for that purpose on account of its broken surface, but possessing great natural beauties, it is proposed to change the purpose of it to a recreation-ground.

18. It being desirable to change the purpose of that portion of the reserve known as the Waihi Reserve, described in the second column, which cannot now be done, owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

19. Johann Stiller, a German, and formerly a settler at Jackson's Bay, was brought to Taranaki by the Government

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for the term of fifty-six years, and that the said lease is or may be validly made for the said longer term.

17. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change, from an endowment for primary education to a recreation-ground, all that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Taranaki, containing by admeasurement 66 acres, more or less, being Section No. 71, Block VII., Waitara Survey District. Bounded towards the North, North-east, and East by the Onaero Stream; towards the South by Section No. 70, 2410.2 links; towards the West by Sections Nos. 72 and 73 and the North Road, 4625.6 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. To be dealt with under the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

18. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the purpose of the reserve herein described from General Government purposes to a recreation-ground, viz.: All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Taranaki, containing by admeasurement 20 acres, more or less, being Subdivision No. 10 of Section No. 45 of the Patea District, Hawera Survey District. Bounded towards the North-east by Subdivision No. 11, 1314.4 links; towards the South-east by the Ketemarae Road, 1417.4 links; towards the South-west by a road, 1546 links; towards the North-west by the Subdivision No. 9, 1398.3 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less. The said reserve to be dealt with under the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

19. The Land Board of Taranaki may, with the consent of the Minister of Lands, allow Johann Stiller to exchange Section

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about six years ago. He applied for a section of land on deferred payments, and selected Section No. 27, Block VI., Huiroa Survey District, upon which he has paid seven instalments, amounting to £43 13s. 6d., besides effecting improvements thereon to the value of £40. The section has proved swampy and useless, and would cost more to drain than the value of the land. It is proposed to allow him to exchange the section for another.

20. To correct an error in subsection 21 of the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1884."

21. To effect the exchange of two pieces of land as follows:—

1. A parcel of land comprising 19 acres, being part of Section No. 288, Hawera Survey District, held by James Richard Lysaght, under Land Transfer certificate entered in Vol. vii., folio 153, Taranaki District Land Register, is the burial-place of certain deceased persons, relatives of the Native persons hereinafter named.

2. A parcel of land comprising 18 acres 1 rood 13 perches, being Section No. 533, in the Hawera Survey District, which has been set apart for certain Native persons, namely, Matiu, Rangiheata, and Tutahi, who are entitled to have issued to them a Crown grant thereof.

The said Native persons, and James Richard Lysaght, have agreed to an exchange of ownership in respect of the said two parcels of land being effected; and, for such purpose James Richard Lysaght will make conveyance of the land, part of Section No. 288, to the Public Trustee.

22. To enable that piece of land in the Town of Clyde, Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, now known as Lambton Square, being a continuation of Clive Road, and containing 4 acres 2 roods 10 perches, to be changed to a public park and recreation-ground.

23. To provide a site for an office for the Education Board of the District of Wellington.

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No. 27, Block VI., Huiroa Survey District, for another section of the same or a less area, and may apply the payments made upon the said section towards paying instalments upon the section to be selected by him; and a Crown grant may be issued to him upon his fulfilling the usual conditions of settlement.

20. Subsection 21 of the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1884," is hereby amended by substituting the name "Carlo Turchi" for "Carlo Turelei."

21. May issue a Crown grant in fee to James Richard Lysaght for Section No. 533, West Coast Land District, comprising 18 acres 1 rood 13 perches, more or less, on receiving in exchange from the said James Richard Lysaght a conveyance of the parcel of land containing 19 acres, more or less, being part of Section No. 288, Hawera Survey District, to the Public Trustee, in trust for the Waihoroto and Ngaruahine hapus of the Pukekohe tribe, to be inalienable for ever.

22. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," may declare that all that piece of land in the Town of Clyde, Provincial District of Hawke's Bay, now known as Lambton Square, being in continuation of Clyde Road, and containing 4 acres 2 roods 10 perches, shall be a public park and recreation reserve, to be dealt with under the provisions of "The Public Domains Act."

23. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest in the Education Board of the District of Wellington all that parcel of land containing 15·3 perches, more or less, being Section No. 3, Block III., on the plan of the Thorndon reclaimed land, Wellington, as a site for an office for the said Board; and may issue to the said Board such conveyances or assurances as may be necessary, upon the condition that if the said land should not be occupied for the said purpose within the space of five years it shall revert to the Crown.

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24. To provide a site for a school of art.

24A. The land described in the second column having been purchased as a site for a drill-shed, it is desirable to vest the same in Trustees, with power to mortgage, with the consent of the Governor, the said land and the buildings thereon for any term not exceeding twenty-one years.

25. A portion of the Masterton Town Lands which were vested in Charles Roeking Carter, by Crown grant dated the 6th December, 1858, No. 1622, was subsequently included, in error, in a Crown grant issued to the late W. B. Rhodes, on the 29th December, 1864, No. 2330.

The Masterton Trustees, in whom the land originally granted to Charles Roeking Carter now vests, request that, in lieu thereof, 10 acres of an educational reserve, being Suburban Section No. 104, Masterton District, vested in the School Commissioners for the Wellington Provincial District, may be vested in the Trustees aforesaid as a recreation-ground. The School Commissioners agree to relinquish the 10 acres on condition that land to an equal value is reserved for primary education.

