

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

NAVAL AND MILITARY SETTLERS' AND VOLUNTEERS'
LAND

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT ~~in supplement of "The~~ *to amend the several Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Acts, 1891.* Title.

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Crown Lands in various land districts have, under the authority of sections four and six of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1891" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), reported to the Governor that, having inquired into claims of all persons who, under the authority of the aforesaid sections of the said Act, have advanced any such claims, they have found that the several persons mentioned in the Schedule to this Act had respectively substantiated such claims, and to the extent in the said Schedule expressed; and it is expedient to make provision for the settlement of such claims by the issue of certificates for remission of money in the purchase of land, as provided in the said Act: *And whereas it is also expedient to extend the provisions of the Acts heretofore passed in relation to naval and military settlers:* Preamble.

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 Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1892." It shall be deemed to be incorporated with the said Act. Short Title.

New clauses.

2. The paragraph following is hereby added to subsection two of section two of "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889," and shall be construed and take effect as if it had been originally enacted in the said subsection:— Persons to whom Act applies.

All persons who retired from Her Majesty's Naval or Military Service with a good character for the purpose of settling in New Zealand at any time before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and who have so settled and resided in any part of New Zealand whether or not any law was in force within such part of New Zealand authorising grants of land to naval and military settlers on retiring from the service for the purpose of settling in New Zealand; and to.

Minister of Lands to review claims.

3. Section eight of the last-mentioned Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted:—

8. Every Commissioner, after inquiry into any claim brought before him, shall transmit the papers in such claim, together with his recommendation thereon, to the Minister of Lands,

If, after examination, the said Minister shall dissent from the Commissioner's recommendation upon any such claim, he may remit the papers in the claim for further consideration by the Commissioner; and if he shall approve any recommendation, and it be in favour of the claimant, the Minister shall report accordingly to the Governor, stating in such report that the claimant has proved his claim, according to the category in section two in respect whereof he claims, to a certificate entitling him, according to his rank on retirement or discharge from service, as the case may be, to the remission of money in the purchase of land in any part of the colony.

All such reports of the Minister shall be submitted by the Governor to Parliament at the session next after the receipt thereof.

Persons entitled to further grant.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in section ten of the Act last-mentioned,—

(1.) All persons who retired from Her Majesty's Naval and Military Service with a good character, for the purpose of settling in New Zealand, and have obtained a grant of land in respect of so settling, shall nevertheless be entitled to an additional grant of land in respect of any subsequent service rendered by them in any New Zealand Force, if they would have been entitled to such last-mentioned grant had they not obtained a previous grant of land in respect of their retirement as aforesaid; and,

(2.) All persons as aforesaid who have received a grant of land in respect of their service in any New Zealand Force shall, notwithstanding such grant, be entitled to obtain an additional grant of land in respect of their retirement from Her Majesty's Naval or Military Service for the purpose of settling in New Zealand, if they would have been entitled to such last-mentioned grant had they not obtained a previous grant of land in respect of their service in a New Zealand Force as aforesaid.

Extension of time for claims to be heard.

5. Notwithstanding the expiration of the time limited for sending in claims to land under "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1889," and "The Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Act, 1891," any claims may be heard which are sent in on or before the thirty-first day of March, one thousand

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eight hundred and ninety-three; and the two Acts last aforesaid shall not be deemed to have lapsed in respect of any claim in consequence of such expiration as aforesaid; but all the provisions thereof respectively shall continue in force and shall take effect and be read
5 subject to the provisions of this section; and every claim under either of the aforesaid two Acts sent in to any Commissioner prior to the passing of this Act, and rejected by him according to law, shall be reopened by him, and be heard and determined by him by virtue of the authority of this Act.

10 All certificates of remission-money issued under the foregoing sections of this Act shall be deemed to be issued under this Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of sections seven, eight, and ten thereof; but every such certificate shall be barred unless exercised on or before the *thirty-first* day of *March*, in the year one thousand
15 eight hundred and ninety-five.

6. The two Acts herein last above mentioned shall henceforth be read and take effect subject to the insertions, alterations, and amendments thereof required by this Act. Previous Acts amended.

2. 7. The Governor may grant to the several persons mentioned in
20 the Schedule to this Act, and to such persons as may, under the foregoing sections of this Act, be reported to the Governor as having substantiated their claim thereto, certificates for the remission of money in the purchase of land in manner provided by section two of the said Act, and subject to all the provisions thereof, saving that every
25 certificate which is issued under the authority of this section shall be barred unless exercised on or before the *thirty-first* day of *March*, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. Remission certificates may be issued to persons in Schedule.

