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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency ROBERT FITZROY,
Esquire, Governor of the Colony of New
Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice
Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

I, THE GOVERNOR, do hereby advertise
and proclaim that, at Eleven o'clock,
on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1844,
the Colonial Treasurer will put up to Auction
at the Treasury, the undermentioned Lots,
on the terms and conditions and under the
provisions of an Act of Parliament, passed in
the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her
Majesty Queen Victoria, chap. 36, entitled
"An Act for regulating the Sale of Waste
Lands belonging to the Crown in the Australian
Colonies."

Deposit on the purchase-money, Ten pounds
per centum.

COUNTY OF EDEN,
PARISH OF WAITEMATA,
TOWN OF AUCKLAND.
Upset price—£100 per acre.

Section No. 9, containing 10 acres, 0 roods,
and 0 perches.

Section No. 10, containing 14 acres, 0 roods,
and 0 perches.

Section No. 31, containing 5 acres, 0 roods,
and 0 perches.

Section No. 35, containing 15 acres, 0 roods,
and 0 perches.

Section No. 36, containing 16 acres, 3 roods,
and 0 perches.

SUBURBAN LOTS.

Upset price—£5 per acre.

SECTION No. 2.

Lot No. 10, containing 5 acres, 0 roods, and
0 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 11, containing 5 acres, 0 roods,
and 33 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 12, containing 4 acres, 3 roods,
and 30 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 15, containing 5 acres, 1 rood,
and 6 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 16, containing 5 acres, 3 roods,
and 25 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 17, containing 6 acres, 3 roods,
and 15 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 18, containing 5 acres, 1 rood,
and 25 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 19, containing 6 acres, 1 rood,
and 12 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 21, containing 5 acres, 2 roods,
and 4 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 22, containing 7 acres, 1 rood,
and 12 perches, more or less.

SECTION No. 3.

Lot No. 13, containing 5 acres, 0 roods,
and 7 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 14, containing 4 acres, 0 roods,
and 12 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 15, containing 2 acres, 0 roods,
and 0 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 17, containing 1 acre, 3 roods, and
11 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 37, containing 3 acres, 0 roods, and 0 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 38, containing 3 acres, 0 roods, and 0 perches, more or less.

SECTION No. 4.

Lot No. 5, containing 5 acres, 2 roods, and 32 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 6, containing 5 acres, 3 roods, and 7 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 7, containing 6 acres, 1 rood, and 10 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 9, containing 5 acres, 2 roods, and 37 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 10, containing 5 acres, 3 roods, and 9 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 11, containing 5 acres, 2 roods, and 33 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 12, containing 4 acres, 3 roods, and 2 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 14, containing 6 acres, 1 rood, and 3 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 15, containing 5 acres, 1 rood, and 28 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 16, containing 5 acres, 1 rood, and 37 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 18, containing 7 acres, 1 rood, and 30 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 19, containing 6 acres, 3 roods, and 37 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 21, containing 9 acres, 3 roods, and 24 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 22, containing 9 acres, 0 roods, and 19 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 23, containing 7 acres, 2 roods, and 5 perches, more or less.

SECTION No. 6.

Lot No. 1, containing 3 acres, 2 roods, and 14 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 2, containing 6 acres, 1 rood, and 30 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 3, containing 6 acres, 3 roods, and 8 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 4, containing 5 acres, 3 roods, and 10 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 5, containing 4 acres, 0 roods, and 12 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 6, containing 2 acres, 2 roods, and 20 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 10, containing 6 acres, 2 roods, and 30 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 11, containing 6 acres, 2 roods, and 20 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 12, containing 5 acres, 3 roods, and 16 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 13, containing 6 acres, 3 roods, and 12 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 14, containing 5 acres, 3 roods, and 0 perches, more or less.

Lot No. 24, containing 86 acres, 2 roods, and 21 perches, more or less.

Given under my Hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Auckland, this sixth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

L. S.

ROBERT FITZROY,
GOVERNOR.

