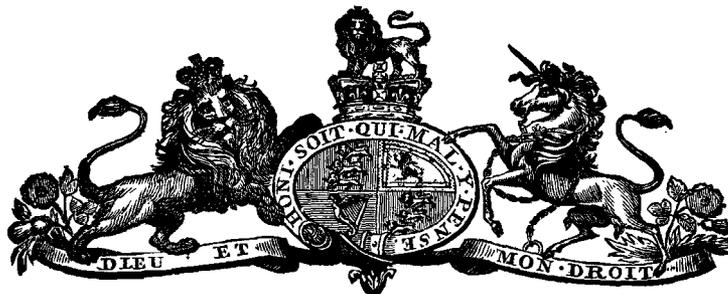


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AN ACT to amend "The Native Land Act, 1873." Title.  
 [8th December, 1877.]

BE IT 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 Native Land Act Amendment Act, 1877." Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Native Land Court, in all cases and proceedings before such Court, to award costs by or to any party before the Court, or by or to the Crown whenever the Crown shall appear in any such case or proceeding, and to fix the amount of such costs by an order of Court: Provided that any such order may be altered, varied, or rescinded at the discretion of the Court. Court may award costs.

3. If costs are not paid in accordance with the order of the Court, the same or any part thereof may be recovered by the party entitled to receive from the party liable to pay the same as a debt, whereof an official copy of the order of Court shall be a sufficient proof. Costs recoverable as a debt.

The Colonial Treasurer, out of moneys received or to be received by the Court aforesaid, shall pay costs awarded against the Crown, and costs awarded to the Crown may be recovered as a debt due to Her Majesty.

4. The Court, or any Judge thereof, may order any Native who is appearing as a party in any case before the Court to deposit such sum as the Court or Judge shall fix as security for any costs which may be awarded by the Court, and may refuse to proceed with the case or to hear any person who does not comply with such order. Court may order security for costs.

*Native Land Act Amendment.*

Matters in which Her Majesty or the Governor are interested.

5. The Native Minister for the time being may from time to time, and either generally or for any particular occasion, authorize any person or persons, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen or the Governor, to appear and act in any application, matter, or thing in any Native Land Court in which Her said Majesty or the Governor, or any person on her or his behalf, is a party or otherwise concerned or interested, anything in "The Native Lands Act, 1873," or any Act amending the same, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Application to determine interest of Her Majesty in any block of land.

6. The Native Minister may at any time cause application to be made to the Native Land Court to ascertain and determine what interest in any block of land has been acquired by or on behalf of Her said Majesty, and the said Court shall hear such application, and generally shall have all such powers and authorities in respect of any such application as it would have in any matter in its ordinary jurisdiction; and after hearing all such evidence as shall be thought necessary, or may be produced by or on behalf of any person interested in any such application, the Court may grant such order as to it shall seem fit; and all lands declared in such order to be the property of, or to have been acquired by or on behalf of, Her said Majesty shall, from the date of such order, be deemed to be absolutely vested in Her said Majesty, her heirs and successors, for such estate or interest (if any) as in the said order may be declared.

Power of Court to maintain order.

7. The Court or any Judge thereof shall, during any sitting of the Court, have the same power to maintain order within the precincts of the Court as are now vested in the Judges of the District Courts of New Zealand by "The District Courts Act, 1858," section one hundred and fifty-nine.

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