

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to facilitate the acquisition of a Site for a Title.  
Telegraph Office in the City of Wellington.

**W**HEREAS the parcel of land particularly described in the Preamble.  
Schedule hereto being part of a parcel of land in the Harbour of Port  
Nicholson granted to the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington  
under the provisions of "The Public Reserves Act 1854" upon  
5 certain trusts for the public service of the said Province and reclaimed  
from the sea at the cost of the Provincial Government of the said  
Province is required by the Electric Telegraph Commissioner who is  
hereinafter referred to as "the Commissioner" as a site for the offices  
of his department at Wellington And it is expedient that power  
10 should be given to the Commissioner to purchase the said parcel of  
land hereinafter referred to as "the prescribed land" and to appropriate  
the same for the purposes aforesaid

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Wellington Short Title.  
Telegraph Office Site Act 1868."

2. The Commissioner may out of any moneys which may have Power to Commis-  
been or may be placed at his disposal for such purposes by the sioner to purchase  
20 General Assembly purchase from the Superintendent of the Province prescribed lands.  
of Wellington the parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto at  
and for such sum of money as shall represent the cost of reclaiming  
the said parcel of land from the sea and such cost shall be calculated  
as bearing the same proportion to the cost of reclaiming the whole  
25 of the area of land comprised in the contract under which the said  
prescribed land was with other land reclaimed from the sea as the area  
of the said prescribed land bears to the total area comprised in such  
contract as aforesaid.

Lands Clauses  
Consolidation Act  
incorporated.

3. "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1863" shall be incorporated with this Act with the exceptions and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained that is to say—

- (1.) In the construction of this Act and the said incorporated Act this Act shall be deemed to be "the special Act" and this Act and the said incorporated Act shall be read as if the expression "promoters of the undertaking" were in the singular number and the Commissioner shall be deemed to be the promoter of the undertaking the expressions "parties interested in the lands" "parties enabled to sell convey or release" and "parties entitled to compensation" shall be read as if such expressions were in the singular number and as meaning and referring to the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington only. 5
- (2.) The said incorporated Act shall be read as if instead of the terms "compensation" "purchase money" and "value" or terms of similar import wherever the same respectively occur in the said Act words importing the proportionate cost of reclaiming the prescribed land calculated as hereinbefore directed were used. 10 20
- (3.) There shall not be incorporated with this Act the sections of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1863" hereinafter enumerated that is to say sections forty-four forty-five forty-six forty-seven forty-eight, forty-nine fifty fifty-one fifty-two fifty-three and ninety-seven. 25
- (4.) The said incorporated Act shall be read as if instead of the expressions therein relating to payment of moneys to the Colonial Treasurer or into the Colonial Treasury words had been used to express payment of the same moneys to the credit of the Public Account. 30
- (5.) The prescribed land when the purchase money shall have been ascertained and paid in the manner provided by this Act and the said incorporated Act shall in the manner provided by the said Acts be conveyed to or made to vest in Her Majesty her heirs and successors for the public uses of the Colony. 35

#### SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Harbour of Port Nicholson in the Province of Wellington reclaimed from the sea commencing at a point on the eastern side of Custom House Quay in a line with the northern side of Panama Street and running in an easterly direction at right angles to the line of Custom House Quay for seventy-eight feet thence in a southerly direction parallel to the line of Custom House Quay one hundred and thirty-eight feet thence in a westerly direction at right angles to the line of Custom House Quay for seventy-eight feet and thence along the eastern side of Custom House Quay one hundred and thirty-eight feet to the point of commencement.