



Outlying Districts Police Act 1865

1865

- Citation:** 29 V. No 23
Date of Assent: 9 October, 1865
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1891, No 8
Amendments: –
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Govt Admin Specific to Maori/Maori Land
Confiscated Lands
Compulsory Acquis & Transfer of Control
- Relevant Sections:** s2: Governor may demand criminals to be given up.
s4: If a proclaimed district continues to shelter said criminals the Governor may take land.
s8: Maori may agree with Governor for portion of unextinguished Native title land to be set apart for the purpose of maintaining order. Such lands to be referred to the Native Land Court.
- Commentary:** This Act was partly in reaction to the Pai Marire and made chiefs responsible for the surrender of Maori suspected of crimes against civilians. If they were not given up then Maori land in the district would be forfeited. It was designed in the hope that chiefs would want to bring law and order to their lands, hence s8 which provides for land to be donated for the purposes of police stations etc. The Colonial Office strongly objected to the Act because it allowed for confiscations but it was not disallowed as the Colonial Office (for financial reasons) had transferred control over Maori affairs to the colonial Government.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD (1864 - 66) 321 - 326
Ward A A *Show of Justice*
(AUP, Canberra, 1974) 188 - 189.