

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 20th Day of November, 1903.

MAORI LAND LAWS BILL.

Hon. Mr. PITT, in Committee, to move to add the following new clause:—

A. Whereas by Order in Council dated the fourteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and three, and duly made by the Governor under section eighty-eight of "The Public Works Act, 1894," certain Native lands described in the said Order (being Section forty-five, Ngarara West A Block, Horowhenua County) were taken for the purposes of roads, and were thereby vested in His Majesty as from the twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and three: And whereas on the fourth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and three, the Chief Judge of the Native Land Court, without notice to the Governor in Council, or to any person on his behalf, made certain alterations to the title of the said lands, which alterations would have the effect of making the said lands private lands, and thereby rendering the said Order in Council *ultra vires*: And whereas no appeal now lies against the action of the Chief Judge, and it is therefore expedient that provision be made in the premises as hereinafter appears: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1.) The alterations made by the Chief Judge as aforesaid are hereby cancelled, and the title to the said lands shall be deemed to be as it was immediately prior to the application on which the said alterations were made, and all parties shall be deemed to be restored to the position they were then in.

(2.) The District Land Registrar shall forthwith mark all such alterations in certificates of title as are necessary in order to give full effect to this section.

(3.) No application respecting the said lands shall be entertained by the Chief Judge or the Court without due notice to the Native Minister, who shall be entitled to be heard thereon.