

New Zealand.

## ANALYSIS.

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authorized.

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1886, No. 15.

AN ACT to empower the Governor to issue Instruments of Title to  
Natives in certain Cases. Title.  
[30th July, 1886.]

WHEREAS certain parcels of land, more generally known as awards Preamble.  
made by Colonel McCleverty, were set apart in the Wellington District,  
in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in fulfilment  
of certain arrangements then entered into between Her Majesty's  
Government in New Zealand and the Natives, and it is expedient that  
the ownership of such lands should be determined and the persons  
entitled thereto respectively clothed with title :

And whereas certain lands have been reserved at various times  
for Native purposes in the Wairarapa District on the cession of Native  
territory to the Crown :

And whereas other lands were reserved in the Districts of Rangitikei  
and Manawatu for the benefit of certain Natives :

And whereas certain lands were set apart on the west coast of the  
Middle Island for the benefit of the aboriginal Natives interested  
therein, in terms of the Arahura deed of purchase :

And whereas title to certain portions of the block of land situated  
in the Mandeville District, in the Provincial District of Canterbury,  
known as the Kaiapoi Native Reserve, is still outstanding :

And whereas certain contracts made in respect of the cession of  
Stewart Island to Her Majesty for grants of land to half-castes resi-  
dent thereon at the time of such cession, yet remain unfulfilled :

And whereas Commissions have been issued from time to time for  
the purpose of ascertaining the names of the persons who are benefi-  
cially entitled as aforesaid, and it is expedient that the issue of instru-  
ments of title to such persons should be authorized :

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 is "The Native Reserves' Titles Short Title.  
Grant Empowering Act, 1886."

Titles to certain  
Natives and half-  
castes authorized.

2. For the purpose of carrying out the intention of this Act or in fulfilment of any contract, promise, or engagement made in respect of the cession to Her Majesty of the lands in the various districts of the colony hereinabove recited the Governor from time to time, if he shall think fit,—

- (1.) May execute warrants for the issue of land transfer certificates of title to all or any parts of the lands aforesaid to any person or persons whose names have been ascertained as aforesaid, either in severalty or as tenants in common, and may impose such restrictions or conditions to which the title under any such certificate shall be subject as he may deem advisable, and may fix therein the dates on which the legal estate therein shall respectively rest :
- (2.) May execute warrants for such certificates of land subject to such conditions and restrictions as aforesaid, not exceeding ten acres for each male, and eight acres for each female, of any lands which have been or may be set apart either on Stewart Island, or the neighbouring mainland, for the maintenance of any of the half-castes of Stewart Island who may be entitled thereto in respect of the cession as aforesaid of Stewart Island to Her Majesty, and for whom respectively no grant has heretofore been executed.
- (3.) Every certificate of title to be issued under the provisions hereof shall be expressed to take effect as from the date fixed for the vesting of the title as aforesaid, and all dealings with the land subsequent to such date, and prior to the issue of such certificate, shall take effect as if the lands had been from such date under the operation of the Land Transfer Act; subject, nevertheless, to any rights of priority which may have been acquired by registration under "The Deeds Registration Act, 1868:"
- (4.) Every grant heretofore issued for the purpose mentioned in subsection two, since the date of the repeal of "The Stewart Island Grants Act, 1873," is hereby validated, and shall be deemed to have been good and valid for all purposes from the date thereof as if the Act last aforesaid had not been repealed.