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(PROVINCE OF NEW MUNSTER.)

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By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DOMETT, *Colonial Secretary.*

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[No. 8.]

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K. C. B., Governor-in-Chief in and over the Islands of New Zealand, and Governor of the Provinces of New Ulster and New Munster and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance enacted by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, Session 3, No. 1, intituled "An Ordinance for establishing a Supreme Court," the Governor of New Zealand is empowered, with the advice of the Executive Council, by Proclamation from time to time, to divide the colony into districts for the purposes of the said recited Ordinance, and the limits of such districts from time to time to alter as occasion may require.

And whereas, by Proclamation dated the thirtieth day of July, One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty, the said colony was divided into three districts, named respectively the Northern, Middle, and Southern districts, whereof the Southern district was assigned to

SIDNEY STEPHEN, Esquire,
A Judge of the Supreme Court.

And whereas, it is provided by the said recited Ordinance that there shall be holden Circuit Courts for the despatch of civil and

criminal business of the Court, before one of the Judges thereof, at such places and at such times as the Governor shall, with the advice of the Executive Council, by Proclamation, from time to time, appoint.

Now therefore, I, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby proclaim and appoint, that twice in every year, that is to say, on the first day of June and first day of December in this present year, and on the first day of June and on the first day of December in every succeeding year, or as soon after each of the said days respectively, as conveniently may be, a Circuit Court shall be holden at Dunedin, Otago, before the said Sidney Stephen, Esquire.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Islands of New Zealand, at Government House, at Wellington, in the (L. S.) Province of New Munster, in the Islands aforesaid, this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty one.

G. GREY,
Governor-in-Chief.

By His Excellency's command,

C. A. DILLON,
Civil Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir ~~George~~ **GARY**,
K. C. B., Governor-in-Chief in and
over the Islands of New Zealand, and
Governor of the Provinces of New
Ulster and New Munster, and Vice-
Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the undermentioned Ordi-
nances enacted by the Governor-in-
Chief of New Zealand, with the advice and
consent of the Legislative Council thereof,
were passed in the thirteenth year of the
reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, viz :

No. 1, Session 10, "An Ordinance to
regulate the occupation of Waste Lands of
the Crown in the Province of New Ulster."
(23rd August, 1849.)

No. 4, Session 10, "An Ordinance for
Quieting Titles to Land in the Province of
New Ulster." (25th August, 1849.)

Which Ordinances having been, by the
Right Honorable Earl Grey, one of Her Ma-
jesty's Principal Secretaries of State laid
before the Queen, Her Majesty has been
graciously pleased to confirm and allow the
same.

Now therefore, I, the Governor-in-Chief
of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and
make known to all whom it may concern
that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased
to confirm and allow the before mentioned
Ordinances.

Given under my hand, and issued
under the Public Seal of the Is-
lands of New Zealand, at Govern-
ment House, at Wellington, in
(L. S.) the Province of New Munster, in the
Islands aforesaid, this fourteenth
day of March, in the year of our
Lord One thousand Eight hun-
dred and Fifty one.

G. GARY,
Governor-in-Chief.

By His Excellency's command,
C. A. DILLON,
Civil Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st March, 1851.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTE-
NANT GOVERNOR** has been plea-
sed to appoint

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS, ESQUIRE,
of Otago,

WILLIAM M'LEOD HANNATTYNE,
GEORGE HUNTER, and
GEORGE MOORE, ESQUIRES,
of Wellington, to be Magistrates of the Pro-
vince of New Munster.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st March, 1851.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVER-
NOR-IN-CHIEF** has directed it to be
made known that the notice appointing a
Commissioner of Crown Lands at Otago,
which appeared in the *Government Gazette*,
of the 21st February last, has been cancell-
ed, and that the following is hereby sub-
stituted,

WILLIAM CARGILL, ESQUIRE,
to be Commissioner of Crown Lands at
Otago.

The appointment to have effect from the
1st January, 1851.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 20th March, 1851.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVER-
NOR-IN-CHIEF** has been pleased to
appoint

EDWARD WRIGHT, ESQUIRE,
to be Deputy Registrar of Births, Marriages
and Deaths for the District of Canterbury.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st March, 1851.

THE TENDERS for executing certain
repairs to the Road at Duck Creek,
between London's Public House and Pau-
tuhani, submitted in pursuance of the *Ga-
zette* Notice of the 14th ultimo, being con-
sidered too high, have been declined.

Fresh offers will therefore be received at
this Office for the above service on or be-
fore the 2nd April next.

The Plans and Specifications may be seen
at the Survey Office.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 21st March, 1851.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVER-
NOR-IN-CHIEF** has been pleased to
direct that the following Despatches, &c.,
be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Downing Street,
8th August, 1850.