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24. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest in the Education Board of the District of Wellington all that parcel of land containing 15·3 perches, more or less, being Section No. 5, Block III., on the plan of the Thorndon reclaimed land, Wellington; upon trust, for a site for a school of art, and may issue to the said Board such conveyances or assurances as may be necessary to give effect to the arrangement hereby intended to be made, upon the condition, nevertheless, that if the said land should not be occupied for the said purpose within the space of five years it shall revert to the Crown.

24A. May grant to not less than two or more than five Trustees, for the benefit of all Volunteer corps already embodied or who may hereafter be embodied in the Hutt District, all that piece or parcel of land containing 1 rood 1 perch, more or less, being Allotments Nos. 82, 84, and part of 86 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office, Wellington, No. 101; which said land is part of Section No. 5 in the public map of the Hutt District, deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington.

The first Trustees to be Henry Samuel Fitzherbert, Captain commanding Petone Naval Artillery Volunteers, and Peter Smith, First-class Petty Officer of the Petone Naval Artillery Volunteers, who shall have power to mortgage the land and buildings thereon for any period not exceeding twenty-one years.

The Governor, by notice in the *Gazette*, shall have power to remove any Trustee from his office; and if any Trustee shall die, become bankrupt or insolvent, resign, or become incapable to act, or be absent from the Provincial District of Wellington for the space of twelve consecutive months, he shall cease to be a member of the said Trust, and the Governor may appoint another Trustee in his place.

25. On the School Commissioners for the Provincial District of Wellington conveying to the Masterton Trustees 10 acres of part of Suburban Section No. 104, Masterton District, as a recreation-ground, may reserve Crown land of an equal value, for primary education, to be vested in the School Commissioners aforesaid.

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25A. To provide funds for the acquisition of a suitable site for, and for the erection of, a hospital at Palmerston North.

26. The two pieces of land described in the second column having been purchased from James Costello for mining purposes, it has been deemed desirable to vest the management of the land in Trustees, for the benefit of the Charleston Hospital.

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25A. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the Borough Council of Palmerston North to sell by public auction, after not less than three months' public notice throughout the land district, the under-mentioned lands, namely,—

All that piece or parcel of land in the Provincial District of Wellington, containing 3 acres 1 rood, more or less, being Allotment No. 1 of Section No. 167 on the plan of the Township of Palmerston North—bounded towards the North-west by Allotment No. 2 of the said section, 500 links; towards the North-east by Suburban Section No. 168 on the said plan, 650 links; towards the South-east by the Great Northern Road, 500 links; and towards the South-west by Terrace Street, 650 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the Survey Office, Wellington—which by "The Palmerston North Reserves Act, 1879," was authorized to be granted to the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Palmerston North, upon trust, for the purposes or benefit of a hospital.

Also Sections Nos. 1530 and 1531, Block VII., Kairanga Survey District, containing by admeasurement 147 acres 2 roods, more or less—bounded towards the North-east by a road-line; towards the South-east by a road-line; towards the South-west by Sections Nos. 509 and 510; and towards the North-west by Section No. 1529—which subsection 32 in the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1884," authorized to be granted as an endowment to the Borough of Palmerston North, under the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," and Acts amending the same.

The money to be derived from the sale of the before-mentioned lands to be expended by the Borough Council in acquiring a suitable site for a hospital, and in the erection of a building thereon.

May also sign and execute such instruments as may be necessary for securing a good title to the purchaser or purchasers of any of the before-mentioned lands.

26. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest NELSON. the management of the under-mentioned lands in three persons, to be named in such notice, namely:—

All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 79 acres 2 roods 11 perches, be the same more or less, situate in the District of Totara, being Section No. 28, Square 137, on the plan of the Land District of Nelson.

Also all that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 51 acres and 28 perches, be the same more or less,

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27. The reserve described in the second column was Crown-granted to the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury and his successors on the 27th February, 1873, in trust, as a site for a gravel-pit. It is now proposed to change the purpose of this reserve to a site for a public school, which cannot be done, owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

28. The reserve described in the second column was reserved as a site for a gravel-pit by the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, in *Provincial Gazette* of the 9th August, 1875. It is now proposed to change the purpose of the said reserve to a school site, which cannot be done owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

29. To vest the lands described in the second column in Trustees, for the use of Volunteers in the Canterbury Provincial District.

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situate in the District of Buller (Waitakere), being Section No. 37, Block IV., on the plan of the Land District of Nelson.

To be dealt with in manner provided by section No. 59 of "The Mines Act, 1877." The rents or fees to be paid over to the Charleston Hospital.

