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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to provide for the Care and Management Title. of the Harbour of Auckland.

WHEREAS it is expedient to commit the care and management of Preamble. the Harbour of Auckland, together with the wharves piers and improvements thereof unto a local Board:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New 5 Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The short title of this Act shall be "The Auckland Harbour Short Title. Trust Act, 1870."

2. There shall be constituted for the Port and Harbour of Board constituted a 10 Auckland a Board of Trustees, who shall, under the name of "The Corporation. Auckland Harbour Trust," be a Corporation, with all the incidents privileges duties liabilities and responsibilities of a Corporation.

3. The said Board shall consist of the Superintendent of the Constitution of the Province of Auckland, three persons to be appointed in October Beard. 15 annually by the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Province, and five persons to be elected by and out of the persons liable to pay, and who during the No. 22.—1.

preceding year shall have paid ten pounds or upwards of port harbour pilotage or wharfage dues or charges, two of whom shall retire annually in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election, the order of rotation to be fixed by the Board.

Election of Members.

4. On the first Monday in October next, and on the first Monday in October in each year thereafter, a meeting of persons qualified to elect as aforesaid shall be held at noon, in the Provincial Council Chambers or other place appointed by public notification by the Superintendent, at which first meeting five members, and at each succeeding meeting two members, as aforesaid, shall be elected by the 10 persons present, not less than ten being present thereat, the said meeting having power to elect its own Chairman, who shall have a casting but no deliberative vote; the voting to be by ballot if demanded by any elector.

Failure to elect.

5. If from any cause whatever no election takes place on the day 15 aforesaid such meeting shall stand adjourned from week to week until an election takes place.

Members hold office till appointment of

Vacancies how filled

6. The members appointed or elected as aforesaid shall hold office till the appointment or election of their successors respectively.

7. Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled up by the Board 20 until the next annual appointment or election, when the person filling such vacancy shall be deemed to be one of the members retiring by rotation.

If more vacancies than two.

8. If more than two vacancies occur during any year, all the persons filling such vacancies shall retire at the next annual election, 25 and such election shall be for the number of members required to fill the vacancies.

Vacancies how created.

9. The death resignation bankruptcy or insolvency, refusal to act or absence from the Province for six months of any member, shall create a vacancy of his seat.

Superintendent to determine disputes and to rectify errors.

10. The Superintendent of the Province of Auckland shall have power to determine all questions which may arise as to the validity of any elections, and shall have power to take all necessary measures for the amendment of any error or neglect which may occur in the appointment or election of members, or in the proceedings of the 35 Board.

Errors not to invalidate proceedings.

First meeting.

11. No error or defect in the appointment or election of members or in the proceedings of the Board shall invalidate the proceedings.

12. The first meeting of the Board shall be held at such time and place as the Superintendent shall appoint.

Board to regulate its own proceedings.

13. The Board shall have power from time to time to elect its own chairman and other officers, fix its own quorum, appoint its own times and places of meeting, and generally to regulate its own proceedings.

Powers of Board.

14. The Board shall have the sole charge and management of 45 the Harbour of Auckland, together with the wharves piers jetties docks endowments and improvements thereof, the appointment of all harbourmasters wharfingers pilots piermasters signalmen and other officers, and the fixing and levying all port harbour wharf dock and pilot dues and charges, anything in "The Marine Act, 1867," or any 50 other Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand to the contrary notwithstanding.

Powers of Board.

15. The Board shall have and exercise in respect of the Port and Harbour of Auckland all the powers conferred by "The Marine Act, sections seven, ten, twelve, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, 55 thirty-three, thirty-five, thirty-six, fifty, upon the Superintendent the Governor and the Governor in Council.

Existing Regulations continued.

16. All appointments charges dues bye-laws and regulations now in force shall continue in force until altered amended or repealed by the Board.

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17. The endowments specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby Endowments vested vested in the said Auckland Harbour Trust, with power to lease in Board. mortgage exchange or otherwise dispose of the same, and of other real estate acquired by the Trust except by way of absolute sale, and to 5 apply the proceeds thereof in furtherance of the objects of the said Trust, subject nevertheless to all existing leases and contracts in respect thereof, and to the liquidation of all burdens and debts thereon by way of mortgage debentures or otherwise.

18. No mortgage and no disposal of the said endowments or sales, &c., to have 10 estate or any part thereof, by lease or otherwise, for a longer period concurrence of Super-intendent. than twenty-one years shall be valid without the concurrence in writing of the Superintendent of the Province and his Executive

19. In case of the refusal or neglect of the said Board to on refusal or neglect of the said Board to on refusal or neglect of Board, Superintendent may perform the duties incumdent may perform bent upon them, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent, upon such duties. refusal or neglect being represented to him by the Provincial Council, to exercise the said powers and perform the said duties in name of the said Board until other provision shall be lawfully made in that 20 behalf.