By His Excellency's Command,
(For the Colonial Secretary),
JAMES STUART FREEMAN.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd January, 1844.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

HENRY SAMUEL CHAPMAN, Esquire,
Barrister-at-Law,

to be a Judge of the Supreme Court of this Colony. Date of Appointment, 26th December, 1843.

By His Excellency's Command,
(For the Colonial Secretary),
JAMES STUART FREEMAN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd January, 1844.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

J. W. HAMILTON, Esquire,

to be His Excellency's Private Secretary. Date of Appointment, 26th December, 1843.

By His Excellency's Command,
(For the Colonial Secretary),
JAMES STUART FREEMAN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd January, 1844.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JOHN MACARTHY, Esquire,

to be Acting Sub-Collector, and
A. RENNIE, Esquire,
to be Acting Landing Waiter, Tide Surveyor and Locker, at the Port of Wellington.

By His Excellency's Command,
(For the Colonial Secretary),
JAMES STUART FREEMAN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd January, 1844.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MR. CHARLES LOGIE,

to be Landing Waiter, Tide Surveyor, and Locker, at the Port of Nelson.

By His Excellency's Command,
(For the Colonial Secretary),
JAMES STUART FREEMAN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd January, 1844.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the following Ecclesiastical Appointments have been made by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of New Zealand:—

REV. A. N. BROWN,

to be Archdeacon of the District of Tauranga. The limits of the Archdeaconry include, provisionally, the Districts of Tauranga, Hauraki, Roturoa, and Taupo; which are hereby excluded from the Archdeaconry of Waiapu.

RICHARD DAVIS,

Ordained on Trinity Sunday, June 11th, 1843, to be Deacon for the District of Kaikote.

SEYMOUR MILLS SPENCER,

Ordained on Sunday, September 24th, 1843, to be Deacon for the District of Taupo.

WILLIAM BOLLAND,

Ordained on Sunday, September 24th, 1843, to be Deacon for the District of Taranaki.

HENRY FRANCIS BUTT,

Ordained on Sunday, September 24th, 1843, to be Deacon for the District of Nelson.

G. A. NEW ZEALAND.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd January, 1844.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct it to be notified, for general information, that the Boarding Station for the Officer of Customs, for Vessels entering the Bay of Islands, is opposite to, and about half a mile distant from, Kororarika Point, that Point bearing about North North West.

By His Excellency's Command,
(For the Colonial Secretary),
JAMES STUART FREEMAN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 6th January, 1844.*

WITH reference to the Proclamation under this date, notifying an intended Sale of Town and Suburban Lots, on the 29th day of January instant, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the following Extract of a Letter from Mr. Under Secretary Hope to Joseph Somes, Esq., Governor of the New Zealand Company, dated Downing Street, 12th May, 1843.

“The Company propose:—

1st. “To purchase £50,000 worth of Land in Auckland, and its vicinity; £10,000 worth, at least, to be in the Town, and £25,000 worth, at least, to be in the Country; the Company taking the remaining £15,000 worth of Land in Town, Suburban, or Country Lots, provided they do not take more altogether in Suburban than Town Lots.

2nd. “That the Town Lots be purchased by auction, and that they be offered at the upset price of £100 per acre; as far as practicable, however, such Lots to be put up together in parcels of 10 acres each, and the whole Lands applied for in the Town by the Company at any one time to be sold on the same day, unless otherwise settled at the request of their Agent, and with the assent of the Governor.

3rd. “The Suburban Lots to be sold by auction. If the Company apply at one and the same time for one hundred acres or upwards, the whole to be put together at one general upset price of £5 per acre.

4th. “That the Country Lots should follow the Rule established by the Land Sales' Act.

5th. “That credit be given to the Company, by the Land and Emigration Commissioners, for the sum of £50,000, in consideration of their abandoning their claim to £50,000 acres of Land, out of the whole quantity to which they are already entitled.”

Lord Stanley directs me to state his assent to these proposals.

