

Hon. Mr. Sheehan.

Native Land Duties Act Amendment.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Sales by mortgagees or others deemed to be sales by Native owners.
3. Oath may be required as to consideration-money.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Native Land Duties Act, 1873."

BE IT 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 Native Land Duties Act Amendment Act, 1879," and it shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Native Land Duties Act, 1873" (hereinafter called "the said Act").
2. Every first sale or other disposition of any hereditaments or Native land, as the same are respectively defined in the said Act, by whomsoever made, shall, for the purposes of the said Act, be deemed to have been and to be a sale by the Native owner or owners of such hereditaments or Native land respectively, and shall be liable to duty under the said Act in the same manner as if such sale or disposition had been effected immediately by such owner or owners.
3. When any instrument of disposition is presented to any Judge of the Native Land Court for his certificate of the amount of the duty payable in respect thereof, he may require the solicitor or person tendering the same to make a declaration, which the said Judge is hereby authorised to take, that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the full purchase or consideration money is truly expressed therein, and require the attendance of any person acquiring or purported to acquire any estate or interest thereunder, and may require him to make a declaration as aforesaid, and may refuse to make the aforesaid certificate until one or all of such persons shall have attended him and made the said declaration; and any person wilfully making a false declaration under this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour.