

ANNO VICESIMO PRIMO ET VICESIMO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 78.

ANALYSIS:

Preamble.

1. Laws may be passed by Provincial Councils for diverting, &c., Roads, and Water-courses and disposing of the soil thereof.

- 2. Acts or Ordinances deemed valid.
- 3. Governor may grant Land disposed of. 4. Short Title.

An Act to enable Provincial Councils to Title. pass Laws for diverting Public Roads and Watercourses, and for disposing of the Land over which the same passed.

[Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, 19th August, 1858.]

HEREAS it is expedient to extend the powers of Super-Preamble. intendents and Provincial Councils in reference to the diversion of Roads and Watercourses:

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

I. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of any Province, Laws may be passed with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, by any Law or Ordinance to be made or ordained for that purpose, to authorise and empower the Superintendent to divert, or of the soil thereof. stop up any Public Street, Road, Highway, or Thoroughfare in any such Province, and also to divert or stop up any River, Stream, or Creek in such Province, and to build Bridges, Dams, Wharves,

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and other erections on the Banks or in the Beds of any such River, Stream, or Creek, and also to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of, the Land over which any such Public Street, Road, Highway, or Thoroughfare, was laid out or passed, or the bed of any River, Stream, or Creek, so diverted or stopped up.

Acts or Ordinances deemed valid. II. All provisions of any Acts or Ordinances passed by any Superintendent and Provincial Council for any of the said purposes, and not disallowed by the Governor, which would have been legal and valid if this Act had been in force at the time of the passing of such Acts or Ordinances, shall be and be deemed to have been valid, as from the time of the passing thereof, and all acts done under the authority of any such provision shall be effectual accordingly.

Governor may grant Land disposed of.

III. It shall be lawful for the Governor, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to make and execute Crown Grants, in the usual form, of any Land which shall be sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of in pursuance of any Law or Ordinance so to be made or ordained as aforesaid.

Short Title.

IV. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Highways and Watercourses Diversion Act, 1858."