

WAIKATO CONFISCATED LANDS.

AN ACT to provide for the Settlement of certain Natives in the District of Waikato. [1st September, 1880.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS tribes and persons of the Native race formerly residing on and owning, according to their usages, lands in the district or country known by the name of Waikato, joined in the late rebellion against Her Majesty, and such lands were taken by the Crown in pursuance of the provisions in that behalf of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and the other Acts amending and continuing the same: And whereas some of such tribes and persons have returned to their allegiance to Her Majesty, and others are desirous of so returning, and it is expedient that the Governor should have power to provide lands for their residence and settlement out of such portion of the said lands as still remain unsold or undisposed of:

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 is "The Waikato Confiscated Lands Act, 1880."

Land to which Act shall not apply.

2. This Act shall not apply to any land which has already been granted by the Crown, or which is subject to any lawful contract or engagement, or to any land which under any law heretofore in existence has been devoted to any special object or has been lawfully made subject to any trust.

Governor may reserve land.

3. The Governor may from time to time, as he thinks fit, by Proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette*, reserve out of any of the lands comprised in the Schedule hereto such lands as to him shall seem fit: Provided that within fourteen days after the commencement of each session of the General Assembly a return be laid on the table showing the area for whom reserved, and the conditions on which such reserves have been made.

No such reserve shall be made after the expiration of two years from the passing of this Act.

May grant to Natives.

4. Out of lands so reserved, the Governor may, from time to time, grant such portions as he may think fit to such persons of the Native race as aforesaid as shall be proved to his satisfaction to have been in rebellion and to have subsequently submitted to the Queen's authority, or their descendants; or by warrant under his hand he may set apart out of lands so reserved such portions thereof as he thinks fit, for the use and occupation of such persons.

May set apart land by warrant.

5. Whenever the Governor under the above provision, by warrant under his hand, sets apart any land for the benefit of any persons of the Native race, he may, either in the same or in a subsequent warrant, specify what conditions, restrictions, or limitations shall be attached thereto, and he may subsequently grant the same.

Grants to be made inalienable.

6. Any grant which the Governor is authorized to make under the provisions of this Act as aforesaid shall make the land therein comprised absolutely inalienable.

7. If, for a consecutive period of two years, such grantees or their descendants shall cease to use such land as their domicile, the grant thereof may, by Order in Council, be declared forfeited; and, upon the publication of such order in the *New Zealand Gazette*, such grant shall be as effectually annulled as if the same had been repealed by *scire facias*, and the land comprised therein shall revert to the Crown. Residence clause.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

ALL that block of land contained within a boundary, commencing at Pukorokoro, in the Gulf of the Thames; thence proceeding southward in a straight line to the Hapua Kohi Pass; thence in a straight line to the summit of Pukemoremore; thence in a straight line to the summit of Maungakawa; thence in a straight line to Pukekura; thence in a straight line to Orakau; thence in a straight line to the nearest point of the Puniu River; thence following the Puniu River to its junction with the Waipa River; thence in a straight line to the summit of Pirongia; thence in a straight line to the nearest point of the Waitetuna River; thence by the Waitetuna River to Whangaroa Harbour; thence by that harbour to the sea; thence by the sea-coast to the Waikato Heads; thence by the Waikato River to the Maungatawhiri River; thence by the Maungatawhiri River to the Great South Road; thence northward by the Great South Road to the Razorback Redoubt; thence by the boundary of the Rama Rama and Hunua Purchases to the Wairoa River; thence by the Wairoa River to the North-eastern boundary of the land of the Kowhairiki Tribe; thence to the summit of the Wharekawa Mountain; thence following the ridge of Wharekawa to the Surrey Redoubt; thence in a straight line to the point of commencement.
