

RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF NATIVE LANDS.

I.

The Native Districts Colonization Act, 1860.

A BILL to provide for the Colonization of Native Districts.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the Colonization of Districts in New Zealand over which the Native Title has not been extinguished :

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

1. Whenever any Aboriginal Natives being the owners according to Native custom of a District of not less than 30,000 acres in area, shall be willing to cede their rights over such District to Her Majesty, under the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor to accept such cession accordingly upon such lawful terms as shall be agreed upon.

Governor with assent of Natives may cause Native Title to be extinguished over not less than 30,000 acres in a block.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to obtain the release of the Native rights in such land either by payment of money in one sum or by instalments, or by way of annuity or of annual payment, or for such consideration either in money or land, or other consideration whatsoever, as the Governor in Council shall think fit and determine.

Governor may obtain release of Native Title by sum of money or otherwise.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor within any such District to cause a town to be surveyed and laid out, and also suburban and rural allotments.

Governor may cause a town, &c., to be laid out.

4. All such town, suburban, and rural lands shall be sold, let, occupied and disposed of for such pecuniary or other consideration, in such manner, for such purposes, upon such terms, and subject to such regulations, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time think fit to prescribe.

Lands how to be disposed of.

5. The money to arise from the sale and disposal of every District ceded to the Crown under this Act shall be disposed of, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct for the following purposes,—

Proceeds how to be disposed of.

1. In defraying the expenses incident to the preparation and laying out of the District for settlement, the re-payment of any sums advanced from any other fund for the extinguishment of the Native Title, and the payment of any annual, or other periodical, payments provided for by the contract for the cession of the District.
2. In the construction of Roads, Bridges, Docks, Quays, Landing Places, Wharfs, Piers, Public Buildings, and other Public Works, within such District, and in repayment of any loans advanced for such purposes.
3. In establishing, endowing, and maintaining Public Schools and other Public Institutions.
4. In promoting emigration from other places, for the purpose of securing the efficient colonization of the District.

Provided always that all such money shall for the purposes of the "New Zealand Loan Act, 1856," be deemed and taken to be Revenue arising from the disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the Colony of New Zealand, and shall be chargeable with the sums of money borrowed and raised under the authority of the said Act, and with the interest thereon.

6. This Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's pleasure shall have been taken thereon, and the same shall have been confirmed by Her Majesty with the advice of her Privy Council, and a Proclamation of such confirmation having been given, shall have been made by the Governor or Person administering the Government of New Zealand.

(Commencement of Act.)

7. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Native Districts Colonization Act, 1860."

Short Title.

II.

The Native Crown Grants Act, 1860.

A BILL to authorize the Grant of Crown Lands to Natives in consideration of the surrender of their Territorial Rights; and also the Grant of Crown Lands in certain cases to Europeans resident amongst the Natives.

WHEREAS it is expedient in order to facilitate the extinguishment of the Native Title over lands in New Zealand, that the Governor should be enabled to make Grants of Crown Lands to Aboriginal Natives releasing their rights over land; also, to make such Grants, in certain cases, to Europeans resident amongst the Natives :

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