

NORMANBY, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this
twentieth day of March, 1877.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the twentieth section of "The Waste Lands Administration Act, 1876," it is enacted that, in order to secure a general uniformity of surveys, it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Order in Council, whenever he shall think it fit to do so, to order and direct that all surveys of Native lands for the purposes of "The Native Land Act, 1873," or other Acts relating to Native land, at present conducted under the direction of the Inspector of Surveys, shall, from a day to be fixed in such Order, be brought under the control and supervision of the Surveyor-General; and to prescribe regulations under which surveys of Native lands shall thereafter be conducted; and any such regulations at any time to alter, amend, or rescind, anything in "The Native Land Act, 1873," to the contrary notwithstanding:

And whereas, by an Order in Council of the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, issued in pursuance of the authority of the aforesaid twentieth section, all surveys of Native lands were, as from and after the then next ensuing first day of December, brought under the control and supervision of the said Surveyor-General:

And whereas it is expedient that all regulations for the conduct of surveys of Native lands at present existing in force in the colony should be revoked, and that one uniform system of conducting such surveys should forthwith be brought into operation:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in him by the said twentieth section of the said Act, and all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, doth hereby revoke and annul a certain Order in Council of the thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the Regulations for the survey of Native lands under "The Native Land Act, 1873," prescribed in such Order, and doth also revoke and annul all other Orders and Regulations for the

survey of Native lands at any time existing heretofore; and with the like advice and consent as aforesaid, and in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities aforesaid, doth hereby order and direct that the Regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed shall be the regulations and instructions under which all surveys of Native lands for the purposes of "The Native Land Act, 1873," or other Acts relating to Native land, shall be conducted in the future; and doth order and declare that the said Regulations shall come into force in respect of the surveys of Native lands, and take effect on and from the date hereof.

SCHEDULE.

1. All surveys must be in the true meridian of the circuit placed in correct position within the Survey District in which they are situated.

2. Boundary surveys of areas over 3,000 acres in extent may be made by the system of converging angles observed between fixed and known points, the intervening and adjacent features being delineated by cross bearings, or theodolite or compass chain traverses.

3. Surveys under 3,000 acres in extent must be triangulated and traversed, or traversed only if triangulation be inapplicable by reason of the denseness of the forest.

4. When true bearing is not obtainable then only may surveys be executed on magnetic bearing, and when this is had recourse to the reasons must be stated on the face of the plan.

5. All boundaries must be permanently ground-marked by pegs, lockspits, mounds, cairns, witness marks on trees or on rocks, so that the corners and lines may be clearly indicated for future inspection.

6. Field-books must be kept in ink, and delivered up to Government when completed, or when the Surveyor has done with his work.

7. Plans to be drawn according to specimens to be seen in the Inspector or Deputy Inspector's Offices,—the scales used being 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, or 80 chains to an inch, according to extent.

8. Names of natural features to be given in plan; also the names of the owners or occupiers.

9. All theodolite, and chain, triangular, or traverse work to be mathematically reduced on the meridian and perpendicular, a table of which is to accompany each plan.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.