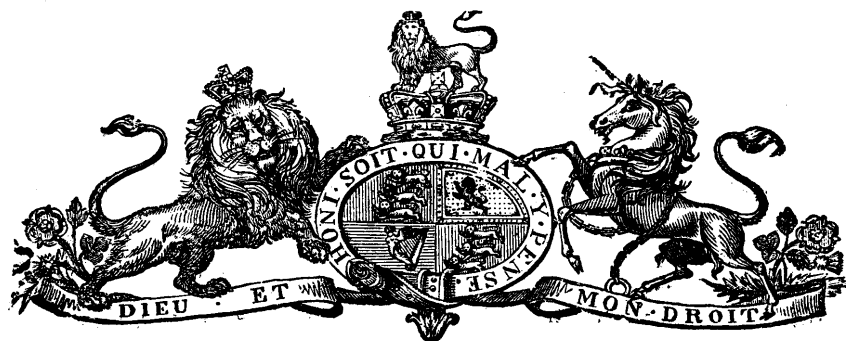


NEW ZEALAND,



ANNO VICESIMO PRIMO ET VICESIMO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 65.

ANALYSIS;

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AN ACT to grant the annual sum of Seven thousand Pounds for a term of Seven Years from the 30th June, 1858, in aid of Schools for the education of the Aboriginal Native Race. Title.

[21st August, 1858.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for a certain term for the maintenance of Schools for the Education of Natives and Half-Castes : Preamble.

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

Native Schools.

Grant of £7,000 per annum for 7 years on Native Education.

I. Out of the Ordinary Revenue of New Zealand there shall be payable to Her Majesty, for the period of seven years, commencing from the 30th day of June, 1858, the annual sum of £7,000 ; and such annual sum shall be applied at the discretion of the Governor, but subject to the provisions of this Act, in maintaining or contributing towards the maintenance in New Zealand of Schools, for the Education of persons of the Aboriginal Native Race (whether children or adults) and of Half-caste Children being Orphans, or the Children of indigent persons.

Periodical payments to be made to Managers of Schools for the purposes of this Act.

II. The said annual sum shall be expended by periodical grants of money to the respective Managers of Schools aided under this Act ; the amount of which grants shall be determined in manner hereinafter mentioned ; and such Grants shall be applied by the said Managers for the purposes of this Act.

Grants to Schools to be proportionate to number of Scholars.

III. Every Grant of money under this Act in aid of any School shall be calculated at a certain yearly rate per head, upon the daily average number of Scholars who shall be both boarded and educated thereat, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and to the satisfaction of the Governor, during the period in respect of which such payment is made.

Rate to be allowed per head for the Scholars to be fixed by the Governor in Council.

IV. The amount of such yearly rate per head shall be from time to time determined by the Governor in Council, but shall be the same for all Schools for the time being receiving aid under this Act, and shall at no time exceed the sum of £10 nor be less than the sum of £5 per Head.

Where several Schools under a general management, the grants for all the Schools may be paid to the General Managers.

V. Where several Schools shall be under a common superintendence it shall be lawful to pay over the aggregate of the Grants in aid of the same, to the person or body charged with such superintendence, and to leave it to such person or body to distribute such sums, in such proportions as to such person or body may seem desirable amongst the same Schools.

Register of attendance of Scholars to be kept at Schools.

VI. A Register of the daily number of Boarders shall be kept at every School aided under this Act, in such form, and shall be certified in such manner, as the Governor shall from time to time appoint.

Governor may require proof of attendance.

VII. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to make such regulations respecting the proof to be given of the daily average number of Scholars, duly boarded and educated at such Schools as he shall think fit.

Expenditure of grants to be accounted for.

VIII. Accounts of the expenditure of all grants in aid of Schools under this Act shall be forwarded to the Governor annually or oftener, as the Governor shall direct, by the persons to whom such Grants are paid ; and the said accounts shall be vouched or supported in such manner as the Governor shall require.

Native Schools.

IX. Instruction in the English language and in the ordinary subjects of primary English education, and Industrial training, shall form a necessary part of the system to be pursued in every school to be aided under this Act.

Course of Instruction
at Schools

X. Every School aided under this Act shall be in connection with some Religious Body and shall be managed and superintended in such wise, as the Governor, in concert with the Head or Governing Body of such Religious Body, shall from time to time determine upon: Provided that Schools in connection with the Church of England, the Society of Wesleyan Methodists, and the Church of Rome, respectively, shall continue to be managed and superintended in the same manner as Schools in connection with the said Bodies and lately in receipt of aid from the sum appropriated by the Constitution Act for Native purposes, are managed and superintended at the passing of this Act, unless and until alterations in the mode of such management and superintendence shall be determined upon in manner aforesaid.

Schools in connection
with a Religious
Body. Provision as
to management.

XI. Schools receiving aid under this Act, shall be inspected once at least in every year by Inspectors appointed for the purpose by the Governor; and such Inspectors shall report in writing to the Governor upon the attainments and progress of the Scholars, the nature of the instruction given in such Schools, the food and clothing, cleanliness and health of the Scholars, the state of the School buildings and land, and generally upon the discipline, management, and efficiency of the several Schools: Provided that no such Inspector shall be at liberty to examine the Scholars at any such School upon any Religious subject unless specially requested so to do by the Managers.

Schools to be inspect-
ed.

XII. All accounts of the Expenditure of the Schools, and all Reports made by the Inspectors under this Act shall be laid before both Houses of the General Assembly within one month after the commencement of the session next following the receipt of such accounts and Reports; or, if the General Assembly be in session at the time of such receipt, then immediately upon such receipt.

Accounts of the ex-
penditure of Grants.

XIII. In the event of applications being made in any year for Grants in respect of a greater number of Scholars than the said annual sum will suffice for at the yearly rate per head for the time being in force, Schools in connexion with the Church of England shall have a preferable claim to Forty nine per centum of the said annual sum; Schools in connexion with the Society of the Wesleyan Methodists shall have a preferable claim to Thirty two per centum of the same annual sum; and Schools in connexion with the Church of Rome shall have a preferable claim to the remaining Nineteen per centum of the same annual sum.

Applications for aid
from Religious bodies
at present maintaining
Schools to be preferred
to the extent of their
present grants.

XIV. If in any year the whole of the said annual sum

Application of surplus
Funds.

Native Schools.

hereby granted shall not be appropriated in payments at the said yearly rate per head, it shall be lawful for the Governor to apply the unexpended balance, in special grants for School buildings and for defraying other expenses incident to the first establishment of Schools, and for improvements upon any school estate, and in prizes and rewards for deserving scholars.

Existing Grants may be continued until 1st January 1859.

XV. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall be lawful for the Governor at his discretion out of the said annual sum hereby granted, to continue until the 1st day of January, 1859, to make payments in aid of the Schools for Natives and Half-Castes now maintained in connexion with the said three several Religious Bodies, at not exceeding the following rates, that is to say,

In aid of Schools in connection with the Church of England, at not exceeding the annual rate of £3,402.

In aid of Schools in connection with the Society of Wesleyan Methodists, at not exceeding the annual rate of £2,236.

In aid of Schools in connection with the Church of Rome, at not exceeding the annual rate of £1,362.

Interpretation of "Managers."

XVI. The term "Managers" shall mean the persons for the time being recognised as such by the Governor.

Short Title,

XVII. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Native Schools Act, 1858."