20. The Treasurer of the Board shall give such security as may Treasurer to give be fixed by the Board and shall keep full true and particular accounts security keep acof all moneys received and paid by him on account of the Trust, and before Provincial all such accounts, with all vouchers and papers relating thereto, Council. 25 together with a full abstract and balance sheet showing all liabilities of the Trust up to the 30th September in each year, duly audited, shall be laid before the Board, and the abstract and balance sheet shall be published in the Provincial Government Gazette annually in the month of October, and shall be transmitted by the Treasurer to the 30 Provincial Council within fourteen days of its first meeting thereafter, under a penalty of fifty pounds recoverable in a summary way at the suit of any member of the Provincial Council.

21. All vessels belonging to or employed in the service of Her Exemption from Majesty, the Colonial and Provincial Governments, and all officers in Rates 35 the employment of the Imperial Colonial or Provincial Governments, and all goods stores or other articles or things belonging to or for the service of Her Majesty, or the Colonial or Provincial Governments, shall be exempt from all pilot port harbour and wharf dues rates and tolls.

22. The Board may reclaim from the sea any portion of the Board may reclaim 40 endowments in the Schedule mentioned without compensation to any person or persons for any water frontage rights or privileges which may be thereby affected.

23. All fines fees or penalties incurred under this Act, or any Fines, &c., to be Bye-laws or Regulations made or continued in force hereunder, shall revenue of Board. be paid to the Board as part of the Revenue thereof, anything to the contrary in section forty-nine of "The Marine Act, 1867," or any other Act notwithstanding.

24. The said Auckland Harbour Trust shall not be liable to any Endowments not to 50 rates or taxes in respect of the aforesaid endowments or other real be rateable by the City.

25. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed in any way Saving of Her to affect any right or prerogative of Her Majesty her heirs or Majesty's rights. successors.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

1. All that portion of section number two of the City of Auckland, in the Parish of Waitemata, in the County of Eden, containing by admeasurement four acres and three roods (more or less), bounded on the North by Custom House Street, one thousand one hundred and eighty links; on the East, South-east, and South by Fore Street, two hundred and sixteen links, six hundred and thirty-nine links, and five hundred and fifty-three links; and on the West by allotments numbers one, two, three, four, and five of

the same section number two, five hundred and ten links. Also, all that piece or parcel of land situated below high water-mark in the harbour of the Waitemata, in the said Province of Auckland, bounded on the West by a line from Acheron Point bearing North to its intersection with another line drawn between the Watchman and the Bastion; on the North by the last-mentioned straight line drawn between the Watchman and the bastion to its intersection with another line bearing south to Resolution Point; on the East by the said line bearing South to Resolution Point; and on the South from Resolution Point by the seaward boundary of section numbers two and one south from Resolution Foliately the seaward countary of section frameers two and one of the Suburbs of Auckland, and by the seaward termination of all roads in the said suburban sections to the west of Resolution Point by the seaward boundaries of lot number one of section number thirty-one of the City of Auckland; thence by the stream or watercourse to the strand in Mechanics' Bay by the seaward boundary of sections numbers twelve and eight of the City of Auckland, and by the seaward terminations of the streets in the said section, by the seaward boundary of the Ordnance ground known as Point Britomart, by Custom House Street, by the seaward boundary of sections numbers eighteen, twenty-five, twenty, and nineteen in the City of Auckland, and by the seaward terminations of all streets thereon, by Drake Street, by the seaward boundary of a Government Reserve in Freeman's Bay; thence crossing the mouth of the Western Creek in the said Bay by the seaward boundary of section number eight of the Suburbs of Auckland to Acheron Point above-named.

2. Allotment sixteen of section eight of the City of Auckland, Parish of Waitemata,

County of Eden.

3. Allotment thirty-seven of section two, Parish of Takapuna, County of Eden.
4. Allotments seven, eight, nine, and ten of section nineteen of the City of Auckland, Parish of Waitemata, County of Eden.

5. All those parcels of land in the Province of Auckland, situated in the Waitemata Harbour, in the said Province of Auckland, and being all that the Waltemata Harbour, in the said Flovine of Ackald, and being at that parcel of land lying below high water-mark of the sea bounded towards the North from Stanley Point to Cook Point (North Head), by the seaward boundary of section two of the Parish of Takapuna; towards the South from Cook Point aforesaid to Stanley Point aforesaid by a line in a curve; and all that parcel of land lying below high water-mark of the sea, bounded towards the North-west from Kauri Point to Stokes Point by the seaward boundaries of allotments numbers one hundred and sixty-four one hundred and sixty-five and one hundred and sixty-one, the abutment of a road one hundred links wide, allotments numbers sixty-seven and sixty-six, the abutment of a road one hundred links wide, allotments numbers sixty-four, sixty-three, and sixty-two, the abutment of a road one hundred links wide, allotments numbers sixty-one, sixty, fifty-nine, fifty-eight, fifty-six, fifty-five, fifty-four, fifty-one, fifty-two, and fifty-three, the abutment of a road one hundred links wide, and allotments numbers thirty and thirty-one (all which several allotments and abutments of roads aforesaid are within the Parish of Takapuna); and towards the South from Stokes Point aforesaid to Kauri Point aforesaid, by a line in a curve.