

Hon. Mr. Ballance.

WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES ACT 1881
AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act 1881
Amendment Act, 1884." Title.

WHEREAS by "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act 1881
5 Amendment Act, 1884" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), the
consent of all Native owners is required to admit of the granting a
new lease under the said Act in place of one which has been sur-
rendered, and it is in many cases difficult if not impossible to obtain
10 such consent owing to the absence of some of such owners and the
passive refusal of others to express their wishes in the matter, and
it would facilitate the operation of the said Act, without injuring any
one, if a Native Assessor were appointed to act in accordance with the
interests of the Native owners of the land : Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New
15 Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The West Coast Settlement
Reserves Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1887." Short Title.

2. Any lease under the said Act which is required to be granted
20 so as to expire on the thirtieth day of June in any year may be
granted so as to expire either on the aforesaid day or on the thirty-first
day of December, as may be most convenient. Date of expiry of leases.

3. On the surrender of a lease under section thirteen of the said
Act, a new lease thereunder may be granted at a rental to be com-
25 puted on the value of the land comprised in the lease, and the im-
provements thereon, less the value of any substantial dwelling-house
or permanent farm-buildings thereon, and on such terms, subject as
in the said Act mentioned, as may be agreed upon between the Public

Trustee, the lessees, and a Native Assesor to be appointed by the Governor for the purpose as far as may be of acting in accordance with the interests of the Native owners of the land.

The provisions of this section shall be construed retrospectively, and be deemed to have been in force as from the first day of February 5 in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

4. When the rents of any land are apportioned amongst the persons entitled thereto by the Public Trustee as required to be done by section fifteen of the said Act, a notice of such apportionment may be gazetted, and any such gazetted notice shall be conclusive proof 10 that the said rents have been properly and definitely apportioned.

Gazette notice of apportionment of rents to be conclusive.