

(Mr. Thomson.)

Native Lands Purchase.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide that all Purchasers of Native Lands shall pay a certain Sum per Acre to the State. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that all persons who purchase Native lands or lands held by Natives should contribute for each acre purchased a certain sum to the State, to be expended in opening up such lands for settlement by the construction of roads and bridges : Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Native Lands Purchase Act, 1875." Short Title.

10 2. Every purchaser of Native lands under memorial of ownership shall, previous to the issue of a Crown grant for such lands, lodge with the Judge of the Native Land Court within which the title or titles to such lands have been investigated a sum of money equal to five shillings for each acre of the area mentioned in such memorial of 5s. per acre to be lodged with Judge of Native Land Court.

15 3. Every purchaser of lands for which a Crown grant or Crown grants have been issued to a Native or Natives shall, previous to receiving a certificate of title, lodge with the District Land Registrar of the district within which such lands are situated a sum of money equal to five shillings for each acre of the lands mentioned in the 5s. per acre to be lodged with Registrar.

20 Crown grant or Crown grants : Provided that lands for which a sum of money equal to five shillings per acre have been paid shall not be liable for any further sum.

52 4. The Judge of the Native Land Court and the District Land Registrar with whom moneys have been lodged as before provided shall pay over such moneys to the Receivers of Land Revenue of the provinces within which such lands are situated, who shall pay them into an account to be called the "Native Land Account" : Provided always, that such moneys shall be spent on public works in the road How moneys to be expended.

30 districts within which the lands in respect of which such moneys have been paid are situated.