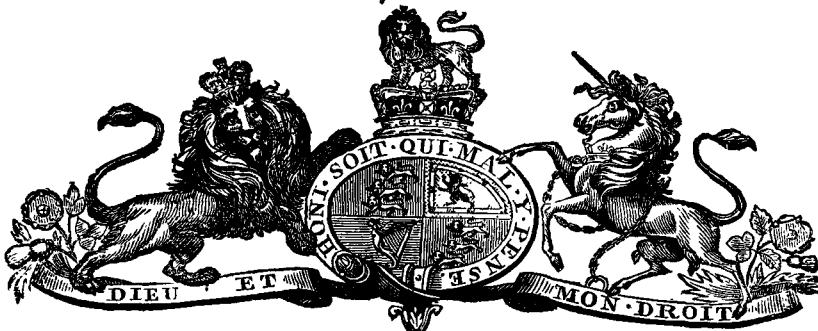


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AN ACT to make further Provision for the Final Settlement of Land Claims. [17th October, 1878.]

WHEREAS there yet remain certain unsettled claims to land within the Colony of New Zealand, arising out of dealings with the aboriginal inhabitants thereof: And whereas it is not expedient that any such claims should be allowed to remain open for an indefinite period:

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Land Claims Act, 1878."

2. The term "said Acts" herein used shall mean "The Land Claims Settlement Act, 1856," and "The Land Claims Settlement Extension Act, 1858." The term "Commissioners" shall mean any Commissioner appointed under "The Land Claims Settlement Act, 1856."

3. Every claim capable of being prosecuted under the said Acts which shall not be prosecuted before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

4. Whenever any selection of land is required to be made under the provisions of the said Acts, the Commissioners may prescribe a period within which such selection shall be made, and if the selection

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be not made within such period, such right of selection shall lapse and be deemed abandoned, and the claimant or claimants shall have no further right, title, or interest in respect of such claim, or in respect of any land the subject of such claim.

Commissioners shall determine claims in certain cases.

5. In any claim in which difficulties exist in the way of obtaining quiet possession of the land to which the claimant is entitled, and in which the survey of the claim cannot be made in a reasonable time, to be fixed by the Commissioners, the Commissioners shall determine the claim by directing a grant of other land in exchange, or by the issue of scrip, as provided in section three of "The Land Claims Settlement Act, 1858."

Forty-third and forty-fourth sections of Act of 1856 repealed.
Saving clause.

Commissioners may admit hearing under restrictions.

6. The forty-third and forty-fourth sections of "The Land Claims Settlement Act, 1856," are hereby repealed, and in all cases of surveys and maps required by the said Acts the Commissioners shall order such surveys or maps to be made under their own direction; but such repeal shall not apply to any case in which a claimant shall have made surveys under the said Acts.

7. Notwithstanding anything in the said Acts contained, the Commissioners may admit to hearing the claimants in claims sixty-four and one thousand one hundred and twenty-eight, subject to the following restrictions:—

In claim one thousand one hundred and twenty-eight, the claimant shall not obtain any higher award than such claimant would have received if the claim had been capable of being notified under the said Acts:

In claim sixty-four, the claimant shall be admitted to hearing on the following conditions:—

(1.) If the claim be made under any original purchase from the Natives by the claimant, or any agent for him, other than the purchase reported on by Commissioner Godfrey in cases seventy-three and seventy-three B, the claim shall be heard and determined on the same terms, and subject to the same restrictions, as all other original claims under the Land Claims Ordinance, Session ten, number one.

(2.) If the claim be made under or in respect of any share in the purchase in cases seventy-three and seventy-three B of W. E. Cormack, then the claimant shall, on proof of such share, be entitled to receive scrip entitling him to select such a number of acres of rural land in the Provincial District of Auckland as shall bear the same proportion to the maximum grant of two thousand five hundred and sixty acres, recommended by Commissioner Godfrey in respect of the said cases seventy-three and seventy-three B, as the number of acres comprised in the original claim case forty-three bears to the total number of acres comprised in all the cases admitted before Commissioner Godfrey to have shared in the purchases in respect whereof such maximum grant was recommended.

Act to be advertised in London.

8. For the purpose of giving due publicity to this Act, and to all claimants affected by the same, a notification of the provisions of this Act relating to notices to be given, compensation awarded, and time limited for the exercise of scrip issued hereunder, shall be published in the London *Times* newspaper, or in such other newspaper in London, and in such manner, as the Secretary for Crown Lands shall appoint.

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