

Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.

LITTLE BARRIER ISLAND PURCHASE.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to vest the Little Barrier Island in Her Majesty.

Title.

WHEREAS the Hauturu or Little Barrier Island, containing six thousand nine hundred and sixty acres more or less, situated in the Hauraki Gulf, in the Land District of Auckland, was, by an order of the Native Land Court dated the eighteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, declared to be the property of Rahui te Kiri, Tenetahi, Hiria Taukokopu, Paratene te Manu, Ngapera Taiawa, Ngawhare Taiawa, Hone Paama, Kino Rewiti, Rapata Ngatiwai, Te Nupere Ngawaka, Henare te Moananui, Ngapeka, Wi Taiawa, and Pita Kino, and a certificate of title under "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," has been issued to the aforesaid Natives for the said Island :

And whereas the said Rahui te Kiri, Tenetahi, and Paratene te Manu, purporting to represent the whole of the hereinbefore named owners, by a document dated the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, agreed to dispose of the said island to Her said Majesty for the sum of three thousand pounds :

And whereas the said Tenetahi, Hiria Taukokopu, Paratene te Manu, Ngapera Taiawa, Ngawhare Taiawa, Hone Paama, Kino Rewiti, Rapata Ngatiwai, Te Nupere Ngawaka, Wi Taiawa, Pita Kino, and the successors duly appointed by the said Court to the share or interest of the said Henare te Moananui, deceased, have duly executed a deed of conveyance to Her said Majesty of their respective shares or interests in the said island, and, excepting the three Natives hereinafter next mentioned, have been paid their respective proportions of the aforesaid sum of three thousand pounds :

And whereas the said Tenetahi, Kino Rewiti, and Wi Taiawa have not received their proportionate shares of such sum, amounting to three hundred pounds, one hundred and fifty pounds, and one hundred pounds respectively :

And whereas the said Rahui te Kiri and Ngapeka have not yet executed the deed of conveyance, or accepted their proportionate shares, being one hundred pounds each, of the consideration aforesaid, although according to Native custom and usages they are bound by the terms of the document dated the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one aforesaid: 5

And whereas it is desirable to complete the aforesaid purchase in the manner hereinafter mentioned:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, 10 as follows:—

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Little Barrier Island Purchase Act, 1894."

Unclaimed shares of purchase-money to be paid into Public Trust Office.

2. It shall be lawful for the Minister of Lands to cause to be paid into the Public Trust Office the proportionate shares of the purchase-money aforesaid of the said Tenetahi, Kino Rewiti, and Wi Taiawa, amounting to three hundred pounds, two hundred pounds, and one hundred pounds respectively, and the receipt of the Public Trustee for the same shall be a full and sufficient discharge and release to Her said Majesty as to the respective interests of the said Tenetahi, Kino Rewiti, and Wi Taiawa in the said island. 15 20

Estate of dissentients to sale vested in Public Trustee, who may convey to Her Majesty.

3. The shares or interests of the said Rahui te Kiri and Ngapeka in the said island are hereby vested in the Public Trustee, and on payment to him by or on behalf of the Minister of Lands of the sum of two hundred pounds, as representing such sum may be assessed in manner provided by section fourteen of "The Public Works Acts Amendment Act, 1887," and by section sixteen of "The Public Works Acts Amendment Act, 1889," as the value of the interests of the said Rahui te Kiri and Ngapeka in the said island, each of their separate interests being valued at one hundred pounds, the Public Trustee may execute a conveyance in fee-simple of the same to Her said Majesty. 25 30

Certificate of title to issue to Her Majesty.

4. The District Land Registrar may thereupon cancel all previous entries on the Land Transfer Register respecting the said island, and issue a certificate of title to Her said Majesty for the same free from all incumbrances. 35

Moneys in Public Trust Office to be paid to claimants on demand.

5. All moneys paid into the Public Trust Office under this Act shall be invested by the Public Trustee, and shall be paid out of the said office to the persons respectively entitled thereto on their respective application to the Public Trustee in that behalf.