

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 19th day of December, 1887.

NATIVE LAND COURT ACT 1886 AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

Subsection (3) of section seventeen of "The Stamp Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1885," is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted that—

- (3.) Upon every lease of Native land to a person other than a Native, ten pounds per centum yearly upon the aggregate amount of rent payable for each and every year of the term of such lease.

The provisions of section fifty-five of "The Stamp Act, 1882," shall be deemed to apply to the estimate of the Commissioner referred to in subsection (1) of the said section seventeen. The term "first execution" referred to in section forty-seven of "The Stamp Act, 1882," in respect of conveyances, transfers, or leases by Natives, shall be deemed to refer to the date of the certificate completing the transaction.

Section twenty-one of "The Public Works Act, 1886," shall not be deemed to apply to lands taken for roads under section ninety-three of the said Act: Provided that when a local body opens any road through land enclosed by artificial fences, such local body shall erect substantial gates across such road on the lines of such fences: Provided that the occupier of such land shall be entitled to maintain such gates for a period not exceeding five years.

NATIVE LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT REPEAL BILL.

Mr. MARCHANT, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

To insert between the words "before" and "a" in line 12, of page 2, the words "an order for."

To add after the word "1885" in line 38, of page 3, the following:—

Provided always that the Joshua Jones mentioned in the said clause shall be entitled to negotiate and to complete negotiations with the Native owners for a lease or leases of the said lands; and it is hereby expressly enacted that a Judge of the Native Land Court may certify that the signatures of all or any of the Native owners of such land have been obtained to such lease, and upon the issue of such certificate to the said Joshua Jones such lease shall be in all respects valid and effectual so far as regards the shares or interests of

the Native owners executing the same: Provided always that any Native owner of the said land or the said Joshua Jones may apply to the Native Land Court to make partition of the said lands or any part thereof, and provided that any application to the said Court which any Native owner of the said block would be entitled to make may be made by the said Joshua Jones.

Mr. HUTCHISON, in Committee, to move the insertion of the following words:—

In clause 7. After the word "lease" in the 43rd line:—

Provided such term shall in no case exceed twenty-one years, and shall not be subject to renewal.

At the end of the clause:—

Provided also that no transaction shall create any estate in the said land until the Court shall have investigated the whole transaction, and on being satisfied (1) that it was entered into *bonâ fide*, (2) that a fair value or rent was given or is reserved, and—in the case of a conveyance or transfer—(3) that sufficient land remains for the support of the owners so conveying or transferring, the Court shall, in the event of the investigation being satisfactory, indorse a certificate to that effect on the deed or instrument.