

Hon. Major Atkinson.

# Native Land Sales Suspension.

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AN ACT to suspend the Selling of Land by Natives until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly. Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the law regulating sales, mortgages, and leases of land belonging to the aboriginal natives of this colony should be amended, and that such amendment should as far as possible be made in conformity with the wishes and feelings of the Native people, and to promote the settlement of the country: And whereas it is expedient that the wishes and feelings of the Native people should, with a view to such legislation, be ascertained before the next Session of the General Assembly, and that in the meantime all such sales, mortgages, and leases should be prevented: Preamble

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 Land Sales Suspension Act, 1877.” Short Title.

2. Every conveyance or transfer of Native land by any aboriginal native by way of sale, mortgage, or lease, and every contract for any such conveyance, shall be absolutely void, except the same be made to or with Her Majesty in pursuance of negotiations now pending. Conveyances by Natives void.

3. For the purposes of this Act the term “Native land” shall include— Definition of Native land.

All land owned by aboriginal natives under their customs or usages;

All land held by aboriginal natives under certificates of title or memorials of ownership;

All land held by aboriginal natives under Crown grants.

4. This Act shall be deemed to have been in operation from the sixteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and shall remain in force until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly, and no longer. Duration of Act.

By Authority : G. DIDSBOURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1877.