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NEW ZEALAND.

CONFISCATION OF REBELS' LANDS

(PROCLAMATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS, &c., RELATING TO THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

A PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.

WHEREAS the Governor did, on the twenty-fifth day of October last, issue a Proclamation offering to grant a pardon to all persons engaged in the present rebellion who should comply with certain conditions, therein specified, before the tenth day of December instant, which time has expired :

And whereas it is now expedient that the mind of the Governor should be fully declared, so that all persons may know his intentions :

It is therefore declared and made known, that the Governor will retain and hold as land of the Crown, all the land in the Waikato taken by the Queen's forces, and from which the rebel Natives have been driven, within the following lines ; that is to say,—

Commencing at Pokorokoro, in the Gulf of the Thames, thence proceeding southward in a straight line to the Hapua Kohi Pass, thence in a straight line to the summit of Pukemoremore, thence in a straight line to the summit of Maunga Kawa, thence in a straight line to Pukekura, thence in a straight line to Orakau, thence in a straight line to the nearest point of the Puniu River, thence following the Puniu River to its junction with the Waipa River, thence in a straight line to the summit of Pirongia, thence in a straight line to the nearest point of the Waitetuna River, thence by the Waitetuna River to Waingarua Harbour, thence by that harbour to the sea, thence by the sea coast to the Waikato Heads, thence by the Waikato River to the Mangatawhiri River, thence by the Mangatawhiri River to the Great South Road, thence northward by the Great South Road to the Razorback Redoubt, thence by the boundary of the Ramarama and Hunua purchases to the Wairoa River, thence by the Wairoa River to the north-eastern boundary of the land of the Kowhairiki tribe, thence to the summit of the Whare Kawa Mountain, thence following the ridge of Whare Kawa to the Surrey Redoubt, thence in a straight line to the point of commencement :

And all lands northward of the above boundaries belonging to rebel Natives or tribes up to and as far as the waters of the Manukau and the Waitemata.

The land of those Natives who have adhered to the Queen shall be secured to them ; and to those who have rebelled, but who shall at once submit to the Queen's authority, portions of the land taken will be given back for themselves and their families.

The Governor will make no further attack on those who remain quiet.

Those guilty of further violence, the Governor will punish as he has punished the Waikato tribes.

The Governor will also take possession of, and retain, in the country between Wanganui and New Plymouth, and in the Province of Taranaki, such land belonging to the rebels as he may think fit.

The Governor will cause roads to be made, not only at Taranaki and in the Waikato, but throughout the Island, from time to time, as he may think fit, as well through lands of Europeans as of Natives. These roads will be for the protection of the peaceable, the upholding of law, and for the benefit of both races. This is a rule of all nations.

To those, whether Europeans or Natives, who consent to the making of roads through their land, there shall be paid fair compensation for the land so taken ; and to those who will work in making the roads, payment will be made in money. Those who obstruct with violence the making of roads will be forcibly repressed.

To all those who have remained, and shall continue, in peace and friendship, the Governor assures the full benefit and enjoyment of their lands.

The rule with regard to arms will be this : The Governor does not insist upon all Natives giving up their arms ; but arms shall not, without permission, be brought into settled districts, and arms will be taken from such as are unruly and turbulent. This also is the law of all nations.