

Hon. Mr. Taiaroa.

WESTLAND AND NELSON NATIVE RESERVES ACT 1887
AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act, 1887." Title.

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 Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act 1887 Amendment Act, 1893." Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Native Land Court to make partition of the lands comprised in the Second Schedule to "The South Island Native Reserves Act, 1883," and known as "the Greymouth Native Reserve," and to allocate in such manner as shall appear just and equitable to each of the persons named in the First Schedule to the said Act, or to their respective successors, if any of such persons be dead, the areas of land set opposite to the name of each such person named in the said First Schedule. Upon such partition and allocation being duly completed, it shall be lawful for the Governor to cancel the existing grant for the said Greymouth Native Reserve, and to issue new grants for such areas to the person or persons on such partition found to be entitled, free from any restriction on alienation whatsoever. Native Land Court may partition lands.

The legal estate in the several lands granted under this Act shall be antevested to the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

3. If any of the lands included in the grants hereinbefore authorised are subject to lease, such leases shall be deemed to be valid for the term thereby respectively created: but on the expiry or sooner determination of the term created by any such lease, the land therein comprised shall revert to the grantee or grantees thereof, as the case may be, and shall not thereafter be subject to the provisions of "The Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act, 1887." Land to revert to grantees upon expiry of existing leases.

The provisions of "The Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act, 1887," shall not apply to any lands contained in any grant hereinafter authorised which is not at the date of the passing of this Act subject to lease.

Public Trustee to have no control when land reverts to grantees.

4. Any lands now subject to lease shall, for the term of such lease, continue to be under the management and control of the Public Trustee, who shall receive the rents and profits and otherwise manage the same on behalf of the respective grantees thereof. Immediately on the lands now subject to lease reverting to the grantees, as hereinbefore provided, the power and authority of the Public Trustee in respect thereof shall cease. 5 10

In the event of any lease existing at the date of the passing of this Act, comprising land contained in more grants than one, the Public Trustee shall apportion the rents thereof among the several grantees entitled in such manner as he may deem just. 15

Land to be subject to "The Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act, 1881," and amendments.

5. The land contained in the grants as hereinbefore authorised shall be subject to "The Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act, 1881," and any amendments thereof.

Certain Acts in part to be repealed.

6. So much of "The South Island Native Reserves Act, 1883," "The Native Reserves Act, 1882," or any other Act or provision as is inconsistent with or repugnant to this Act is hereby repealed. 20