By His Excellency's Command,
(For the Colonial Secretary),
JAMES STUART FREEMAN.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

WHEREAS, on Sunday last, during Divine Service, the House of Mr. Adam, in the neighbourhood of Auckland, was feloniously entered, and divers articles of Plate and Jewellery stolen therefrom. It is hereby notified, that a reward of Five Pounds will be given to any person or persons (except the actual perpetrators of the robbery) who shall give such information to the Chief Police Magistrate, as may lead to the discovery of the Offenders.

FELTON MATHEW,
Chief Police Magistrate.

Police Office, Auckland,
3rd January, 1844.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd January, 1844.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the following Bills, about to be introduced at the approaching Session of the Legislative Council, be published for general information :—

“THE SUPREME COURT BILL.

“THE JURY BILL.

“LAND CLAIMS' AMENDMENT BILL.”

By His Excellency's Command,

(For the Colonial Secretary),

JAMES STUART FREEMAN.

SUPREME COURT BILL.

IN THE SEVENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

SESSION III. No. 1.

ANALYSIS.

I. CREATION OF COURT.

1. Creation and Style of Court.

II. JURISDICTION OF COURT.

- 2. Legal.
- 3. Equitable.
- 4. Ecclesiastical.
- 5. Lunacy.
- 6. Vice Admiralty Instance Court.
- 7. Criminal Jurisdiction.
- 8. Jurisdiction.
- 9. Seat.

III. CONSTITUTION OF COURT.

- 10. Judges.
- 11. Oath of Office.
- 12. Districts.

13. Officers of the Court.

14. Registrars.

15. Inferior Officers.

16. Barristers and Solicitors.

17. Their Practice.

18. Sheriff.

19. Oath.

20. Duties.

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IV. PRACTICE OF THE COURT.

22. Trial by Jury.

23. Circuits.

24. Powers of Judge on Circuit.

25. Rules for Practice.

26. Their force and effect.

27. Fee Fund.

28. Proceedings pending.

“A BILL for Establishing a SUPREME COURT.”

(Passed

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Preamble. **B**E it enacted by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

I.—CREATION OF COURT.

Creation and Style of Court. There shall be within the Colony of New Zealand a Court of Record for the administration of Justice throughout the Colony, which Court shall be called the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

II.—JURISDICTION OF COURT.

Legal.

2. The Court shall have jurisdiction in all cases as fully as Her Majesty's Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer at Westminster have in England.

Equitable.

3. The Court shall also have all such equitable jurisdiction as the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain hath in England.

Ecclesiastical.

4. The Court shall also have exclusive jurisdiction in all questions relating to Testacy, and Intestacy, and the validity of Wills of personal property, as fully as any

Ecclesiastical Court hath in England. The Court shall also have exclusive power to grant Probates of Wills and Letters of Administration of the Estates and Effects of deceased persons, and to take order for the due passing of the accounts of the Executors and Administrators of such persons.

5. The Court shall also have power to appoint and control Guardians of Infants Lunacy. and their Estates, and also Keepers of the persons and estates of idiots, lunatics, and such as being of unsound mind are unable to govern themselves and their Estates.

6. The Court shall also be an Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty, with such Vice Admiralty power and jurisdiction as belong to Courts of the like nature within the Colonial Instance Court. possessions of Her Majesty.

7. This Court shall have cognizance of all crimes and offences committed Criminal Jurisdiction. within the jurisdiction of the Vice-Admiral of the Colony of New Zealand, as fully and effectually as if the same had been committed on the land within the limits of the Colony.

8. The Court shall not take cognizance of any Criminal case where the offence Jurisdiction. shall have been committed previous to the 14th day of January, 1840.

9. There shall be made a Seal of the Court, and all Writs and other process Seal. issuing out of the Court shall be sealed therewith.

III.—CONSTITUTION OF COURT.

10. The Court shall consist of one Judge, who shall be called the Chief Justice Judges. of New Zealand, and such other Judges as Her Majesty shall from time to time be pleased to appoint : Provided, that it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor to appoint such Judges provisionally until Her Majesty's pleasure shall be known. The Judges of the Court shall hold their office during Her Majesty's pleasure.