27. May change the purpose, from a site for a gravel-pit to a site for a public school, of all that area in the Provincial District of Canterbury, being Reserve No. 1347 (in red), containing by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less, situate in the Oxford Survey District. Bounded towards the North by the Dalethorpe Road, 1400 links; towards the North-east by the Coal Tramway Reserve, 35 links; towards the South-east by a road-line, 940 links; and towards the South-west by Section No. 14955, 1075 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

28. May change the purpose, from a site for a gravel-pit to a school-site, of all that area in the Provincial District of Canterbury, being Reserve No. 1691 (in red), containing, by admeasurement 5 acres, more or less, situate in the Tengawai Survey District. Bounded towards the North-east by a road-line, 500 links; towards the North-west by Section No. 28224, 1002 links; towards the South-west by said section, 500 links; and towards the South-east by Section No. 19197, 999 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

29. May grant to Trustees as hereinafter named all that piece or parcel of land in the Town of Ashburton, containing 2 roods 2 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 1243 and 1244. Bounded—Northward by Burnett Street; Eastward by Park Street; Southward by Short Street; and Westward by Section No. 1242: and numbered 2540 (in red) on the official map of the Town of Ashburton, in the Survey Office, Christchurch. For a site for a Volunteer drill-shed.

And all that parcel of land in the Westerfield Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, containing 38 acres, more or less. Bounded—North-eastward by the north branch of the River Ashburton; South-eastward by Section No. 6503; North-westward by Section No. 6504; and South-westward by the road running through the last-mentioned section: and numbered 2490 (in red) on the official map in the Survey Office, Christchurch. For a rifle range.

These lands to be vested in four Trustees,

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30. Reserve No. 158 (in red), situate on the south bank of the River Hurunui, was made by the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, in *Provincial Gazette* of the 30th April, 1859, for the purpose of township, but is no longer required for such purpose.

31. The land being part of Reserve No. 198 (in red), and described in the second column, was set apart for the purpose of a quarantine-ground for sheep by the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, in *Provincial Gazette* of the 1st April, 1868, but is no longer required for such purpose.

32. Reserve No. 134 (in red), situate on the north bank of the River Waitaki, was made by the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, in *Provincial Gazette* of the 22nd December, 1858, for the purpose of a township, but is no longer required for such purpose.

33. Upon the Volunteer authorities at Timaru relinquishing all claims to part of

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namely, William Campbell Walker, Esq., M.H.R., Rudolph Friedlander, Esq., J.P., William St. George Douglas, Captain, Ashburton Rifle Volunteers, and Charles William Parnell, Acting Captain, Ashburton Guards Rifle Volunteers.

The Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, remove any Trustee from his office, and if any Trustee shall die, become bankrupt, resign, or become incapable to act, or be removed or absent from the Provincial District of Canterbury for the space of twelve consecutive months, he shall cease to be a member of the said Trust, and the Governor may in any such case appoint another in his place.

Grants to be subject to the provisions of "The Crown Grants Act, 1883," and to contain a trust that these lands are to be used as a site for a drill-shed and a rifle range for Volunteers; and, notwithstanding that such trust is expressed in the grant, they may be registered under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1870."

30. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same, of the under-mentioned reserve, namely, all that area of land in the Waitohi Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, being Reserve No. 158 (in red), and containing 640 acres, more or less.

31. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same, of all that area in the Provincial District of Canterbury, being a portion of Reserve No. 198 (in red), containing by admeasurement 850 acres, more or less, situate in the Waipara Survey District. Bounded towards the North by a road-line; 14100 links; towards the East by Lots Nos. 9 and 10 of the subdivision of said reserve, 6902 links; towards the South by a road-line along the north bank of the River Waitohi; and towards the West by Section No. 25050 and the western boundary of Reserve No. 198 (in red), 5400 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

32. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same, of the under-mentioned reserve, namely, all that area of land in the Waitaki Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, being Reserve No. 134 (in red), and containing 640 acres, more or less.

33. May change the purpose, from a site for public buildings to a site for a drill-

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Reserve No. 204 (in red), which was set apart for a site for a drill-shed by notification published in *Gazette* No. 96, of the 20th September, 1883, and which is now reported to be unsuitable for the purpose.

34. Section No. 30133, on the south bank of the Rakaiia River, District of Canterbury, was supposed to be Crown land available for sale, but after it was sold it was found to be included in Reserve No. 1723 (in red), made for Government purposes. It is desirable, therefore, to give authority for the issue of a title to the purchaser.

35. It being deemed desirable to change the purpose of Reserve No. 1629 (in red), Town of Waimate, from an immigration dépôt and other public purposes to a site for a drill-shed and parade-ground, which cannot now be done, owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

36. It being deemed desirable to set apart as a site for a drill-shed part of Reserve No. 1373 (in red), which was permanently reserved for the purpose of a public pound by the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, in his Proclamation dated the 18th December, 1872. This cannot now be done, owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881."

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shed, of the under-mentioned parcel of land, being a portion of Reserve No. 104 (in red), namely, all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Canterbury, containing by admeasurement 1 rood 20 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 30 and part of 31, Town of Timaru—bounded towards the North by Grey Street; towards the East by Sections Nos. 25 and 26; towards the South by the other part of Section No. 31; and towards the West by the Market-place—and may vest the same in three Trustees, to be appointed by the Governor, who may remove any of the said Trustees from his office. If any Trustee shall die, become bankrupt or insolvent, resign, or become incapable of acting, or be absent from the Provincial District of Canterbury for the space of twelve consecutive months, he shall cease to be a member of the said Trust, and the Governor may, in such case, appoint another Trustee in his place.

