This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 24th October, 1901.

Hon. Mr. Carroll.

PARIROA NATIVE RESERVE.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title. 2. Pariroa Native Reserve vested in Public Trustee for beneficiaries. Occupation licenses.

3. Distribution of accrued rents. Schedule.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to vest a certain Native Reserve in the Public Trustee, Title. and to empower the Native Land Court to ascertain the Beneficial Owners thereof.

5 WHEREAS in pursuance of a promise made in the year one Preamble. thousand eight hundred and seventy-three the lands described in the Schedule hereto, known as the Pariroa Native Reserve, have been reserved under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," for the use, support, and education of aboriginal natives of the Ngati-10 tupito and Ngati-ringi Tribes: And whereas it is expedient that the ownership of the said lands should be vested in the Public Trustee, and that the Native Land Court should be empowered to

ascertain the persons beneficially interested in the said lands: Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zea-

15 land in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Pariroa Native Reserve Short Title. Act, 1901.

2. (1.) The lands described in the Schedule hereto, known Pariroa Native 20 collectively as the Pariroa Native Reserve, are hereby vested in the Public Trustee as an estate in fee-simple, and the District Land beneficiaries. Registrar of Taranaki is hereby authorised and directed to issue a certificate of title to the Public Trustee accordingly. ficate shall declare the lands to be absolutely inalienable. 25

(2.) The said lands shall be held in trust by the Public Trustee for the exclusive use and occupation of the members of the Ngati-

tupito and Ngati-ringi Tribes.

(3.) The Native Land Court is hereby authorised and directed to ascertain who are the beneficiaries of the said lands, and in what 30 shares and localities they are respectively interested; and the Public Occupation licenses. Trustee may grant occupation licenses to any of the Natives so found to be beneficially interested according to their respective shares or interests.

(4.) Upon the death of any Native holding an occupation license as aforesaid, the Native Land Court shall, on the application of the Public Trustee, ascertain the person or persons entitled to succeed to the interest of such deceased Native, and the Public Trustee may grant an occupation license to such successor or successors.

(5.) A copy of this Act, and duplicate or certified copies of all orders made from time to time by the Native Land Court under the provisions of this section, shall be deposited with the said District Land Registrar for safe custody and reference as provided by section one hundred and twenty-two of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885."

3. All rents accrued in respect of the said lands prior to the passing of this Act shall, without any further appropriation than this Act, be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the Public Trustee, who shall distribute the same among the beneficiaries aforesaid in such shares and proportions as the Court directs, or shall pay the same to 15 such person or persons as the beneficiaries may authorise to receive them: Provided that any advances made out of the Consolidated Fund on account of such rents shall be deducted from the amount paid to the Public Trustee.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PARIROA NATIVE RESERVE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Taranaki District, containing by admeasurement 29 acres, more or less, being Section No. 488, Patea District, Carlyle Survey District.

All that parcel of land in the Taranaki District, containing by admeasurement 43 acres, more or less, being Section No. 489, Patea District, Carlyle Survey District.

All that parcel of land in the Taranaki District, containing by admeasurement 66 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 503, Patea District, Carlyle Survey District.

All that parcel of land in the Taranaki District, containing by admeasurement 67 acres and 14 perches, more or less, being Section No. 547, Patea District, Carlyle Survey District.

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Distribution of

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