11. Every Judge before entering on his office shall take an oath in the form of Oath of Office. the Schedule hereunto annexed, faithfully to execute the duties thereof.

12. It shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Districts. Executive Council, by Proclamation from time to time, to divide the Colony into Districts for the purpose of this Ordinance, and the limits of such Districts from time to time to alter as occasion may require. It shall also be lawful for His Excellency the Governor to assign to each of such Districts a Judge or Judges, who shall have within the same all the powers and jurisdiction hereby given to the Supreme Court.

13. There shall belong to the Court such Registrars and inferior Officers as to Officers of the Court. the Judges respectively shall appear necessary.

14. The Registrars shall be appointed provisionally by His Excellency the Registrars. Governor, and shall hold their offices during Her Majesty's pleasure.

15. The inferior officers shall be removable, on reasonable cause, by the res- Inferior Offi- pective Judges of the Court, subject to the approval of His Excellency the Governor. cers.

16. There shall be enrolled in the Court, to practice therein as Barristers, such Barristers and persons only as shall have been admitted Barristers, or Advocates, in Great Britain and Solicitors. or Ireland, or such as shall be admitted hereafter within the Colony under the authority of any Law that may hereafter be passed for that purpose, and to practice therein, as Solicitors, such persons only as shall have been admitted as Solicitors, Attorneys or Writers in one of the Courts of Westminster, Dublin, or Edinburgh, or Proctors in any Ecclesiastical Court in England, or shall have served such term of Clerkship with a Solicitor of the Court as shall be required by the General Rules thereof, or shall have established themselves in the exercise of their Profession on or before the 22nd day of December, 1841. All persons so enrolled shall be removable from the Rolls of the Court upon reasonable cause.

17. The Barristers of the Court shall be allowed to act as Solicitors, and the Their Practice. Solicitors of the Court to act also as Barristers for the period of five years after the passing of this Ordinance, unless the Court shall in the mean time make order to the

contrary; any such order may extend to the whole Colony, or may be restricted to any part thereof, as to the Court shall seem fit.

Sheriff. 18. His Excellency the Governor shall, by Warrant under his hand, appoint provisionally, subject to Her Majesty's confirmation, fit persons to be Sheriffs of the several Counties or Districts; as the case may be, of the Colony, who shall be removable by the Governor, on reasonable cause: Provided that no Sheriff shall be in any way concerned in the conduct of any suit in any Court, either as Barrister, Solicitor, or Agent.

Oath. 19. The Sheriffs shall upon appointment take an oath before a Judge of the Supreme Court, or some person specially appointed by such Judge, in the form in the Schedule hereunto annexed, faithfully to execute the duties of their office.

Duties. 20. The Sheriffs shall bear such power and privileges only, and such duties and responsibilities only, as a Sheriff by law hath or is liable to in England as a Ministerial Officer of one of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Westminster.

Process when Sheriff disqualified. 21. Whenever any process shall issue which the Sheriff ought not by law to execute, the Court shall appoint some other fit person to execute the same; and in every such case the cause of such special proceeding shall be entered upon the Records of the Court.

IV.—PRACTICE OF THE COURT.

Trial by Jury. 22. All questions of fact upon which issue shall be taken in the course of any proceeding before the Court, and all questions of idiocy, lunacy, or unsoundness of mind, shall be decided by a verdict of a Jury of twelve men.

Circuits. 23. There shall be holden Circuit Courts for the dispatch of civil and criminal business of the Court, before one of the Judges thereof, at such places and at such times as His Excellency the Governor shall, with the advice of the Executive Council, by Proclamation from time to time appoint,

Powers of Judge on Circuit. 24. It shall be lawful for a single Judge of the Court on Circuit, or otherwise, to hear and determine all cases of crimes and misdemeanors committed within the District, and any issues of fact joined in any action or proceeding in the Supreme Court, and to exercise all such powers in respect of the persons and Estates of infants, idiots, lunatics, and persons of unsound mind, as are hereinbefore given to the Supreme Court, and to exercise all such powers and jurisdiction as Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery and Assizes and Nisi Prius have in England.