34. May issue a title to the purchaser of Section No. 30133, being portion of Reserve No. 1723 (in red), Canterbury Land District, which was sold on the 26th November, 1877.

35. May change the purpose, from an immigration dépôt and other public purposes to a site for a drill-shed and parade-ground, of Reserve No. 1629 (in red), Town of Waimate, Provincial District of Canterbury, containing 1 acre 1 rood 14 perches, and may vest the same in three Trustees, to be appointed by the Governor, who may remove any of the said Trustees from his office. If any Trustee shall die, become bankrupt or insolvent, resign, or become incapable of acting, or be absent from the Provincial District of Canterbury, for the space of twelve consecutive months he shall cease to be a member of the said Trust, and the Governor may, in such case, appoint another Trustee in his place.

36. May change the purpose, from a site for a public pound to a site for a drill-shed, of that part of Reserve No. 1373 (in red), situate in the Town of Geraldine, Provincial District of Canterbury, containing 25 perches, more or less—bounded towards the North-west by Talbot Street, 146 links; towards the North-east by the north-eastern boundary of Reserve No. 1373 (in red), 95 links; towards the South-east by the south-eastern boundary of said reserve, 150 links; and towards the South-west by a line bearing 104° 5' 26", 125 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is de-

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The piece of land lying between Reserves Nos. 1373 and 421, Town of Geraldine, and numbered 2675 (in red), has been formally set apart for an extension of the drill-shed site; and it is desirable to place it under the control of the Trustees to be appointed for managing the drill-shed site.

37. Reserves 1815 (in red) and 1816 (in red), Provincial District of Canterbury, which were set apart for plantations, not being required for that purpose, it is deemed desirable to sell them.

38. The strip of land comprised in Reserve No. 1342 was reserved by the Governor, in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 11th October, 1877, for the purpose of a railway-line, but is no longer required for such purpose.

39. The land included in Reserve No. 1251 was set apart by the Superintendent of Canterbury, in the *Provincial Gazette* of the 5th January, 1871, for tramway or

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lined on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch—and may vest the same in three Trustees, to be appointed by the Governor, who may remove any of the said Trustees from his office. If any Trustee shall die, become bankrupt or insolvent, resign, or become incapable of acting, or be absent from the Provincial District of Canterbury for the space of twelve consecutive months, he shall cease to be a member of the said Trust, and the Governor may, in such case, appoint another Trustee in his place. The said Trustees to have the control and management.

The said Trustees also to have the control and management, for the purposes of a parade-ground for Volunteers, of all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Canterbury, containing by admeasurement 32 perches, more or less, being Section No. 2675 (in red), situate in the Township of Geraldine, Geraldine Survey District. Bounded towards the North-west by Talbot Street, 450 links; towards the North by Reserve No. 421 (in red); towards the South-east by the continuation of the terrace forming the north-eastern and south-eastern boundaries of said reserve; and towards the South-west by Reserve No. 1373 (in red), 95 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the District Survey Office, Christchurch.

37. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same, of the under-mentioned reserves, viz., Reserves 1815 (in red) and 1816 (in red).

38. The Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same, of the under-mentioned reserve, namely, all that parcel of land in the Leeston Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, being Reserve No. 1342 (in red), containing by admeasurement 80 acres, more or less, being the strip of land, 3 chains wide, extending from the south-west boundary of Section No. 7397 south-westerly to the north-east boundary of Section No. 4973; 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 tramways.

39. The Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorize the sale, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same, of the under-

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railway purposes, but it is no longer required for such purposes.

39A. The land described in the second column adjoins the Waimate Racecourse Reserve, upon which protective works against floods have been erected at the cost of the Trustees of the Waimate Racecourse (incorporated.) It is necessary to vest the land in the Racecourse Trustees.

39B. An arrangement was made by the Government in 1875 with Messrs. Douglas and McLean, of Waitaki, by which the Government agreed to give to the said Messrs. Douglas and McLean the land described in the opposite column hereto, being railway reserves as compensation, in exchange for the land next hereunder described, which was to be taken for railway purposes. Such land was so taken by memorial published in the *Gazette* of the 6th April, 1876; and authority is now required for the Governor to issue a grant in completion of such arrangement.

All that parcel of land being part of Rural Section No. 3790, situate in the Provincial District of Canterbury, containing by admeasurement 25 acres, more or less, consisting of a strip of land 392 links in width, the centre line of which commences at a point on the southern boundary of said section distant 3857 links from the north-western corner of Section No. 15073; thence proceeding north-westerly in a straight line at an angle of $63^{\circ} 25'$ with said boundary for a distance of 5685 links; thence curving northerly at a radius of 40 chains for a distance of 544 links; thence proceeding in a straight line at a tangent to said curve, and at an angle of $172^{\circ} 10'$ with

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mentioned reserve, namely, all that parcel of land in the Leeston Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, being Reserve No. 1251 (in red), containing by admeasurement 43 acres, more or less, being the strip of land, 2 chains wide, extending from the Tramway Reserve forming the south-western boundary of Reserve No. 309 (in red); southerly to the north-western boundary of Reserve No. 1342 (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.

