

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

26th September, 1922.

Hon. Mr. Guthrie.

## HAURAKI PLAINS AMENDMENT.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1922, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Save as otherwise provided in this section, the lands described in the Schedule to the principal Act, and all lands that may heretofore have been or may hereafter be acquired under the provisions of section nine of that Act, shall be exempt from all general rates made and levied by the Council of any county within which any part of such lands is situated.

Lands subject to principal Act to be exempt from general county rates, save as otherwise provided herein.

(2.) The exemption from rates provided for in the *last preceding* subsection shall not apply with respect to—

(a.) Any lands that have heretofore been or that may hereafter be reserved as sites for towns or villages pursuant to the provisions in that behalf of the Land Act, 1908, and that are occupied within the meaning of the Rating Act, 1908:

(b.) Any other lands after they have been occupied, within the meaning of the Rating Act, 1908, for a period of not less than five years:

Provided that no lands shall be liable by virtue of this section to any rates in respect of a period prior to the first day of April, nineteen hundred and *twenty-three*.

Consequential repeal.

(3.) Section one hundred and eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1917, is hereby repealed.

Exemption of certain lands from rates levied by Minister of Lands.

3. The lands described in the Schedule hereto, being lands within the Hauraki Drainage District constituted under the Land Drainage Act, 1908, shall be exempt from any rate that may be made and levied after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and *twenty-three*, by the Minister of Lands, acting under the authority conferred on him by section three of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1911.

Other lands to become exempt from Government rates on inclusion within a drainage district.

4. If any area subject to the operations of the principal Act as defined in section three of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1912, is hereafter constituted a district under the Land Drainage Act, 1908, or is hereafter included in any such district, it shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section four of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1911, be exempt from any rate that may thereafter be made and levied by the Minister of Lands pursuant to section three of the last-mentioned Act.

Proceeds of rate levied under Amendment Act, 1911, to be paid into Hauraki Plains Settlement Account.

5. (1.) The proceeds of all rates made and levied pursuant to section three of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1911, shall be paid into the Hauraki Plains Settlement Account.

(2.) Payments in respect of the maintenance of works carried out under the authority of the principal Act may from time to time, without further appropriation than this section, be paid out of moneys standing to the credit of that account.

(3.) There may be transferred from the said account to the Consolidated Fund, without further authority than this section, an amount not exceeding the amount of rates made and levied as aforesaid prior to the passing of the Finance Act, 1921-22, and then unpaid.

Consequential repeal.

(4.) This section is in substitution for section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1921-22, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed.

Power to sell certain wharves, &c., to Hauraki Plains County Council.

6. (1.) The Minister of Lands, acting for and on behalf of the Crown, is hereby authorized to sell to the Hauraki Plains County Council, for such price and subject to such conditions as may be mutually agreed on, and the said Council is hereby authorized to acquire, maintain, and use, all or any of the wharves, jetties, and goods-sheds or other buildings, the property of the Crown, situated on any land subject to the operations of the principal Act as defined in section three of the Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1912, or on any land adjacent thereto, together with the lands on which such wharves, jetties, or buildings as aforesaid are situated, and the approaches thereto.

(2.) Any agreement for the sale of any property under this section may provide for the payment of the purchase-money by instalments extending over such period, not exceeding twenty-one years, as the Minister thinks fit, and for the payment of interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on the amount of purchase-money for the time being unpaid.

(3.) No dues, tolls, fees, or other charges shall be payable by the Crown in respect of the use of any wharves, jetties, or goods-sheds sold pursuant to this section, nor shall any such dues, tolls, fees, or charges be payable by any person engaged in the service of the Crown in respect of any matter arising out of or incidental to such service.

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**SCHEDULE.**

Schedule.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, containing 960 acres, more or less, bounded as follows: Commencing at the south-eastern corner of Section 3, Block VII, Waihou Survey District; on the east by the Kurunui No. 1, Whakamuri, Mangonui, and Te Arawhakaapekapeka Blocks to the Tahanui Block; thence by the northern boundary of that block to its north-western corner; thence by a right line to the south-western corner of Kaikahu No. 3; thence in a northerly direction along the boundaries of Kaikahu No. 3, Wairau No. 2, and No 1 to the westernmost point of Wairau No. 1; thence along the northern boundary of Wairau No. 1 to the point of commencement: as more particularly delineated on plan marked L. and S. 15/96, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington. and thereon bordered red.

By Authority: W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington.—1922.