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

*House of Representatives,
8th December, 1897.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. A. J. Cadman.

WESTPORT-NGAKAWAU RAILWAY EXTENSION ACT
AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| Title. | |
| 1. Short Title. | 3. Liability of other holders not increased. |
| 2. Relief to leaseholders in respect of deficiency to be made good by them. | 4. |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Westport-Ngakawau Railway Extension Act, 1890." Title.

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

10 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Westport-Ngakawau Railway Extension Act Amendment Act, 1897." Short Title.

15 2. With respect to the liability which by section six of "The Westport-Ngakawau Railway Extension Act, 1890," is imposed on the holders of the therein mentioned coal-mining leases to bear and pay the therein mentioned deficiency, the following provisions shall apply:— Relief to leaseholders in respect of deficiency to be made good by them.

20 (1.) The Governor, if the Westport Harbour Board so requests, may grant to any such holder time, *not exceeding two years from the date of the commencement of this Act*, for the payment of all moneys owing by such holder in respect of such deficiency up to the passing of this Act, and for that purpose may arrange to accept payment thereof by such instalments and at such periodical intervals as the Governor thinks reasonable.

Struck out.

25 If such request be made, and if the Governor make arrangements for giving time under this subsection, a return showing the particulars of such arrangements shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within ten days of the same being made, or if Parliament shall not at the time be in session, then within ten days of the opening of the next session thereof.

30 (2.) At the like request, the Governor may release any such holder from all liability in respect of any such deficiency arising subsequent to the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, upon being satisfied that such holder has raised sufficient capital to

2 *Westport-Ngakawau Railway Extension Act Amendment.*

properly develop its coal-mine and vigorously carry on coal-mining operations therein.

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If such request be made, and if the Governor shall grant a release under this subsection, a return showing the particulars of the arrangement made as to the raising of sufficient capital as aforesaid shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within ten days of the same being granted, or if Parliament shall not at the time be in session, then within ten days of the opening of the next session thereof.

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Liability of other holders not increased.

3. No relief granted under this Act by the Governor to any such holder shall in any way operate to increase the liability by the aforesaid section six imposed on any other holder.

New clause.

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4. Within ten days after any relief has been granted under this Act by the Governor the Colonial Treasurer shall lay before both Houses of Parliament, if in session, or, if not, then within ten days after the commencement of the next-ensuing session thereof, a statement setting forth the nature and extent of the relief so granted, the terms and conditions subject to which it was granted, and, in the case of relief under subsection (2) of section 2 hereof, the particulars of the arrangements made for raising sufficient capital as therein prescribed.

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Principal Act modified.

4-5. The aforesaid Act is hereby modified in so far as it conflicts with this Act.

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