

Poverty Bay Grants.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to empower the Governor to carry out certain engagements for Grants of Land situate at Poverty Bay. Title.

WHEREAS by deed bearing date the eighteenth day of *December* one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight certain lands therein described situate near Poverty Bay were ceded to the Governor on behalf of the Crown by the Native owners thereof upon the terms that certain engagements to grant land to members of the Colonial Defence Force and to certain friendly Natives theretofore made on behalf of the Government of the Colony should be performed by granting part of the said lands so ceded and that the residue thereof should be granted to those loyal persons whose claims should be ascertained as in the said deed mentioned And whereas the Governor accepted the said cession and his acceptance thereof was notified in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the thirteenth day of *February* one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine :

And whereas it is expedient to give to the Governor power to grant the said land to the persons entitled thereto :

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 shall be “The Poverty Bay Grants Act 1869.” Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time when he shall think fit to execute Crown Grants of any parts of the said lands to such persons as he shall consider entitled thereto under the said recited deed or under any contract engagement or promise heretofore made by or on behalf of Her Majesty or of the Government of the Colony with respect to the said lands or any part thereof whether there is evidence in writing or not of such contract engagement or promise on the Governor in Council being satisfied with the evidence produced in proof thereof. Governor may grant ceded land.