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A Bill to authorize the Grant of Crown
Lands to Natives in consideration of the
surrender of their territorial rights and
also the Grant of Crown Lands in certain
cases to Europeans resident amongst the
Natives.

Whereas it is expedient in order
to facilitate the extinguishment of the
Native Title over Lands in New
Zealand, that the Governor should be
enabled to make grants of Crown Lands
to Aboriginal Natives releasing their
rights over land, also to make such
Grants, in certain cases to Europeans
resident amongst the Natives.

Be it therefore enacted by the
General Assembly of New Zealand
in

in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

One tenth of Blocks
ceded by the Natives
may be granted to
them under Crown
Title.

1. As part of any Contract with Aboriginal Natives for the cession to Her Majesty of their rights in or over any Block or parcel of land, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to agree that there shall be granted by the Crown unto or in trust for the benefit of, all or any of the ceding parties, or unto, or in trust for the benefit of, any other Aboriginal Natives, named, or otherwise designated by the ceding parties, portions of such block, not exceeding in the whole one tenth part thereof; and it shall be lawful for the Governor to make and issue such Grants accordingly.

2. — It shall be lawful for the Governor
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Reserves may be made for the purpose of compensating Natives ceding their territorial rights, and grants made thereout in consideration of such cession.

in Council from time to time to reserves lands over which the Native Title shall have been extinguished and which shall appear adapted for the formation of Native Settlements; and from time to time, as part of any such contract for cession as aforesaid, to agree that there shall be granted by the Crown portions of any lands so reserved, unto, or in trust for the benefit of, all or any of the ceding parties, or unto, or in trust for the benefit of, any other Aboriginal Natives, named, or otherwise designated, by the ceding parties; and it shall be lawful for the Governor to make and issue such Grants accordingly.

Grants may be in fee simple or for a life estate and may create successive Estates

3— Any Grant made under this Act may be either in fee simple or for any life Estate or interest; and may contain any limitations or remainders over to or in

trust

Trust for the children or remoter issue
of the original beneficiaries, together with
all such powers of selling, exchanging,
leasing or mortgaging, the hereditaments
therein comprised, or any part thereof,
and of appointing new Trustees of any
settlement effected by such Grants and
other powers and provisions whatsoever
as the Governor shall think fit.

Alienation of Estates
created by Grants may
be restricted

4 - It shall be lawful for the
Governor by the provisions of any such
Grant to prohibit the alienation or restrict
the alienability of any such Estate or
Interest created by such Grant, any
Rule of Law or Equity to the contrary,
notwithstanding.

Limited rights of
pre-emption over
ceded Blocks may be
reserved in favor of
Natives by contracts
of cession

5. It shall also be lawful for the
Governor in Council, as part of any
such contract for cession as aforesaid, to agree
that

that the ceding parties, or any of them, shall have a right of pre-emption over any specific lands forming part of the ceded Block, not exceeding in area one tenth part thereof, at a price to be fixed by such contract ~~not~~ being ^{not} less than at the rate of Ten shillings per acre, such right of pre-emption to be exercised within a specified time not exceeding one month after the extinguishment of the Native Title over such Block.

Right of pre-emption
over Homesteads may
be allowed to European
Residents upon
ceded Blocks

6 - It shall also be lawful for the Governor in Council to permit any person, who, for a period of five years prior to the passing of this Act, shall have resided on land over which the Native title has not been extinguished, to select out

after

etc

Provided that no grant shall
 be issued or made for any land selected
 as last aforesaid unless and until the
 sum of ten shillings per acre for every
 complete acre of land to be so granted
 shall have been paid to the Governor
 thereon as the price thereof - which
 payment shall be made by instalments
 or otherwise, at such time or times being
 within the period of five years from the

so selected.

after the ratification of the same and
 upon such conditions as the Governor in
 Council shall prescribe, a section of
 land not exceeding 300 acres in area,
 including and adjacent to the site on
 which such house shall here be erected;
 and it shall be lawful for the Governor
 to make and issue grants of any sections

Short Title

8. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Native Forest Grants Act 1860"

New York

7. This Act shall not come into operation until after the date of the promulgation to which the Governor in Council shall refer. And the same shall have been confirmed by the Majesty, with the advice of the Privy Council, and a Proclamation of such confirmation having been given shall have been made by the Governor, or persons administering the Government of New York.

Government of Act

date of the promulgation to which the Governor in Council shall appoint.

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These three papers
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the House of
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