

Taranaki Maori Claims Settlement Act 1944

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An Act to effect a Final Settlement of certain Claims relating to the Confiscation of Native Lands in the Taranaki and Wellington Provincial Districts and certain other Matters.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by warrant under the hand of the Governor-General dated the eighteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, a Commission of inquiry was appointed to inquire into and report upon various Maori grievances and complaints regarding the confiscation of Native lands: And whereas the Commission duly made its report, which is contained in Paper G.-7 of the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-eight (hereinafter referred to as the said report): And whereas certain of the claims related to the confiscation of lands in the Taranaki and Wellington Provincial Districts: And whereas certain of the claims related to allegations by Maoris touching the destruction and loss in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one of certain goods and chattels owned by the Maori inhabitants of Parihaka: And whereas the Maoris now concerned with the claims have agreed to accept the provisions hereinafter appearing, being in

accordance with the recommendations contained in the said report, in full settlement and discharge of the aforesaid claims:

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Taranaki Maori Claims Settlement Act, 1944.

2 Annual payments of £5,000 in respect of confiscations.

- (1) In settlement of all claims and demands which have heretofore been made or which might hereafter be made upon His Majesty's Government in New Zealand in respect of or arising out of the confiscation of lands within the Taranaki and Wellington Provincial Districts, there shall be paid without further appropriation than this Act to the Taranaki Maori Trust Board the annual sum of five thousand pounds payable on the first day of April in each and every year.
- (2) The moneys received by the Taranaki Maori Trust Board pursuant to this section shall be held and administered by the Board upon the same trusts and in the same manner as the other funds of the Board.

3 £300 compensation in respect of Parihaka Pa.

- (1) In settlement of all claims which have heretofore been made or which might hereafter be made on His Majesty's Government in New Zealand in respect of the loss and destruction in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one of certain goods and chattels owned by the Maori inhabitants of Parihaka (referred to in paragraphs one hundred and six to one hundred and eight of the said report), there shall be paid without further appropriation than this Act to the Taranaki Maori Trust Board the sum of three hundred pounds.
- (2) The said sum of three hundred pounds shall be held and administered by the Board upon the same trusts and in the same manner as the other funds of the Board.