

Hon. Mr. Bryce.

# Murihiku Native Reserves Grants.

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## A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to empower the Governor to issue Crown Grants for certain Reserves set apart for Native purposes within the Murihiku Block.

WHEREAS by deed bearing date the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, certain territory known as the Murihiku Block, now forming portion of the Provincial District of Otago, was ceded to the Crown by the Native owners thereof; one of the terms of the said cession being that certain lands situated at Tukurau, Omaui, Oue, Aparima, Oraka, Kawakaputaputa, and Ouetota, previously set apart for Native purposes, should be dedicated as lasting possessions for the vendors and their children for ever: And whereas these lands were specially reserved for certain Natives enumerated in a census taken in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and their descendants, and for any others they might voluntarily admit: And whereas the titles to the said lands at Tukurau and Omaui having been investigated by the Native Land Court, Crown grants have been issued for such lands, and it is expedient to give the Governor power to issue Crown grants for the remainder thereof:

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Murihiku Native Reserves Grants Act, 1879."
2. The term "Murihiku Block" in this Act shall be deemed to apply to all that tract of country which lies to the south of a line drawn from the Nuggets on the East Coast of the Middle Island to the summit of the Kaihiku Range, and from thence to Milford Haven on the West Coast of the same island.

Governor may execute Crown grants of land in Schedules.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, when he shall think fit, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to execute Crown grants of the whole or any part of the land described in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Schedules hereto, subject to such restrictions or for such purposes or trusts as he may deem necessary, to such persons as he shall consider entitled thereto, whether as being the Natives mentioned in the census of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, or their descendants, or as persons whom such Natives or their descendants have voluntarily admitted, as in the deed of cession of the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three provided.

Governor may make use of any former investigations.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor to act upon the results of any investigations or inquiries of any kind that have heretofore been made, or shall hereafter be made, with respect to the rights and claims of any Natives claiming to be entitled to any part of the Murihiku Block; or if he shall think fit so to do, to appoint any person or persons, either in addition to or in substitution of the Native Land Court, to make such further investigations and inquiries as to the Governor shall seem advisable, and upon such further investigations and inquiries being made (if found necessary) to cause Crown grants to be issued to any Natives who shall be considered entitled to the same.

Crown grants not to be set aside after six months.

5. No Crown grant which shall be issued under the powers aforesaid shall be liable to be set aside on the ground only that the land included therein or any part thereof has been granted to any person or persons not properly entitled thereto, unless proceedings shall have been commenced to set aside such grant on the part of the person or persons claiming to be entitled thereto, or to any part thereof, within six months from the issuing of such grant.

Schedules.

## SCHEDULES.

### FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate at East Riverton, in the District of Southland, containing by admeasurement 519 acres 2 roods and 30 perches, more or less, and known as the Aparima Native Reserve, on the plan of the said district. Bounded on the North-east partly by part of Section 6 of Block VI. of Jacob's River Hundred, and partly by a road; on the South-east by high-water mark of Foveaux Strait; on the North-west partly by Havelock Street, partly by Section 1 of the aforesaid block, and partly by Section 6; and on the South-west by high-water mark of Jacob's River.

### SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate at the New River, in the District of Southland, containing by admeasurement 176 acres, more or less, and known as the Oue Native Reserve, on the plan of the said district. Bounded on the North, South, and West by Crown land, and on the East by high-water mark of the New River.

### THIRD SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate on Koihas Bay, in the District of Southland, containing by admeasurement 1328 acres, more or less, and known as the Oraka Native Reserve, on the plan of the said district. Bounded towards the North, 7200 links, by a road; towards the East and South by high-water mark of Foveaux Strait; and towards the West, 9251 links, by Crown land.

### FOURTH SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate at Kawakaputaputa, in the District of Southland, containing by admeasurement 529 acres, more or less, and known as the Kawakaputaputa Native Reserve, on the plan of the said district. Bounded towards the North, 7574 links, by Crown land; towards the East and South by high-water mark of Foveaux Strait; and towards the West, 10416 links, by Crown land.

### FIFTH SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate at Ouetota, in the District of Southland, containing by admeasurement 101 acres 3 roods and 26 perches, more or less, and known as the Ouetota Native Reserve, on the plan of the said district. Bounded towards the North, 3479 links, by Crown land; and towards the East, South, and West by high-water mark of Foveaux Strait.