39A. May vest in the Trustees of the Waimate Racecourse (incorporated) all that piece or parcel of land within the Waimate Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, commencing at a point at the south-east corner of Reserve No. 2549; thence along the boundary of the racecourse in an easterly direction to the north-west corner of the Village Lot No. 19; thence at right-angles to the northern boundary of said lot southerly to the reserve for creek diversion; thence along the northern boundary of said reserve westerly to a point in line with the western boundary of Lot No. 1; thence westerly to the starting point. To be held for the purposes mentioned in "The Waimate Racecourse Reserves Act, 1881."

39B. May issue to Messrs. Douglas and McLean, of Waitaki, a Crown grant for the lands hereunder next described, being portions of land reserved by the Crown for railway purposes, that is to say, all that parcel of land situated in the Provincial District of Canterbury, containing by admeasurement 107 acres, more or less, being a strip of land 3 chains in width, and being portions of Reserves Nos. 631 and 632, described in the Provincial *Gazette* of Canterbury, on the 17th February, 1866. Bounded—Northerly by the southern boundary of Section No. 3790; Westerly by Sections Nos. 7218, 9794, 9795, 15076, and extending to opposite the northern boundary of Section No. 813; Southerly by other portions of Reserve No. 632; Easterly by Sections Nos. 15073, 15072, 15077, 17078, 17027, 17028, 22357, 17029, 18235, 22367, and 22589: as the same is delineated upon the plan marked P.W.W. 1888, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington.

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last-mentioned straight line to the northern boundary of said section: save and excepting the road crossing the above description; the above parcel of land being more particularly delineated upon the plan marked P.W.D. 2701 accompanying a memorial taking land for railway purposes, dated the 30th March, 1876, and published in *Gazette* on the 6th April, 1876, copy of said plan (P.W.D. 2701) being deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington.

40. To vest in the Otago Education Board the site occupied by the Akatore Public School, the said site being part of the endowment of the Milton Athenæum, and in exchange to vest in the Trustees of the said athenæum a block of unoccupied Crown land.

The Trustees agree to the proposed exchange.

41. To give the Education Board of the District of Otago a title to the site occupied by the Leith Valley School. The land is part of a road reserve, and as such is vested in the Maori Hill Borough Council, which agrees to the proposed transfer to the Education Board.

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40. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest in the Education Board of the District of Otago, as a school site, all that area in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 9 acres 2 roods 8 perches, more or less, being part of Section No. 12, Block I., Akatore District; commencing at a point distant 2575·2 links west and 973·7 links north from the south-east corner of said section. Bounded thence towards the East by another part of said Section No. 12, 1110 links; towards the North by another part of said section, 962·8 links; towards the West by another part of said section, 1173·2 links; and generally towards the South by a public road, 309·8 links, 66·4 links, 162·4 links, 265 links, and 398 links, to the commencing point: as the same is shown on a plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Dunedin. And may, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest in the Trustees of the Milton Athenæum, for the purposes of the said athenæum, to be dealt with under the provisions of "The Milton Athenæum Reserve Act, 1876," all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 40 acres, more or less, situate in the Akatore District, and being Section No. 2 of 11 of Block I. of said district. Bounded towards the North by Section No. 9 of same block, 1711 links; towards the East by Section No. 1 of 11 of same block, 2590 links; towards the South by Section No. 2 of 13 of same block, 1145 links; and towards the West and South-west by a road-line, 2600 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

41. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest in the Education Board of the District of Otago, for a school site, all that area of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 1 acre 23·7 perches, being part of a reserve for a road-line, situate to the south-east of Sections Nos. 72 and 73, Block V., Dunedin and East Taieri District, commencing at peg 6 of original road traverse. Bounded thence towards the North-west by a chain-wide road, known as the Main Road, Dunedin

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42. The two road-lines which were excluded from the endowment vested in the Borough of Alexandra, by certificate of title, Vol. ii., folio 67, in the Land Transfer Office at Dunedin, dated the 29th November, 1882, being no longer required, it is desirable to vest them in the borough.

43. The land described in the second column having been taken by the Government for railway purposes, and being no longer required by the Railway Department, it is desirable to reserve the same for public recreation purposes.

44. It being desirable to change the purpose of Section 7, Block III., Waikaia, from an education reserve to a recreation-ground, which cannot now be done owing to the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881." The Otago School Commissioners, in whom the land is vested, concur in the proposal.

45. On the 12th April, 1871, the Provincial Government of Otago purchased Section No. 2 and part of Section

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to Waitati *via* the Water of Leith, a distance of 326.2 links; again and finally towards the South-west, South, North-east, and North-west by other part of said road reserve, a distance of 1194.6 links, to the commencing point: be all the aforesaid linkages and area a little more or less.

42. Notwithstanding the exception and reservation of two road-lines within the endowment of land authorized to be vested in the Borough of Alexandra, in pursuance of the terms of subsection 40 in the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1881," may authorize the District Land Registrar at Dunedin to amend the certificate of title referred to in the first column by including the two road-lines in question as part of the borough endowment.