3. 8. All certificates for the remission of money, issued under this Act, shall be subject to the provisions following:— Conditions of occupation of land acquired under remission certificates.

30 (1.) Every remission certificate shall be available for the purchase of land in any part of the colony.

(2.) The original grantee of any remission certificate shall be entitled to exercise such certificate to its full extent in
35 the selection of land, notwithstanding any limitation as to area mentioned in any Land Act for the time being in force; but, if entitled to select less than two hundred acres under the original certificate, may exercise a transferred certificate up to that limit.

(3.) The transferee of any one or more such certificates shall not exercise such certificate or certificates in the selection of
40 land in excess of two hundred acres inclusive of any land he may have selected as original grantee of a certificate, and subject in every case to all limitations of area mentioned in any such Land Act as aforesaid.

(4.) As soon as all the claims aforesaid within any land district are satisfied, if there remain any allotments of land set
45 apart for the purposes of this Act which are not required for such purposes, the Governor may declare the same to be open for disposal under the Land Act in such manner as he may think fit.

50 Section eight of the said Act is hereby repealed.

Governor may group sections of land for selection by holders of certificates.

4- 9. When any block of land is declared open for settlement under the Land Act, the Governor may set apart as many allotments therein as there may be original applications from holders of remission certificates issued under the said Act or this Act desirous of settling together in such block to form a special settlement therein. 5

Exchange of certificates for debentures.

5- 10. (1.) The original grantee of any unexercised remission certificate issued under the said Act or this Act may, upon application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands in any land district, and on surrender of such certificate, receive debentures to be issued under this Act for the amount of the remission money stated in the said certificate in lieu thereof; and 10

(2.) Any person named in the Schedule to this Act who has not received a remission certificate under this Act, upon application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the land district in respect whereof the remission certificate to which such person is entitled is authorised to be issued, may receive debentures to be issued under this Act in substitution of any such certificate to which he is entitled as aforesaid to an amount of the remission money to which he would be entitled under such certificate. 15

Debentures may be issued for redemption of scrip.

6- 11. The Colonial Treasurer may, when so authorised by an Order in Council in that behalf, create and issue debentures from time to time, but for such amount only as may be necessary to effect the exchanges and substitutions authorised under the *last preceding* section. 20

Nature and currency of debentures.

Debentures shall— 25

- (1.) Be in such form as shall be prescribed by the Colonial Treasurer, shall be signed by the Colonial Treasurer and by the Controller and Auditor-General, and be for not less than *fifteen* pounds nor more than *one hundred* pounds; 25
- (2.) Be payable to bearer at such place or places within the colony as shall be named in the debenture, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding *four* pounds and *ten* shillings per centum per annum, payable half-yearly, and shall have a currency not exceeding *seven* years; 30
- (3.) Be numbered consecutively throughout the whole series of debentures issued under this Act; 35
- (4.) On presentation of a debenture at the prescribed times when any interest thereon is due, such interest shall be payable at any post-office money-order office within the colony, or at such other place or places within the colony, as the Colonial Treasurer may prescribe. 40

Debentures and interest charged on Consolidated Fund.

7- 12. The sum of money named in any debenture issued under the authority of this Act, and all interest thereon, shall be a charge upon and paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

When due, debentures may be renewed.

8- 13. When any debentures issued under this Act become due, the Colonial Treasurer, if he think fit, and on being so authorised by an Order in Council in that behalf, may renew such debentures, or any of them, by the creation and issue of new debentures for the like amount, which shall have a currency not exceeding *seven* years from the date of their issue. 45 50

Debentures to be convertible into stock.

9- 14. The Governor in Council may from time to time declare all or any of the debentures issued under this Act to be convertible into stock created or issued under "The New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877," and "The Consolidated Stock Act, 1884."

