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AN ACT to enable the Governor to fulfil certain Agreements made with Aboriginal Natives, and to execute Grants to them of certain Lands in the Province of Wellington, and for other Purposes.

[22nd September, 1873.]

WHEREAS disputes have been for some time pending between the Government of the Colony and certain persons of the Aboriginal Native race who claimed to be proprietors of certain lands in the districts of Rangitikei and Manawatu, in the Province of Wellington: And whereas certain of such disputes were some time since adjusted by Isaac Earl Featherston, and certain other of the said disputes were some time since adjusted by the Honorable Donald McLean, acting for the said Government, and it was agreed that certain lands in the said districts should be granted by the Crown to certain Natives in fee-simple, and that certain other lands should be reserved for the benefit of certain Natives: And whereas it is expedient that an Act should be passed for the purpose of giving effect to the arrangements so agreed upon:

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Rangitikei-Manawatu Crown Grants Act, 1873." Short Title.

*Rangitikei-Manawatu Crown Grants.*

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2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to fulfil and carry into effect the agreements hereinbefore mentioned in reference to the said lands, whether such agreements are evidenced by any writing or not.

3. For the purpose of carrying out the intention of this Act it shall be lawful for the Governor to issue grants from the Crown of the lands agreed to be granted in fee-simple to the several persons in the opinion of the Governor entitled to the same.

4. The Governor is hereby also authorized and empowered to reserve or grant the said lands agreed to be reserved for such purposes and for the benefit of such Natives, and to be granted to such persons and on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions on alienation as he may from time to time think fit.

5. The Honorable Sir Francis Dillon Bell is hereby appointed to be arbitrator, to consider and decide what compensation (if any) shall be paid to the Province of Wellington on account of such lands so taken and awarded to the Natives under promises or arrangements made by the Honorable Donald McLean.

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