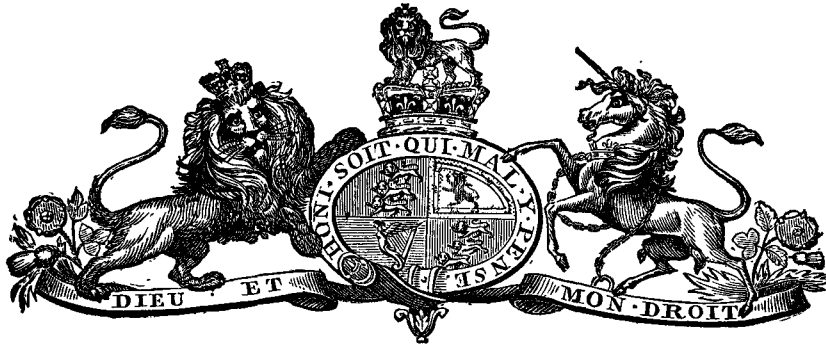


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TRICESIMO SECUNDO ET TRICESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. LIX.

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AN ACT to authorize the Appointment of Commissioners to enter into agreement with the Imperial Government for the employment of an Imperial Force in New Zealand and also to enter into arrangements for organizing a Force for Service under the Colonial Government and to make provision for Payment of the Cost of such Imperial and Colonial Forces.

Title.

[3rd September 1869.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Governor should be authorized to appoint Commissioners to enter into the negotiations and agreements and to make the arrangements hereinafter provided and that the Governor should be authorized and empowered to carry out such agreements and arrangements as may be made by such Commissioners and that provision should be made by law for the payment out of the Revenues of New Zealand of such sums as such Commissioners shall agree to pay to the Imperial Government in consideration of the employment of such Imperial Forces as hereinafter mentioned in New Zealand and that provision should also be made for payment out of the Revenues of New Zealand of the costs of establishing and maintaining such Colonial Force as hereinafter mentioned

Preamble.

New Zealand Commissioners.

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The New Zealand Commissioners Act 1869.”

Commissioners to be appointed.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand to appoint persons whether Members of the said Executive Council or not to be Commissioners under this Act and on behalf of the Colony to enter into the negotiations and agreements and make the arrangements mentioned in this Act And the said Commissioners shall lay before the Imperial Government the grounds upon which the Colony asks for assistance and shall ascertain to what extent aid either in men or otherwise will be afforded by the Imperial Government to the Colony.

Commissioners to treat for Imperial Force.

3. It shall be lawful for the persons so appointed to treat and agree with the Imperial Government for securing the services for the Colony of an Imperial Force of such number not exceeding one thousand men and for such a period not exceeding five years and upon such terms as shall be agreed upon between the said Commissioners and the Imperial Government represented by any one of Her Majesty’s Secretaries of State or other Officer or person appointed by Her Majesty for the purpose and there shall and may be issued and applied out of the Consolidated Fund of New Zealand annually during such period as shall be agreed upon as aforesaid such sum or sums of money as shall be agreed upon as aforesaid and the said sums shall be paid to such person or persons on behalf of Her Majesty as Her Majesty or the Governor on her behalf shall from time to time direct.

Payment of Imperial Force.

Commissioners may raise a Force for defence of Colony to be under orders of the Governor.

4. The said Commissioners shall confer with the Imperial Government and Military Authorities as to the description of Force which it will be most advantageous for the Colony to employ for its defence in addition to the force of Imperial Troops for the services of which the said Commissioners are in and by the last preceding section of this Act authorized to enter into an agreement And it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to conclude arrangements and to enter into contracts on behalf of the Colony for the organization and employment of a disciplined Force for a period not exceeding three years for the defence of the Colony and the preservation of peace therein and such last-mentioned Force shall be subject to the orders of the Governor and there shall and may be issued and applied out of the Consolidated Fund of New Zealand annually during such period of three years for the purpose of defraying the costs charges and expenses which shall come in course of payment for or on account of such Force as in this section mentioned any sum or sums not exceeding seventy thousand pounds.

Cost of such Force not exceeding £70,000 per annum to be paid.

Governor empowered to carry out agreements.

5. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council to do all things that may be necessary on behalf of this Colony to carry into effect any agreements or arrangements which may be made and entered into by the said Commissioners under this Act on behalf of the Colony.

If Superintendent appointed Commissioner his Deputy may act during his absence though exceeding 150 days.

6. If any Superintendent of a Province shall be appointed a Commissioner under this Act the Deputy Superintendent of his Province shall have full power during the absence of such Superintendent from his Province as such Commissioner to do perform and exercise all the acts powers and authorities which a Deputy Superintendent may by law do perform and exercise for the whole period of such absence whether exceeding one hundred and fifty days or not and if during such absence the office of the said Deputy Super-

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intendent shall become vacant by death or resignation the Governor may from time to time by Proclamation appoint a new Deputy Superintendent to do perform and exercise all the acts powers and authorities aforesaid or such of them only as shall be specified in such Proclamation for the remainder of the said period of such absence whether exceeding one hundred and fifty days or not And it is hereby provided that the absence of any such Superintendent as aforesaid from his Province for more than one hundred and fifty days shall not in any way affect his tenure of the office of Superintendent or his right to resume its duties on his return to the Colony And in such case until the return of such Superintendent to New Zealand the period of two months mentioned in the fifth section of "The Provincial Audit Act Amendment Act 1868" shall be deemed to commence from the day of the date of the return of such Superintendent to New Zealand and not from the day of the date of the payment being made and the said Act shall be construed and read accordingly.

In case of vacancy
Governor may
appoint a Deputy.

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