



## Richmond Land Sales Act 1870

1870

- Citation:** 33 & 34 V. No 62  
**Date of Assent:** 12 September, 1870  
**Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1878, No 28  
**Amendments:** –  
**Type of Legislation:** Public  
**Subject:** Govt Admin Specific to Maori/Maori Land  
Validation  
Confiscated Lands  
Survey Issues
- Relevant Sections:** Entire Act. See...  
*Preamble:* Recites history of the taking of the “Bay of Plenty District” under the NZ Settlements Act 1863, agreements made by the Government to the “men of Arawa” promising to make that land available to them, and difficulties in implementing that promise.  
*s12:* Governor may Grant unsold land to “persons or communities of... men of the Arawa Tribe.”  
*s13:* Surplus money from the auction to be distributed among Arawa tribe.
- Commentary:** Certain land in the Bay of Plenty (See Schedule) was designated a district under the NZ Settlements Act 1863. It was later agreed to reserve the land in the district and grant it to certain members of the Arawa Tribe under the Confiscated Lands Act 1867 to reward Arawa for their loyalty to the Crown during the wars. In order to issue a Crown Grant the land had to be surveyed. Funds to execute the surveys were furnished by the sale of allotments in the newly created township of Richmond (Matata). This Act validates the sale of the allotments and authorises the issue of Crown grants of the remainder of lands in the district to the Arawa tribe. A petition in 1877 indicates that land which was not sold at auction had not been distributed to the hapu.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 7 (1870) 80  
AJHR (1872) C - 4  
(*Confiscated Lands*)  
AJHR (1877) I - 3 p.4  
(*Native Affairs Committee*).