

New Zealand.

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## 1896, No. 50.

<p>Title.</p>	<p>AN ACT to provide for Further Investigation with a View to the Final Settlement and Extinguishment of Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land-claims. [17th October, 1896.]</p>
<p>Preamble.</p>	<p>WHEREAS a large number of claims made under the several Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Acts remain unsettled, and it is found that great hardship has been shown in numerous cases of claimants whose claims have been rejected on the score of character, as not coming within the meaning of the term "good" as interpreted under existing Acts, or on other technical grounds: And whereas it is expedient to make inquiry so as to put the Government in a position to finally determine the said claims:</p> <p>BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—</p>
<p>Short Title.</p>	<p>1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Naval and Military Claims Settlement and Extinguishment Act, 1896."</p>
<p>Paragraph (b) of section 2 of Act of 1892 repealed.</p>	<p>2. Paragraph (b) of section two of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1892," is hereby repealed, and all claims thereunder are hereby extinguished and shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed never to have existed.</p>
<p>Governor to appoint Commissioner to inquire into claims.</p>	<p>3. For the purposes of this Act the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner for the whole colony, who shall inquire into each claim set out in the report laid before Parliament, "H.-23, 1894," other than those referred to in the last-preceding section hereof, and take such further evidence as he deems necessary in order to enable the Government to finally dispose of the same, and of all other claims that have already been sent in, and to which this Act applies, and all other claims sent in up to the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.</p>

4. With respect to every such claim the Commissioner shall make such recommendation and report as he considers fair and equitable, and in so doing shall specify separately—

Claims to be classified.

- (1.) The claims which are established according to law, and the category under which they are classed ;
- (2.) The claims which are rejected on the ground of the claimant's character not being technically "good," but which would be established if the expression "good character" were read with the Queen's Regulations for the army, 1859 to 1868 ;
- (3.) The claims which are rejected on technical grounds, setting out in each case the nature of the technical objection ; and
- (4.) The claims of Volunteers who have served for five years, although the service was not continuous.

5. For the purposes of this Act the Commissioner shall have all the powers conferred upon a Commissioner under sections five, six, and seven of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889."

Powers of Commissioner.