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New Zealand.

ANNO VICESIMO OCTAVO

V I C T O R I Æ R E G I N Æ.

No. —.

ANALYSIS.

A BILL INTITULED

**AN Act enabling Land to be taken for Roads
and other Public Purposes through
Native and other Districts of the
Colony.**

WHEREAS it is necessary for the pacification and civilization of certain parts of the Colony that Roads and other means of communication should be made and established and that other public works should be constructed and maintained throughout the Colony and that power should be vested in the Executive Government of the Colony to take land for such purposes.

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Public Works Lands Act.”

II. The term “public works” in this Act shall mean and include roads bridges ferries military and other fortified posts and places of defence cemeteries places of religious worship and other works necessary and convenient for the public service; the word “lands” shall mean and include lands tenements and hereditaments whether held by Native or other owners and by whatsoever tenure and for whatsoever estate or interest and all claims thereto.

III. It shall be lawful for the Governor by Order in Council to order that any public work to be defined in such Order shall be made.

IV. After the publication of such Order in Council in the Government Gazette the Governor may compulsorily take and permanently hold all such lands as may be necessary for the construction of such public work and may occupy any lands that may be required for temporary use during the construction of such public work and may enter upon any lands for the purposes of taking surveys or levels without giving any notice or making any application to any person owning such lands.

V. Provided always that compensation shall be made to persons owning or occupying lands so taken to be ascertained in manner following That is to say with respect to persons holding land under title derived from the Crown in the manner prescribed by "The Lands' Clauses Consolidation Act 1863" And with respect to persons holding lands wherein the Native Title has not been extinguished to be ascertained in the manner and with the exceptions and subject to the conditions and provisoes contained in "The New Zealand Settlements' Act 1863."

VI. Every such public work and the land and soil thereof shall be deemed to be vested in Her Majesty her heirs and successors as part of the demesne lands of the Crown.

VII. This Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty in Council shall have assented to the same and the Order in Council signifying such assent shall have been proclaimed in the Government Gazette.