Hon. Sir George Grey.

New Zealand Loan.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to authorize the Borrowing and Raising of Title. Money for Immigration and Construction Public Works, and for other purposes.

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 New Zealand Loan Short Title. 5 Act, 1879."

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint any Appointment of two or more persons he may think fit to be Agents for the purpose of Agents. raising and managing the loan authorized to be raised under this Act, with all such powers as may be necessary to carry into effect the 10 purposes of this Act, and in their appointments to define the relative powers of such Agents.

3. Such Agents shall have full power and authority to borrow Loan of £5,000,000 and raise in Great Britain or elsewhere, by bonds, debentures, authorized for scrip, or otherwise, such sum or sums not exceeding five million 15 pounds sterling in the whole as the Governor in Council may No. 32-1.

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Reissue of shortdated debentures. from time to time or at any time direct and determine, for all and any of the purposes expressed in the Schedule hereto, or the payment or repurchase of short-dated debentures issued under this Act, or any other purposes authorized by this Act.

4. Such Agents shall have full power and authority to prescribe the mode and conditions of repayment of such loan, and the time of such repayment, and the rate of interest thereon, and the time and place or places when and where such principal and interest shall be made payable.

5. In addition to the general powers by this Act conferred upon 10 such Agents, they shall have and may exercise the following special

powers as often as occasion may require:-

They may agree that debentures issued by them shall be converted into stock created or issued under "The New Zealand Consolidated Stock Act, 1877," and may either 15 specify the terms of such conversion, or arrange that such terms shall be subsequently agreed upon.

6. The annual charge to be imposed on the Consolidated Revenue under the provisions of this Act shall not exceed for interest and sinking fund (if any) the sum of six pounds for every one hundred 20 pounds expressed to be borrowed.

But this provision shall not apply to any sum or sums of money borrowed, raised, or obtained upon short dated debentures under the

powers hereinafter contained.

7. Pending the raising of moneys hereinbefore authorized to be 25 raised under this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint any two or more persons he may think fit to be Agents, and in their appointments to define the relative powers of such Agents, who shall have full power and authority to borrow and raise, or to obtain as an advance, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding the 30 sums mentioned in the *third* section of this Act, as the Governor in Council may from time to time direct and determine, and to take up the same sum or sums of money from time to time by the sale, hypothecation, or mortgage of debentures (hereinafter referred to as "short-dated debentures"), as such Agents may deem expedient.

8. Every such short-dated debenture shall bear interest after such rate, and be for such sum and in such form and with or without coupons attached, and subject to this Act shall be signed on behalf of the colony, and be transferable and negotiable in such manner, as such Agents shall prescribe.

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9. The interest and principal of every such short-dated debenture shall be payable at such times and places as such Agents shall prescribe: Provided that the principal moneys secured by any such debenture shall not be made payable at a later period than seven years after the date of issue thereof.

10. The Agents authorized under the *third* section of this Act to raise any moneys therein mentioned may accept any short-dated debentures issued under the *seventh* section of this Act in payment for any bonds, debentures, or other securities issued by them for the purpose of raising moneys under the said *third* section of this Act.

11. In order to provide for the payment of the principal moneys of any short-dated debenture, and whenever any short-dated debenture shall be received in payment or exchange for any bond, debenture, or other security issued under the *third* section of this Act, the Governor may order that a like amount of short-dated debentures may 55 be prepared and issued in the place of the short-dated debentures to be or which shall have been paid off or exchanged, and thereupon the Agents for the time being appointed under the *seventh* section of this Act shall have full power and authority to make out and issue the said amount of short-dated debentures so ordered, and the provisions contained in the *sev enth*, *eighth*, and *ninth* sections of this Act shall be applicable thereto.

12. The amount of all short-dated debentures issued under this The amount out-Act, together with all debentures or other securities issued under the standing at one time third section of this Act, outstanding at any one time, shall never short-dated deben exceed the sum of five million pounds sterling.

13. No bond, debenture, or other security issued under this Act Debentures not to shall be sold or otherwise disposed of at a price which will yield to the be sold at price to purchaser thereof a higher rate of interest by the year than six pounds higher rate than for every hundred pounds of the purchase-money given for such bond, six per cent.

debenture, or other security.

But this provision shall not apply to any bond, debenture, scrip, or other security issued, sold, or disposed of for the purpose of securing any sum or sums of money borrowed, raised, or obtained upon shortdated debentures under the authority of this Act.

14. Every bond, debenture, scrip, or other security issued under How securities to 15 the authority of this Act shall be countersigned by one of the Com- be signed. missioners of Audit, or by an officer of Audit, to be appointed by the Commissioners of Audit from time to time for that purpose.

15. The sum of money named in any bond, debenture, scrip, or Money borrowed and other authority issued under the authority of this Act, and all interest 20 thereon, shall be a charge upon and paid out of the Consolidated Fund

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16. The moneys raised under the authority hereinbefore contained Application of money borrowed. shall and may be issued and applied to the purposes mentioned in this Act and the Schedule to this Act, and to the repayment of any short-25 dated debentures hereby authorized to be issued, and to no other purposes whatsoever; and, as to the purposes mentioned in the said Schedule, shall be issued and applied in sums not exceeding the amounts in the said Schedule respectively provided.

17. All the powers which may be vested in any Agents appointed Agents authorized 30 under this Act may by such Agents be wholly or partly delegated to to delegate powers. any two or more other Agents, subject to such conditions as the Agents

delegating such powers shall think fit.

18. The Governor may at any time remove or accept the resig- Removal of Agents. nation of any Agent appointed by him under this Act, and appoint 35 another person in his place.

19. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held to prejudice, Previous securities alter, affect, or vary any security or securities heretofore charged on not to be affected. the revenues of New Zealand or any of them.

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Schedule

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For carrying on Public Works and Immigration authorized by any	
Act of the General Assembly now in force, or that hereafter	
may be in force, and for defraying the costs, charges, and	•
expenses of raising the Loan authorized by this Act	3,490,000
For purchase of Native lands	
For Lyttelton Harbour Works (in lieu of amount authorized to be	,
raised under "The Lyttelton Harbour Works Loan Act, 1872,"	1
as amended by "The Financial Arrangements Act, 1878.")	
For defraying such costs, charges, and expenses (including lia-	,
bilities) for Colonial Defence as shall be authorized by the	
General Assembly for the year ending the 30th day of June,	
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For redeeming Guaranteed Debentures	800,000
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