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SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

AUCKLAND.		£			£
Alexander, Robert (deceased), Forest Rangers	25	Black, Richard Thomas, Royal Cavalry Volunteers	30		30
Andrews, James Fisher (deceased), 57th Regiment	40	Chicken, Joseph, Napier Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Barriball, William Henry, Waiuku Cavalry Volunteers	30	Cotter, Patrick, 65th Regiment	30		30
Barron, Thomas, Auckland Naval Volunteers	30	Currie, Henry, Waiuku Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Brunkard, William (deceased), Royal Artillery	40	Elmes, John, Artillery Volunteers	30		30
Clark, John, Thames Naval Volunteers	30	Finlayson, Robert Pearson, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Clout, Benjamin (deceased), 58th Regiment	30	Flanagan, Timothy, 14th Regiment	30		30
Curtis, William Alexander, Royal Navy	30	Foote, William, 65th Regiment	30		30
Diviani, Antonio, Pokeno Rifle Volunteers	30	Gill, Michael, 57th Regiment	30		30
Dow, Andrew, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30	Gillmer, Eleazar Birch (deceased), Auckland Defence Force	30		30
Dromgool, James (deceased), Mauku Rifle Volunteers	30	Gorman, Patrick, 65th Regiment	30		30
Foley, Thomas (deceased), 18th Regiment	30	Gray, James, Artillery Volunteers	30		30
Franklin, John, Onchunga Rifle Volunteers	30	Gray, John (deceased), Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Furby, William Stratford, 1st Westland Rifle Volunteers	30	Jackson, Richard, 65th Regiment	30		30
George, Henry Rowe (deceased), Otahuhu Cavalry Volunteers	30	Langley, John (deceased), Napier Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Gill, Frederick (deceased), Tauranga Cavalry Volunteers	30	Leach, Arthur, 12th Regiment	30		30
Gilfillan, Henry, Auckland Rifle Volunteers	30	Mackay, Alexander (deceased), Waipawa Cavalry Volunteers	30		30
Gilligan, Peter, 65th Regiment	30	McKain, Frederick, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Green, Edward Lister (deceased), 26th Regiment	200	Moffit, Robert (deceased), 65th Regiment	40		30
Grey, Walter (deceased), Royal Navy	200	Mogridge, Charles Samuel (deceased), Artillery Volunteers	30		30
Grey, Walter, Auckland Rifle Volunteers	30	Morrissey, John (deceased), 70th Regiment	30		30
Gordon, Samuel, Bombay Commissariat	40	O'Flaherty, Thomas, 65th Regiment	30		30
Hogg, Alexander, Auckland Naval Volunteers	30	Pearson, Thomas, 65th Regiment	20		30
Horne, Robert (deceased), Auckland Volunteers	30	Phillips, David, 70th Regiment	30		30
Howard, Frederick William, Otahuhu Cavalry Volunteers	30	Roe, Samuel, Waipawa Cavalry Volunteers	30		30
Jackson, William (deceased), Forest Rangers	100	Sellars, William Henry (deceased), Artillery Volunteers	30		30
Jordan, Thomas Edward (deceased), Tauranga Volunteers	30	Slater, Walter George, Napier Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Lewis, Francis Charles, Otahuhu Cavalry Volunteers	30	Walker, Peter (deceased), Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Maclean, Benjamin John, Remuera Rifle Volunteers	30	Washington, William, 57th Regiment	30		30
Macdonald, Angus A. K., Auckland Rifle Volunteers	30	Winter, Martin (deceased), Napier Rifle Volunteers	30		30
McCabe, Charles Martin (deceased), Cambridge Cavalry Volunteers	30				
Moore, William, Pukekohe Rifle Volunteers	30	WELLINGTON.			
Payton, John, Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	30	Beaven, George, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Porter, William, 58th Regiment	10	Bishop, James (deceased), 65th Regiment	30		30
Powley, Thomas Elwin, 96th Regiment	30	Bradbury, Rowland Keats, Auckland Defence Force	25		30
Pratt, John, 40th Regiment	40	Broughton, Edward Thomas, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Rattray, James (deceased), Hauraki Volunteers	30	Burrows, William (deceased), Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Robinson, Charles, Wellington Artillery Volunteers	30	Carreck, Stephen (deceased), Wellington Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Rose, Henry James, Auckland Artillery Volunteers	30	Colman, Ewen, Kaiwarawara Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Shale, William James, Onehunga Rifle Volunteers	30	Cummins, John (deceased), Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Smith, Thomas Hawkins, Auckland Rifle Volunteers	30	Daly, Owen, Wellington Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Thompson, William, 78th Regiment	30	Dixon, Charles, Masterton Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Trayes, William Stephen, Auckland Artillery Volunteers	30	Dixon, John (deceased), 65th Regiment	40		30
Twamley, George, Onehunga Rifle Volunteers	30	Donald, Donald, Masterton Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Westrup, Charles, Forest Rangers	25	Eley, Thomas, 70th Regiment	30		30
		Fairbrother, Robert William, Carterton Rifle Volunteers	30		30
TARANAKI.		Flighty, Archibald, Hutt Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Harlin, William, 65th Regiment	20	Flighty, Stephen, Hutt Rifle Volunteers	30		30
HAWKE'S BAY.		Frask, George, Lady Bowen Cavalry Volunteers	30		30
Austin, William, Waipawa Cavalry Volunteers	30	Gilligan, James (deceased), 65th Regiment	30		30
Badley, Paul (deceased), Hawke's Bay Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers	30	Greensmith, Joseph, 65th Regiment	30		30
Bear, Thomas William, Artillery Volunteers	30	Henson, Stephen, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30		30
Black, William, Artillery Volunteers	30	Henson, Thomas, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30		30
		Hodges, Carter, Kaiwarawara Rifle Volunteers	30		30
		Holland, Granville W. (deceased), Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30		30