Rules for Practice. 25. It shall be lawful for the Judges of the Court from time to time to make Rules for regulating the time and place of holding the Court, and the practice and pleadings upon all indictments, informations, suits, and other proceedings therein, the proceedings of the Sheriff and other Ministerial Officers, the admission of Barristers and Solicitors, the fees and poundage to be paid to any Officer, costs of suit and the taxing thereof, and all matters relating to the business of the Court, and such Rules from time to time to alter or revoke: Provided that the same shall not be repugnant to any of the provisions hereinbefore contained.

Their force and effect. 26. The Rules to be made under the authority aforesaid shall be submitted to the Governor in Council, and upon being approved shall have the same force and effect as if they had been inserted herein, until the termination of the sitting of the Legislative Council first following their approval by the Governor in Council.

Fee Fund. 27. All fees received by the Registrars, as well as those received by the inferior Officers of the Court, shall be accounted for quarterly to the Colonial Treasurer, and shall form a fund to be called the "Fee Fund," to be chargeable with the Salaries of all the Officers of the Court.

Proceedings pending. 28. All proceedings which have been commenced in the Supreme Court under the authority of the Supreme Court Ordinance, Session 2, No. 1, and which are still pending and incomplete, shall continue in as full force and effect as if the same had been commenced under the authority hereof.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.—FORM OF OATH.

I, A. B., do swear, that I will truly and faithfully, and to the best and utmost of my skill and knowledge, discharge the duties of (Judge of the Supreme Court, or Sheriff, as the case may be,) without fear, favor, or malice. So help me God.

JURY BILL.

IN THE SEVENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA;

SESSION III. No. 2.

ANALYSIS.

I. CONSTITUTION OF JURIES.

1. *Who liable.*

II. FORMATION OF JURY LISTS.

2. *Justices of the Peace to prepare Jury Lists.*
3. *Police Magistrates to hear and determine Objections.*

4. *And transmit List to Sheriff.*
5. *List to be in use for One Year.*

III. JURY OF FREEHOLDERS.

6. *So much of former Ordinance as relates to Constitution of Juries, may from time to time be brought into operation.*

“A BILL to make Temporary Provision for the CONSTITUTION of JURIES.

(Passed

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WHEREAS, by an Ordinance enacted by the Governor of New Zealand, Preamble. with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, Session II, No. 3, entitled “An Ordinance to regulate the Constitution of Juries,” it was provided, that every man except as therein excepted, between the ages of 21 years and 60 years, who should have to his own use a freehold estate in lands and tenements within the Colony, and who should reside within the same, should be qualified and liable to serve as a Juror therein, and provision was made for the formation of a Jury List in manner therein mentioned. *And Whereas* the Registration of Titles to Land within the Colony is not yet sufficiently advanced for the purpose of the aforesaid Ordinance, *Be it therefore enacted*, by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:

I.—CONSTITUTION OF JURIES.

1. Every man being a natural born subject of Her Majesty, (except as in the *Who liable.* aforesaid Ordinance excepted,) between the ages of 21 years and 60 years, who shall be of good fame and character, and who shall reside within the Colony, shall be qualified and liable to serve as a Juror therein. Any Native of New Zealand whose capability may be certified under certain regulations to be from time to time issued by the Governor and Executive Council, shall also be held duly qualified and liable to serve as a Juror, on a mixed Jury, for the trial of any case, civil or criminal, in which the property or person of any Aboriginal Native of New Zealand may be affected.

II.—FORMATION OF JURY LIST.