43. May declare the piece or parcel of land hereinafter described to be a public reserve for purposes of public recreation within the meaning of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," and any Acts amending the same, namely, all that parcel of land situate in the City of Dunedin, in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 1 acre 3 roods 33.2 perches, more or less. Bounded as follows: Commencing at a point in the line of the western side of Cumberland Street, the said point being distant 1190 links from the south side of Stuart Street measured in a south-westerly direction along the said line of the western side of Cumberland Street; thence in a south-westerly direction, 636.4 links; thence in a south-westerly direction, 210 links; thence in a south-easterly direction, 450 links; thence in a north-easterly direction, 660 links, to the commencing point: as the same is more particularly delineated upon the plan marked P.W.D. 13087, deposited in the office of the Minister for Public Works, at Wellington.

44. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, change, from education purposes to a recreation-ground, all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 55 acres, more or less, situate in the Waikaia District, and being Section No. 7 of Block III. of said district. Bounded towards the North-west by Section No. 10 of same block, 1900 links; towards the North-east by Section No. 1 of Block X. of same district 2650 links, also by a road-line 38.8 links; towards the South-east by a road-line, 2333.7 links; and towards the South-west by a road-line, 2096 and 600 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

45. May sell, in terms of section 164 of "The Land Act, 1877," to Mrs. Jane Hitchon, and convey to her, all that

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No. 1 of Block LIII., Tokomairiro District, for mining purposes. Portion of Section No. 2 of said block, namely, 3 acres 39 perches, not being required for mining, it is proposed to sell it to Mrs. Jane Hitchon for the sum of £6 10s.

46. It being desirable to vest the Tahuna Park, near Dunedin, in the Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society, in trust, for a show-ground, with power to mortgage or lease for any period not exceeding forty-two years.

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piece of land containing by admeasurement 3 acres and 39 perches, more or less, situate in the Provincial District of Otago, being portion of Section No. 2 of Block LIII., Tokomairiro District. Bounded towards the North-east by a road-line, 1450 links; towards the South by a road forming the northern boundary of Section No. 10 of Block VII., Hillend District, 800 links; towards the West by Section No. 3 of Block LIII., Tokomairiro District, 1300 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; save and excepting a road-line, 100 links wide, intersecting the said area.

46. Notwithstanding anything in "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," to the contrary, may vest in the Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society (Incorporated) all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 20 acres and 7 perches, more or less, situate in the Otago Peninsula District, being Section No. 27, Block VII., on the map of the said district. Bounded by a line commencing at a point 150 links distant in a south-easterly direction on a bearing of 162° 30' from the south-western side of Victoria Street, Township of Musselburgh, deposited in the Land Transfer Office in Dunedin, and numbered 68, and proceeding in a north-easterly direction along district road on a bearing of 252° 30', 2403.5 links, also on a bearing of 82° 40', 14.1 links; thence in a south-easterly direction on a bearing of 162° 30', 1077.3 links; thence in a west-south-westerly direction on a bearing of 84° 11', 2467.6 links; and thence in a north-westerly direction on a bearing of 162° 30', 580 links, to the starting point: in trust for a show-ground for the said association and for other incidental purposes, with power to the association to let the land, or any part thereof, for any temporary purpose, or for a period not exceeding one year at any one time. The grant to be dealt with in terms of the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," relating to grants of reserves, and to contain a provision that all money derived from the land shall be expended in managing, administering, and improving the same, and for other incidental purposes. The said association to have power from time to time to raise money at interest on mortgage on the security of the income from the said land for any period not exceeding forty-two years from the date of the mortgage, which may contain such terms and provisions not inconsistent with the object of the said grant as the said association may think proper.

47. May, by notice in the *Gazette*,

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purpose of the Cemetery Reserve at Outram, in which no burials have taken place, to a reserve for municipal purposes.

48. The road described in the second column, which was declared by Order in Council issued on the 23rd July, 1878, to be a Government road, being no longer required as a road, and there being legal difficulties which prevent it being closed under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1882," so as to enable it to be leased to the Slag Point Coal Company.

49. Subsection 58 of the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1884," authorizes the issue of a title to the Borough of Hampden for 150 acres, being part of Block I., Otepopo Survey District, therein described as a site for a commonage for the use of the inhabitants of the Borough of Hampden. The title has accordingly issued for a number of sections as surveyed, exclusive of the road-lines through the block which are no longer required. It is accordingly deemed expedient to vest the road-lines in the borough, and to authorize the Borough Council to make such regulations or by-laws as may be desirable for the use of the land as a commonage.

50. To give effect to the recommendation of the Public Petitions Committee on the

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change the purpose of all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 4 acres 2 roods, more or less, situate in the Town of Outram, and being Sections Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 of Block X. of said town—bounded towards the North-west by Beaumaris Street, 1000 links; towards the North-east by Taieri Terrace, 508 links; towards the South-east by Orme Street 707 links, also by Section No. 1 of same block 200 links; and towards the South-west by Sections Nos. 19, 20, and 1 of same block 375 links, also by Bidston Street 125 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less—from a cemetery to a reserve for municipal purposes; and may vest the same in the Outram Town Board as an endowment in aid of the Town Board funds.

48. Notwithstanding the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1882," may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that the following road shall be closed, namely, all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, being a road-line, 1 chain in width, in the Moeraki Survey District, bounded towards the North by a road-line; towards the East by the ocean; towards the South by a coal reserve; and towards the West by Sections Nos. 58, 2 of 60, and 1 of 20, Block III. of said district, also by Sections Nos. 45 and 42 of Block IX. And after the issue of such notice may include the aforesaid area in any lease or leases which may be issued under the provisions of clause 60 in the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1884."

