

(Hon. Mr. O'Rorke.)

## Heni Tareha Matangi Grant Validation.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make valid a Grant from the Crown to Heni Tareha Matangi, of a Parcel of Land in the Parish of Okaihau in the County of Hokianga, in the Province of Auckland. Title.

WHEREAS a block of land known as Okaihau, in the County of Hokianga, in the Province of Auckland, was originally purchased by Her Majesty the Queen from certain of the Aboriginal owners thereof, and the same was by them conveyed to Her said Majesty: And whereas one Hone Tareha, an aboriginal Native, claimed to be entitled to the land so sold and conveyed to Her said Majesty as part owner thereof, but the said Hone Tareha was not a party to the conveyance of the said land, and did not consent to the sale thereof as aforesaid: And whereas subsequently to the sale of the said land, it was discovered that the claim of the said Hone Tareha to be a part owner of the said land was a valid claim, and by way of satisfying and extinguishing the claim or estate of the said Hone Tareha in and to the land so sold as aforesaid, it was proposed that he should be allowed to select thereout a parcel of land containing fifteen acres: And whereas the said Hone Tareha accepted such proposal in satisfaction and extinguishment of his claim and estate in and to the said block of land so sold as aforesaid, and selected the said fifteen acres, but before a grant thereof was made to him the said Hone Tareha died, leaving a widow surviving, and also a daughter named Heni Tareha Matangi: And whereas after the death of the said Hone Tareha, his said widow purchased or acquired eight acres of land, adjoining the fifteen acres of land selected by him as aforesaid: And whereas on or about the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, Her Majesty the Queen, by deed poll under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Fergusson Bowen, then being the Governor of

the Colony of New Zealand, and under the Public Seal of the said Colony, did grant unto the said Heni Tareha Matangi and her heirs the parcel of land therein described and in the manner therein mentioned, a copy of which description is inserted in the Schedule hereto : And whereas such grant was made at the request and with the consent of the widow of the said Hone Tareha, and doubts having arisen as to the validity of the said grant, it is expedient that the same should be quieted :

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 Heni Tareha Matangi Grant Validation Act, 1873."

Grant to Heni Tareha validated.

2. The hereinbefore mentioned grant from Her Majesty the Queen to the said Heni Tareha Matangi, of the parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto, shall be and the same is hereby declared to have been valid and effectual to all intents and purposes from the day of the date thereof, any Law or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding; and every officer and person who was concerned in the preparation or issue of the said grant is hereby indemnified against all liability to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to every other person in respect of the preparation and issue thereof.

Indemnification of officers.

Grant deemed to have been accepted in discharge of claims of Hone Tareha.

3. The said grant shall be deemed to have been accepted by the said Heni Tareha Matangi in full satisfaction and extinguishment of all claims and demands of the said Hone Tareha, or of any person claiming or entitled under or through him for or in respect of the block of land so sold without his consent as aforesaid.

Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Province of Auckland containing twenty-three acres, more or less, situated in the Parish of Okaihau, in the County of Hokianga, and being allotment numbered twenty-one ; bounded towards the North-East by allotment numbered nineteen, three thousand nine hundred links ; towards the South-east by a road one hundred links wide, five hundred and sixty-five links ; towards the South-West by a line four thousand four hundred and forty-nine links ; and towards the North-West by a line six hundred and twenty-seven links.