2. The Police Magistrate in every District or County shall, on the first day of February in this and every succeeding year, or as soon thereafter as may be, call a *Justice of the Peace to pre-* Special Meeting of the Justices of the Peace residing within 20 miles of the *pare Jury List.* Police Office, for the purpose of forming a Jury List; the Justices at such meeting (any two being a quorum), shall prepare a List in alphabetical order of all men residing within such limits as aforesaid, who shall be qualified and liable to serve as Jurors, setting forth the Christian and Surname of each at full length, together with his place of abode and calling or business—the Police Magistrate shall forthwith cause a copy thereof to be published in one or more of the Newspapers of the District or County, and shall also cause a copy thereof to be affixed upon the principal door of the Police Office, and to such lists and copy thereof shall subjoin a Notice that all objections thereto will be heard and determined by him at any time within 10 days after such meeting as aforesaid.

3. The Police Magistrate shall have power, after hearing such objections, to *Police Magis-* strike out of the said Lists the names of all persons who shall not be liable to serve *trate to hear* as Jurors, and also of such as are disabled by lunacy or unsoundness of mind, or *and determine* deafness, blindness, or other infirmity, and shall correct all errors therein. *objections.*

4. A copy of the List so corrected by the Police Magistrate shall be transmitted *And transmit* by him forthwith to the Sheriff of the District. *List to Sheriff.*

List to be in use for one year. 5. The List so transmitted shall be called the "Jury List," and shall be brought into use at the first subsequent sitting of any Court for which a Jury shall be needed, and shall continue to be used for one year thence next ensuing.

III.—JURY OF FREEHOLDERS.

So much of former Ordinance as relates to Constitution of Juries may from time to time be brought into operation. 6. *Whereas* by the gradual extension of the Registration of Titles to Land within the Colony, it may be practicable from time to time to bring so much of the said recited Ordinance as relates to the constitution of Juries and the formation of Jury Lists into operation within the several Districts or Counties of the Colony, *Be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, by Proclamation from time to time, to declare that so much of the said recited Ordinance as aforesaid shall come into operation within any District or County to be named in such Proclamation, at such time as shall be therein mentioned, whereupon this Ordinance shall be deemed to be repealed as to such District or County.

LAND CLAIMS' AMENDMENT BILL.

IN THE SEVENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

SESSION III. No. 3.

ANALYSIS.

1. Power to examine into and report upon Claims to Land &c., given to one Commissioner. | 2. All acts heretofore done by one Commissioner to be as valid as if done by two.

"A BILL to amend the LAND CLAIMS' ORDINANCE," Session 1, No. 2.

(Passed)

WHEREAS by an Ordinance enacted by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, Session 1, No. 2, intituled "An Act to repeal within the said Colony of New Zealand a certain Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, made and passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, and adopted under an Ordinance of the Governor and Legislative Council of New Zealand, for extending the Laws of New South Wales to the said Colony of New Zealand, and which said Act of the Governor and Council of New South Wales is intituled 'An Act to empower the Governor of New South Wales to appoint Commissioners, with certain powers, to examine and report on Claims to Grants of Land in New Zealand,' and also to terminate any Commission issued under the same, and to authorize the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand to appoint Commissioners, with certain powers, to examine, and report on Claims to Grants of Land therein, and to declare all other Titles, except those allowed by the Crown, null and void," the Governor of New Zealand is authorised and empowered to appoint Commissioners with power and authority to hear, examine and report upon all claims to Grants of Land within the Colony of New Zealand; and the said Commissioners so to be appointed, or any two of them, on being satisfied of the validity of any Claims, are authorised and required to report the same, and the grounds thereof, to the Governor, in manner in the said Ordinance mentioned. *And whereas* it is expected that all the powers and authorities vested by the said Ordinance in any two of such Commissioners should be vested in any single Commissioner, *Be it therefore enacted*, by His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:

Power to examine into and report upon claims to Land given to a single Commissioner. 1. All the powers of hearing, examining, and reporting on Claims to Land, and all other the powers and authorities given by the said recited Ordinance to any two Commissioners, may be exercised as fully and effectually by any single Commissioner as the same have heretofore been exercised by two Commissioners.

All acts heretofore done by one Commissioner to be as valid as if done by two. 2. All acts done by a single Commissioner before the passing of this Ordinance which might have been lawfully done by any two Commissioners under the authority of the said recited Ordinance, shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if the same had been done by two Commissioners.