49. May grant to the Corporation of the Borough of Hampden the road-lines which are no longer required within the block of 150 acres of land described in subsection 58 of the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1884." The road-lines to be held in trust, with the sections which have already been vested in the borough, as a site for a commonage for the use of the inhabitants of the Borough of Hampden; and may also, by warrant under his hand, authorize the Mayor, Councillors, and burgesses of the Borough of Hampden to make such regulations and by-laws for the use of the commonage and for the payment of such fees as may be deemed expedient. The proceeds accruing from the commonage to be devoted to fencing, grassing, or otherwise improving the land; any balance of proceeds to be deemed revenue of the borough.

50. In addition to the sum of £50 paid to William Agnew, may grant him a title,

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petition of William Agnew, 30th June, 1885.

51. The old cemetery site at Fortrose, Provincial District of Otago, described in the second column, having been found unsuitable for the purpose, it is deemed desirable to sell the portion of the same in which no interments have been made. A new cemetery has been provided in a more suitable position.

52. The land described in the Schedule to "The Port Chalmers Drill-shed Act, 1881," which has been vested in Trustees for a drill-shed and other buildings connected with Volunteer purposes, being found unsuitable for the purpose, and other lands more suitable having been acquired out of public moneys, and become vested in Her Majesty, it is desired to transfer the last-mentioned lands to the aforesaid Trustees, in substitution of the first-mentioned lands.

53. The Government Land Purchase Officer (Mr. Calcutt) agreed, on behalf of the Government, with James Fletcher, of Port Chalmers, shipwright, that the said James Fletcher should convey to Her Majesty the Queen Allotment No. 149 and parts of Allotments Nos. 150 and 151 on the

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under the Land Transfer Act, without further cost, to Sections Nos. 8 and 10, Block III., Blackstone Survey District, which were held by him under agricultural lease.

51. May authorize the sale, as a village settlement, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same, of all that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, containing by admeasurement 6 acres 1 rood 8 perches, more or less, situate in the Toitoto's District, and being Section No. 8 of Block VIII. of said district. Bounded towards the North-west by Crown lands, 700 links; towards the North-east by Section No. 2 of Block IV., Town of Fortrose, 900 links; towards the South-east by Section No. 18 of Block VIII., Toitoto's District, 700 links; towards the South-west by Sections Nos. 1, 6, 7, and 8 of Block VIII., Town of Fortrose, 900 links: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less; and exempting from the above area 1 rood (so as to include present interments), to be defined by surveyor.

52. May convey to the Trustees mentioned in "The Port Chalmers Drill-shed Act, 1881," upon the trusts and for the purposes mentioned in the said Act, and subject to all the provisions thereof, all that parcel of land, the property of Her Majesty the Queen, in the Town of Port Chalmers, being part of Sections Nos. 51 and 55 thereof, containing by admeasurement 14.6 perches, more or less. Bounded as follows: Commencing at a point on the north-western side of George Street, 50 links distant in a north-easterly direction from the southern corner of Section No. 55; thence towards the South-east by George Street, 60.6 links; thence towards the North-east by a right line parallel to the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 55, 151.5 links; thence towards the North-west by a right line parallel to George Street, 60.6 links; and thence towards the South-west by a right line parallel to the said north-eastern boundary of Section No. 55, 151.5 links, to the point of commencement; as the same is delineated on the plan in the Survey Office, Dunedin: upon receiving from the aforesaid Trustees a deed of surrender to Her Majesty of the lands described in the Schedule to the Act hereinabove last mentioned; and may sell the lands so surrendered by public auction.

53. May convey to James Fletcher, of Port Chalmers, shipwright, all that piece of land in the Provincial District of Otago, the property of Her Majesty, situate in the private Township of Mansford, containing 1 rood 10.5 perches, more or less, being part of Allotments Nos. 108 and

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map of the private Township of Mansford, in the Provincial District of Otago, containing 2 roods 11 perches, in exchange for part of the adjoining Allotments Nos. 108 and 109, Township of Mansford aforesaid, containing 1 rood 10·5 perches, which have been acquired by Her Majesty under the Public Works Acts for railway purposes.

The said James Fletcher conveyed to the Queen, with other lands, the said Allotment No. 149 and part of Allotments Nos. 150 and 151, but has never received a conveyance for part of the said Allotments Nos. 108 and 109.

54. The Government Land Purchase Officer (Mr. Calcutt) agreed, on behalf of the Government, with Robert Grigor, of Balclutha, the agent acting on behalf of the devisees of the late Frederick Ludlow, to exchange Section No. 16, Block X., Town of Balclutha (which has been acquired by Her Majesty under the Public Works Acts for railway purposes), for Section No. 17, Block X., Town of Balclutha aforesaid, the property of the late Frederick Ludlow.

55. Section No. 24, Block I., Invercargill Hundred, which was Crown-granted to the Superintendent of Southland for a lunatic asylum reserve, being no longer required for that purpose, it is desirable that it should be made an endowment for the Borough of Gladstone.

