

New Parliament.

Captain Morris.

OHINEMURI GOLD FIELDS REVENUE ADJUSTMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.	2. Upon adjustment of accounts balance due, if any, to be paid to Thames County Council.
Preamble.	
1. Short Title.	

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the adjustment of certain Accounts now in dispute with reference to the revenues arising from the Ohinemuri Goldfields. Title.

5 WHEREAS in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy the Native Minister for the time commenced negotiations for the purchase, amongst other lands, of the block of land known as the Ohinemuri Gold Field Block, and on or about the eighteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, obtained a  
 10 lease of the said block from the Native owners thereof: And whereas at the same time, and subsequently, the Native Minister proceeded to acquire the freehold of the said block, and finally acquired for the Crown sixty-six thousand and seventeen acres of the said block: And whereas all moneys paid by the Native Minister on account of  
 15 the lease and purchase of the said block were charged to Land Purchase Account: And whereas, by "The Financial Arrangements Act, 1876," it was provided that certain revenues arising from gold-mining should be paid to the local bodies in which gold fields are situate, upon the conditions set forth in the said Act: And whereas  
 20 the sum of seven thousand eight hundred and thirty-six pounds twelve shillings, being gold-fields revenue payable to the Thames County Council under the said Act, has been received and is still retained by the Crown in respect of the said Ohinemuri Block, and it is desirable that an adjustment of accounts should be had, and the  
 25 actual amount so named and held by the Crown should be paid to the said Thames County Council:

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

30 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Ohinemuri Gold Fields Revenue Adjustment Act, 1884." Short Title.

2. The Colonial Treasurer shall and is hereby authorized to pay to the said Thames County Council the said sum of seven thousand eight hundred and thirty-six pounds twelve shillings, or such lesser  
 35 sum as may be found to be due in respect of all moneys retained on account of the shares of the Native owners of the said Ohinemuri Gold Field Block, acquired by the Crown before the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two. Upon adjustment of accounts balance due, if any, to be paid to Thames County Council.