

Hon. Mr. Bryce.

TAUMUTU NATIVE RESERVES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to set apart certain Lands on the Shores of Lake Ellesmere, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, in Support and for the Maintenance of the Natives resident in the Vicinity thereof.

WHEREAS the lands in the Schedule hereto firstly described, containing in area about seven hundred acres, form part of the block of seventy-two thousand acres of land described in the Second Schedule to "The Railways Construction Act, 1878," which, under the tenth section of the said Act, have been declared to be Crown lands of special value, and have been authorized to be sold in manner therein mentioned, and the proceeds thereof have, under the eleventh section of the said Act, been authorized to be applied in the construction and maintenance of a line of railway to Little River and thence to Akaroa, from the main line from Amberley to Waitaki, or from a branch of the said line:

And whereas it is expedient that the lands first aforesaid, containing seven hundred acres, more or less, should be excepted from the operation of the Act aforesaid, and that such lands should be reserved in support of the Native residents in their vicinity, together with the other lands also described in the Schedule hereto:

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 Taumutu Native Reserves Act, 1882."

Excepting land first mentioned in Schedule from operation of "The Railways Construction Act, 1878."

2. The lands first mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, containing in area about seven hundred acres, more or less, are hereby excepted from the operation of sections ten and eleven of "The Railways Construction Act, 1878," as if they had not been included in the Second Schedule to the said Act; and the said sections of the said Act shall be deemed to be repealed in respect of the said seven hundred acres of land. 5

Land described in Schedule set apart as Native reserve.

3. The two several parcels of land more particularly described in the Schedule hereto, and containing in area seven hundred and seventy acres, more or less, are hereby set apart as a Native reserve for the support and maintenance of the Natives residing at Taumutu, in the vicinity of Lake Ellesmere, and otherwise for the use and benefit of the said Natives. 10

Land vested in Public Trustee.

4. The said lands last mentioned are hereby vested in the Public Trustee for the purposes aforesaid, and shall be deemed to be placed in the Public Trust Office, subject to be dealt with under the provisions of any Act for the time being in force relating to the administration of Native reserves; but so that the Public Trustee shall not be authorized to sell the said lands or any of them. 15

Power of resumption by Governor.

5. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the Governor may resume either absolute or partial possession of any of the lands last aforesaid which, in his opinion, are required for any public work, and for the construction of any such work may authorize the entry upon such lands from time to time of any persons lawfully engaged in or about the reclamation or drainage of Lake Ellesmere or any part thereof, or any of the land on the shores thereof. 20 25

For purposes of "The Drainage Act, 1881," Public Trustee deemed to be owner.

6. The Public Trustee shall, for all purposes of "The Drainage Act, 1881," be deemed to be the owner of the lands described in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

ALL those two several parcels of land in the Southbridge Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury, respectively hereinafter described, that is to say,—

Seven hundred acres, more or less; bounded—Northward and Eastward by the low-water line of Lake Ellesmere, as shown on the official map No. 71, in the District Survey Office, Christchurch; South-eastward by Section numbered 806 (in red); and South-westward and North-westward by the Taumutu and Bridges Road, and by Sections numbered 10462, 9467, 8828, and 9189, and a line in continuation of the south-eastern boundary-line of the last-mentioned section: excepting thereout Reserve 2542 (in red), containing ten acres, situate within the above-described boundaries.

Seventy acres, more or less, being Section numbered 806 (in red) on the official map in the Survey Office, Christchurch; excepting thereout five acres for a landing-place, and a road connecting the same with the Taumutu and Bridges Road.