This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives. 2nd October, 1900.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

SETTLEMENT WEST COAST RESERVES ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Acr to amend "The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, Title. 1892."

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 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 Amendment Act, 1900."

2. Section twelve of "The West Coast Settlement Reserves 10 Act, 1892" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), is hereby amended by repealing subsection five thereof, and substituting in lieu thereof the following subsection:—

"(5.) To let reserves to any person, whether a Native or not, for a reasonable rent, upon a tenancy of not more than

seven years' duration."

3. Section twenty-two of the said Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection, to follow subsection two, that is to say:

"(3.) Acquire by purchase or exchange land other than that included in such reserves, where such acquisition is necessary for the purpose of gaining access to such

4. The proviso to the aforesaid section twenty-two is hereby amended by repealing the words "seven years," and substituting in repaying advances. 25 lieu thereof the words "twenty-one years."

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