

LETTERS PATENT APPOINTING TRUST FOR NATIVE LANDS.
IN NATAL.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE, -- No. 57, 1864.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor directs the publication for general information of the subjoined Letters Patent by Her Majesty dated the twenty seventh day of April, 1864.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

D. ERSKINE,

Colonial Office, Natal,

Colonial Secretary.

June 27th 1864.

Victoria by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith :- To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting!

Whereas it is expedient for the disposal and management of certain lands in our Colony in Natal which are now or may hereafter be applicable to purposes connected with the support, advantage, or well being, of the inhabitants of our said Colony, of African descent, hereinafter called "Natives", and it may be convenient that such Lands or such portions thereof, or some interest therein, should be vested in an incorporated Board of Trustees in order to such disposal and management as aforesaid.

NOW know ye and We of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have given, granted and ordained, and by these presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors do give, grant and ordain that the following persons, that is to say, the Officer for the time being administering the Government of our said Colony, and the Members for the time being of our Executive Council of our said Colony, and such other persons as may from time to time be appointed by us, our Heirs, or Successors by Warrant under our or their Sign Manual and Signet (such appointments being in all cases revocable at our or their pleasure), shall be one body politic and corporate in deed and in name by the name of the "Natal Native Trust", and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall have a common seal which may by them be selected and altered at their pleasure and also by that name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all Courts whether of Law or Equity as well in our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland as in our Colonial Possessions.

And we do hereby ordain and declare that the said Corporation may take and hold lands within our said Colony of Natal, or any interest in such lands, and may grant, sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same lands in such wise as they shall deem fit, for the support, advantage, or well being of the said Natives,

or for purposes -----

or for purposes connected therewith. .

And we do further ordain and declare that no meeting of the said Corporation shall be held unless summoned by the Officer for the time being administering the Government of Natal, and that the said Officer or some member of the Corporation appointed by him in writing under his hand shall preside at every such meeting, and that no such meeting shall proceed to business unless three members of the said Corporation at the least shall be present, and that all questions raised at any such meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present thereat; provided that any meeting may be adjourned by the member of the Corporation presiding thereat, and that no rule, order, or resolution of the said Corporation shall take effect until it shall have been signed by the Officer Administering and the Government in token of his assent thereto.

Subject to the above provisions we do further declare and ordain that the said Corporation may at any meeting thereof, make rules, orders, or resolutions, respecting the conduct of their business and the appointment and removal of Officers to carry on the same and respecting the functions of such Officers, and respecting the acceptance, management, or disposal of land and other property at any time belonging to them, and respecting all other matters pertaining to the right execution of their Trust.

Provided always that We do reserve to ourselves, our Heirs and Successors full power and authority to alter or revoke these presents, or any part of them, and through one of our principal Secretaries of State to disallow and cancel any rule, order, or resolution made by the said Corporation in virtue of the powers hereinbefore conferred upon them.

In witness whereof We have caused our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness ourselves at Westminster the twenty-seventh day of April in the twenty-seventh year of Our reign.

By warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual.

(Signed) C. ROMILLY.

VICTORIA BY THE GRACE OF GOD, of the United Kingdom Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

By His Excellency Major-General Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of Natal, Vice Admiral of the same, Supreme Chief over the Native population

TO ALL TO WHOM these presents shall come, Greeting! :-

Whereas Her Majesty hath been pleased to cause to be issued certain Letters Patent bearing date at Westminster the twenty-seventh day of April in the twenty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, and by the said Letters Patent, after reciting that it was expedient to provide for the disposal and management of certain lands in Her Majesty's Colony of Natal, which were then or might thereafter be applicable to purposes connected with the support, advantage or well-being of the inhabitants of the said Colony of African descent, therein-after called "Natives" and that it might be convenient that such lands, or some portions thereof or some interest therein should be invested in an Incorporated Board of Trustees in order to such disposal and management as aforesaid Her Majesty did give grant and ordain that certain persons in the Letters Patent mentioned or referred should be one body politic and corporate in deed and in name by the name of the "Natal Native Trust", and by the said Letters Patent Her Majesty did further ordain and declare that the said corporation might take and hold lands within this Colony or any interest in such lands and might grant, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same lands in such wise as they should deem fit, for the support advantage or well being of the said natives or for purposes connected therewith. And the said Letters Patent did contain further provisions not necessary to be more particularly referred to herein.

AND WHEREAS

AND WHEREAS the lands hereinafter described and expressed to be hereby granted were, many years heretofore, set apart by the governing authorities of this Colony with the allowance of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, for certain tribes of the said natives so referred to in the said Letters Patent, and have since been occupied by such tribes. AND WHEREAS it is expedient to vest in Law the said last mentioned lands in the said Corporation upon and for the trusts, and purposes of the said Letters Patent.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that I, the said Garnet Joseph Wolseley in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty as aforesaid, do hereby grant unto the said Corporation the Natal Native Trust all those the lands ordinarily known by the name of the Native Location at the Impendhle situated on the Umkomanzi River in the County of Pietermaritzburg, comprising twenty six thousand six hundred acres English measure, or thereabouts to be the same more or less bounded East by the farms Brentwood Essex Coquindale, North by Lot 60 and Crown Lands, West by Crown Lands and South by the Umkomanzi River, and farms granted to Messrs Roberts, Hilder McLorley and Clayborne, all of which said hereby granted lands are delineated in the diagram hereto annexed, together with all rights, easements, servitudes and appurtenances to the said hereby granted lands, belonging to or in any way appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAID hereby granted lands hereditaments and premises with and to the use of the said Corporation the Natal Native Trust upon and for the trusts intents and purposes expressed and directed in and by the said Letters Patent, reserving nevertheless to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors in and out of the said hereby granted lands hereditaments and premises and every part thereof respectively all every and any right privileges and royalties and the like

and the like belonging by Law to the Crown, in, or in reference to the lands owned by the subject and also reserving to the Lieutenant-Governor or other Officer for the time being administering the Government of this Colony the right from time to time and at all times to order and require to be given up and to resume any parts of the said hereby granted lands hereditaments and premises for the purpose of any road, rail-road, pathway watercourse, canal, places of outspan, or the like then appearing to such Lieutenant-Governor or other Officer to be decided for the public.

AND the grant hereby made is also subject as to all mines or minerals in or under the said hereby granted lands, hereditaments and premises, or any of them, to any right therein or thereto of any company persons or body politic under any Law passed or to be passed before or after the date hereof.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Pietermaritzburg this third day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

(Sgd.) C. J. Wolseley,

Major-General. Administrator.

By His Excellency's Command.

(Sgd) P. Sutherland.

Surveyor-General.

Public Seal of the Colony.

Sub. Ebrington in extent 319a. transferred to Cornelius William Roberts.

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(Sgd.) Herbert Millar, R.D.

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