

*Canterbury Association Land Orders.*

## No. XXXVI.

CANTERBURY  
ASSOCIATION  
LAND ORDERS.

AN ACT to give validity to Crown Grants made in fulfilment of certain Land Orders issued by the Canterbury Association. [4th August, 1858.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the thirteenth day of November, in the thirteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, certain persons therein named were constituted a Body Corporate, with perpetual succession and a common Seal, by the name of the "Canterbury Association," for founding a settlement in New Zealand, and were empowered to purchase hold and alienate lands in the said Colony and its dependencies: And whereas by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventy, intituled "*An Act empowering the Canterbury Association to dispose of certain Lands in New Zealand,*" the said Association was empowered by instrument under its common Seal to dispose of and convey all or any of the lands described in the Schedule to the said Act; and it was also enacted by the said Act that if the said Association should omit or neglect to observe or perform any of certain conditions in the said Act mentioned, it should be lawful for one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by writing under his hand, to declare that the power of disposition given to the said Association over the lands in the said Schedule had determined: And whereas, in pursuance of the powers so vested in the said Association as aforesaid, land orders were issued to purchasers of certain portions of the said lands described in the said Schedule: And whereas one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by writing under his hand, dated the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, did declare that the power of disposition of the said Association over the said lands had determined, and at the time the said power of disposition was so determined portions of the said lands had been sold and land orders issued for the same but no conveyance made to the purchasers thereof: And whereas Crown Grants have from time to time been issued by the Governor of New Zealand, under the Public Seal of the Colony, to the persons entitled under the said land orders, but doubts have been raised as to the validity of such grants, and it is expedient that the same should be set at rest, and that the Governor be empowered to give effect to any contracts of the said Association still remaining unfulfilled:

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

Crown Grants of land sold but not conveyed by Canterbury Association to be valid.

1. Every Crown Grant under the hand of the Governor, and sealed with the Public Seal of the Colony, heretofore or to be hereinafter made and issued in pursuance and fulfilment of any land order or other contract issued or made by the said Association for the sale of any of the said lands comprised in the Schedule to the said Act, shall be deemed and taken to be and to have been, from the date of such grant, a good valid and effectual conveyance of the land purported to be thereby conveyed.

Short Title.

2. The Short Title of this Act shall be "*The Canterbury Association Land Orders Act, 1858.*"