

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1870.

1. The Honourable Colonel WHITMORE to move, on the third reading of the Gold Duties Bill, That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of amending the third clause by the omission of all the words after "New Zealand" in the 11th line, with a view to the substitution of the following ones :—

1. Gold of the fineness of twenty carats and upwards, two shillings and sixpence per ounce troy weight.

2. Gold of any lower fineness than twenty carats according to the declared number of ounces troy weight of the fineness of twenty carats contained therein.

2. The Honourable Mr. SEYMOUR, in Committee on the Marlborough Sale of Reserves Bill, to move the following amendments :—

In the Preamble, lines 19 to 21, to omit "it is expedient that the sale or other disposition of such lands as are specified in the Schedules to this Act should be confirmed," and insert "the persons who have purchased or leased such lands, having done so without fraud or collusion, it would be just that their title to such land should after due inquiry be enforced" in lieu thereof.

To erase clauses 2 and 3.

New Clauses.

Any person who may have purchased or leased, or who may claim title through any other person who may have purchased or leased, any of the lands specified in the First and Second Schedules to this Act, may apply in writing to the Colonial Secretary, to have his title to such land confirmed under this Act.

Upon the receipt of any such application the Colonial Secretary shall refer the same to the Secretary for Crown Lands, who shall thereupon institute the following inquiries :—

- (a.) Whether the lands referred to in such application are necessary for the public use service or convenience of the Province of Marlborough.
- (b.) Whether the applicant or the original purchaser or lessee through whom he claims, made such purchase or lease *bona fide* without collusion and without notice of the illegality of such transaction.
- (c.) Whether the purchase money or rent for the same was according to the rate prescribed by the laws in force at the time of sale or lease within the Province of Marlborough.
- (d.) Whether such purchase money or rent has been duly paid or accounted for.
- (e.) Whether there are any circumstances in the transaction which would morally or equitably disentitle the applicant to receive confirmation of his title.

If the Secretary for Crown Lands shall be satisfied upon the before-mentioned points in favour of the applicant, he may report accordingly to the Colonial Secretary.

Upon receiving such report, the Governor may make and issue a Crown Grant or Lease of such lands to or in favour of the applicant, which grant or lease shall be valid and effectual, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.