

The Under Secretary ND 5/13/164
Native Department

For your consideration.

DRAFT CLAUSE FOR FINANCE BILL.

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Settlement of
claims of
Whakatohea
Tribe.

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 claims regarding the confiscation of Native lands: And whereas certain of the claims related to the confiscation in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six of certain lands near Spotiki belonging to the Whakatohea Tribe: And whereas the Commission in 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, recommended that certain annual sums should be paid to the Whakatohea Tribe as compensation for excessive confiscations of the lands belonging to that Tribe: And whereas members of the Whakatohea Tribe by their representatives have agreed to accept the payment of the sum of twenty thousand pounds in the manner hereinafter in this section appearing in settlement of their claims:

Be it therefore enacted as follows:-

- (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 belonging to the Whakatohea Tribe, there shall be paid, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, ~~without further appropriation than this section~~ to the Native Trustee the sum of twenty thousand pounds.
- (2) The sum received by the Native Trustee pursuant to this section shall be held in the Native Trustee's Account to be expended either in one sum or from time to time as may be convenient in the purchase or acquisition of land suitable for settlement and development for the general benefit of the members of the Whakatohea Tribe and their descendants.