56. It being desirable that Sections Nos. 22 and 23, Block VII., Invercargill Hundred, which were Crown-granted to the Superintendent of Southland on the 31st January, 1870, for purposes connected with a market, should be sold as village-settlement land.

57. The Trustees appointed by "The Mataura Reserves Act, 1878," for the Recreation Reserve and site set apart for the Mataura Pastoral and Agricultural Society having resigned, it is desirable that both pieces of land should be managed by the Town Board of Mataura.

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109 on the plan of the said township. Bounded towards the North-west by Coombe Hay Terrace, 182 links; towards the East by other parts of said Allotments Nos. 108 and 109, 309·7 links; towards the South-east by Allotment No. 150, 45·5 links; and towards the South-west by Allotment No. 107, 278 links.

54. May convey to the trustees acting under the will of the late Frederick Ludlow, upon the trusts of the said will, Section No. 16, Block X., Town of Balclutha, the property of Her Majesty, upon the said trustees and all other necessary parties conveying to Her Majesty the Queen Section No. 17, Block X., Town of Balclutha aforesaid.

55. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that all that parcel of land in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement 10 acres, more or less, being Section No. 24, Block I., Invercargill Hundred—bounded towards the North by original Section No. 25 of said block, 1026 links; towards the East by original Section No. 23 of said block, 974 links; towards the South by Section No. 22 of said block and by a road-line, 1026 links; and towards the West by original Section No. 23 of said block, 974 links—shall cease to be a lunatic asylum reserve, and may grant such land to the Corporation of the Borough of Gladstone as an endowment for the said borough.

56. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that Sections Nos. 22 and 23, Block VII., Invercargill Hundred, may be sold as small-farm allotments, on such conditions as may be prescribed by Order in Council to be issued under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," and Acts amending the same.

57. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Mataura Reserves Act, 1878," may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare the following land to be subject to the provisions of "The Public Domains Act, 1881," namely, Section No. 13, Block XII., Town of Mataura, containing 4 acres 3 roods 34 perches, as described in the Second Schedule to "The Mataura Reserves Act, 1878," to be managed by the Mataura Town Board under a delegation, in terms of the 12th section of "The Public Domains Act, 1881," aforesaid.

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58. It being deemed desirable that Reserved Sections Nos. 27 to 31, Block VII., East Winton, 46 acres and 12 perches, being part of a gravel reserve, as per *Otago Gazette* of the 7th October, 1874, page 360, should be sold as suburban deferred-payment land.

59. The property known as the Government House at Hokitika, being no longer required by the Government, it is considered advisable to vest it in the Hokitika High School Board.

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said; and may also, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act, 1881," vest the following land in the Town Board aforesaid, in trust for the Mataura Pastoral Society, namely, Section No. 14, Block XII., Town of Mataura, containing 5 acres 1 rood 34 perches, as described in the Third Schedule to "The Mataura Reserves Act, 1878."

58. May sell 46 acres and 12 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 27 to 31, Block VII., East Winton, as suburban deferred-payment allotments, under Part III. of "The Land Act, 1877," at an upset of £5 per acre.

59. May, by notice in the *Gazette*, vest all that parcel of land containing 1 acre 3 roods 8 perches, more or less, being part of Reserve No. 436 (in red), Town of Hokitika—bounded towards the North-west by Sewell Street, 396 links; towards the North-east by Weld Street, 494½ links; towards the South-east by Fitzherbert Street, 325 links; and towards the South-west by other part of said reserve, 185 links, 21½ links, 44 links, 49½ links, and 265½ links: together with the buildings erected thereon, and known as the Government House—in the Hokitika High School Board, as a site for a high school.

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1. Before the Thames foreshore became vested in the Thames Harbour Board, the Board had agreed with William Rowe to exchange a piece of land on the foreshore, to enable the Board to construct a road along the beach in a straight line, and to give to Mr. Rowe a frontage for his allotments to the proposed road. By "The Thames Harbour Board Act, 1878," all such arrangements should have been settled by a Judge of the Supreme Court, but when the Judge sat for the purpose of hearing such claims Mr. Rowe omitted to put in his claim.

1. All that piece or parcel of land containing 21.5 perches, be the same a little more or less, being part of the Thames foreshore, situate in the Borough of Thames. Bounded towards the North and East by part of Tekaraka Block, being the line of high-water mark, 100, 30, and 135 links; towards the South by a continuation of Walters Street, 61.5 links; and towards the West by other part of the Thames foreshore, 132, 27.3, and 72.5 links: be the said several measurements a little more or less; excepting out of the above piece of land that portion thereof, containing 2.8 perches, occupied by the Karaka Creek, and now used as a public drain. Also all that piece or parcel of land containing 13.6 perches, be the same a little more or less, being part of the said Thames foreshore. Bounded towards the North by the continuation of Walters Street, 51.5 links; towards the East by

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Tekaraka Block, being the line of high-water mark, 189 links; towards the South by part of the Thames foreshore, 39 links; and towards the West by part of the Thames foreshore, 188·7 links: be all the said several measurements a little more or less. The said land is coloured yellow on plan marked M.D. 1054, and deposited in the office of the Marine Department, Wellington.

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