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Holland, William (deceased), Waiuku Rifle Volunteers	30	CANTERBURY.	
Hoskins, John, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30	Cox, Luke John, Royal Navy	30
Hughes, James, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30	Cox, William, 58th Regiment	40
Hurley, William Gabel, Victoria Cavalry Volunteers	30	Field, George, 58th and 65th Regiments	20
Johnson, William, Wanganui Rifle Volunteers	30	OTAGO.	
Kells, John Foster, Wanganui Cavalry Volunteers	30	Brown, Hugh, Artillery Volunteers	30
Kennedy, Michael (deceased), 65th Regiment	30	Casey, Michael (deceased), 43rd Regiment	30
London, Henry William, Pahautanui Rifle Volunteers	30	Gregory, Peter, 65th Regiment	30
Manley, John, 57th Regiment	30	Kay, John, Oamaru Rifle Volunteers	30
Mulcahy, Morris (deceased), 14th Regiment	30	McKinlay, Malcolm, Clutha Rifle Volunteers	30
Newcombe, William, 58th Regiment	20	Miller, Joseph Bain, Auckland Defence Force	25
Overend, James Henry, Kaiwarawara Rifle Volunteers	30	Small, Alexander, Dunedin Hussars Volunteers	30
Petrie, Edward, Wellington Rifle Volunteers	30	Webster, James Alexander, Dunedin City Guards Volunteers	30
Roberts, William Thomas, 65th Regiment	30	Wright, William John, 65th Regiment	30
Shean, Edward (deceased), 65th Regiment	30	SOUTHLAND.	
Skinner, William Henry, Taranaki Rifle Volunteers	30	Ballantyne, David, Artillery Volunteers	30
Spalding, Thomas, 70th Regiment	30	Bull, George Henry, Artillery Volunteers	30
Stuart, Edward, Pahautanui Rifle Volunteers	30	Crawford, Henry, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers	30
Twohy, Daniel, 65th Regiment	30	McChesney, Frank, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers	30
MARLBOROUGH.		McKenzie, Abraham, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers	30
Davis Benjamin, 43rd Regiment	30	Morley, Joseph (deceased), Royal Artillery	30
Kerr, Peter, Auckland Defence Force	25	Perkins, William John, Southland Hussars	30
Harding, Robert March, Oamaru Rifle Volunteers	30	Stead, John, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers	30
NELSON.		Stead, William, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers	30
Barnes, Warner, 99th Regiment	30	Ward, John, Invercargill Rifle Volunteers	30
Coulahan, —, 40th Regiment	30	WESTLAND.	
Dawson, John, 57th Regiment	30	Blake, Henry (deceased), 40th Regiment	30
Dollman, Thomas, Royal Navy	30	Blake, Herbert, 40th Regiment	30
Gibbs, John, 12th Regiment	30	Brayshaw, James, Rifle Volunteers	30
Haigh, Allan, 68th Regiment	40	Breeze, John Jerome, Rifle Volunteers	30
Lally, Michael, 14th Regiment	30	Connor, John, 70th Regiment	30
McMullen, Joseph, 63th Regiment	30	Cooper, Charles (deceased), 70th Regiment	30
Newton, William, 70th Regiment	30	Spohr, August, Rifle Volunteers	30
Williams, John (deceased), 58th Regiment	30	Stennard, Ebenezer, Rifle Volunteers	30
		Thompson, William Frederick, Rifle Volunteers	30
		Wallace, John, Rifle Volunteers	30
		Watt, William, Rifle Volunteers	30
		Williams, John, 58th Regiment	30