

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,
27th October, 1876.

Sartoris, Downe, and Others Claims.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to settle certain Land Claims in the Province of Taranaki. Title.

WHEREAS by certain land orders bearing date the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, issued under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, in fulfilment of the award of a Commissioner appointed under the authority of "The Taranaki New Zealand Company's Land Claims Act, 1872," by which land orders Edward John Sartoris and the estate of Edwin Henry Downe and others (hereinafter called "the claimants") were entitled to select land in the Province of Taranaki to the value of seventeen thousand and sixty pounds: And whereas on presentation of the said land orders at the Crown Lands Office, Taranaki, the Commissioner made a note thereon to the effect that there was "No land available for the purpose:" And whereas the case of the claimants was referred to a Committee of the House of Representatives, who, on the fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, reported, amongst other things, that if the claims of the claimants were not satisfied in a particular way mentioned in such report, then that they should be satisfied by grants of land equivalent to the several awards, such land to be selected within the Province of Taranaki, out of any lands in the possession of the Government, whether acquired under the New Zealand Settlements Acts, Public Works and Immigration Acts, or otherwise: And whereas such report was adopted by the House of Representatives. 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 Sartoris, Downe, and Others Claims Act, 1867." Short Title.

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2. It shall be lawful for the claimants, within two years from the passing of this Act, subject to conditions and at a price to be fixed by the Waste Lands Board of the Provincial District of Taranaki, to select pieces of land equal in value to the amount of their several orders out of the land described in the Schedule hereto.

Right to take land for railways &c. reserved to Crown, subject to compensation.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor to make and execute Crown grants to the claimants of the lands so selected as aforesaid; but by every such grant there shall be reserved to Her Majesty the Queen the right to take such part of the land included therein as shall be thought fit, not exceeding at the rate of five acres for every one hundred acres of land so selected as aforesaid, for the construction through in or upon any part of the said land of any railway road or other work of public utility which may be constructed by or on behalf of Her said Majesty, or by the authority of the General Assembly; and compensation for or in respect of the taking such land shall be payable only on the value of the land as fixed at the time of selection, together with the actual improvements effected thereon.

£6,000 to be paid out of Public Works Account towards construction of road between Inglewood and Hawera.

4. The Colonial Treasurer may, out of the Public Works Account, issue and apply the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement and construction of the road now laid out between the Townships of Inglewood and Hawera.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

MANGANUI AND HUIROA BLOCKS.