SIR,

1. I herewith transmit for your information and guidance, the Copy of a Minute of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, relative to the Customs Establishment in the Colony under your Government. From that Minute you will perceive that the Customs Establishments in () and in the other Colonies therein mentioned, are with the exception of such Officers as may be specially retained for Imperial objects, to be considered henceforth as Colonial Establishments, and consequently, that as vacancies may occur, the appointments will be liable to reduction or modification as may be found expedient with reference to the requirements of the Local Trade and Revenue; in recommending any such changes you will, however, take especial care to avoid arrangements that would place Officers prematurely on the retired List.

2. It is necessary that I should explain to you the considerations which have led to the adoption of this arrangement.

3. Previously to the repeal by authority of the Act of 9 and 10 Vic., Cap. 94, of the Duties which had been levied in the Colonies under the Act of 8 and 9 Vic., Cap. 93, for regulating the Trade of British Possessions abroad, Establishments were maintained in almost all the Colonies, under the directions of the Board of Customs in this Country, and holding appointments as Officers under that Board. These Establishments were also in most cases employed for the collection of Colonial Duties, under Colonial Laws: the expense of them was in general defrayed partly from the Colonial Revenue, partly from that of this Country, and the retirement or superannuation of the Officers was provided entirely from the latter.

4. The repeal before adverted to, of the Possessions Act Duties, has been followed in the North American and West Indian Colonies by the removal of those Home Customs Establishments, and the substitution for them, of one or two Officers only, with appointments from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to attend to the observance of the Navigation Laws and other Imperial objects, and of Establishments appointed by the Colonial Governments for the collection of Colonial Duties and the regulation of Trade under local Laws. In Jamaica and Canada the Imperial Officers have as yet been retained for these purposes by, and at the charge of, the Colonial Governments.

5. But these proceedings did not at first affect the Australian Settlements, or other Colonies to which the Possessions Trade Act

of 9 and 10 Vic. did not specifically apply, and where trade was carried on and Duties were levied under either

Special Legislative Enactments, as in
New South Wales,
Van Diemen's Land,
South Australia,
Western Australia,
New Zealand,
Ceylon,
Mauritius,
Malta,

or Orders of the Queen in Council, as in the Colonies of the

Cape of Good Hope,
St. Helena,
Sierra Leone,
Gambia,
Gibraltar.

6. In all these Colonies, except Malta, Gibraltar and Western Australia, there are Customs Establishments appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, on recommendations of the Board of Customs and in communication with and receiving direct Instructions from that Board on subjects which would more properly be left to the Colonial Governments, more especially now that the levy of differential duties, as well as other restrictions on Colonial Trade, have been, generally speaking, relinquished.

7. As regards the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, an alteration in this state of things would, doubtless, soon naturally result from the constitutional changes now under the consideration of Parliament; but in the mean time, as propositions have already been brought before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, by the Customs Department, relating to the Establishments in South Australia and New Zealand, it has been considered, on the whole, advisable that measures should at once be taken for putting the Customs Establishments and arrangements throughout the Colonies, on the footing of those in the West Indies and North America; and relinquishing further interference on the part of the Treasury or of the Board of Customs, in the nomination of Officers, or in any other details relating to the administration of the local Customs Laws and Regulations.

8. These are the considerations which have led to the adoption of the arrangement in question, and it is one which has appeared to Her Majesty's Government both desirable in itself, and calculated to be acceptable to the Colonies affected by it.

9. The effect will be, to place the future appointment of Officers to the Customs Department precisely on the same footing as that of all other Officers of the Colonial Establishment, under the Rules on that sub-

ject, laid down in the Volume of Colonial Regulations, chapter 3, section 1. You will, therefore, fill up all vacancies, but except in offices of the lowest of the three classes into which appointments are divided, you will only do so provisionally and subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State. Both in the principles on which you will select the candidates to be recommended, and also in the course of reporting immediately all appointments, you will strictly follow the Rules laid down in the above cited chapter of the Colonial Regulations, which is so full and clear in its directions, and so explanatory of the grounds on which those directions rest, that I feel it unnecessary to add anything more upon the subject in this Despatch.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Governor Sir George Grey. K.C.B.
&c., &c., &c.

(COPY OF TREASURY MINUTE OF JUNE 25, 1850.)

My Lords refer to the arrangements respecting Customs Establishments in the American and West Indian Colonies, directed by their Minutes of 24th December, 1847, 29th July, 1849, and 29th January last, and to the provision made in those Colonies by substitution, in lieu of the establishment which had previously been employed under the management of the Board of Customs, in the collection of both Imperial and Colonial Duties, of such Officers only as are required for ensuring due observance of the Imperial laws relating to the Navigation and Trade, irrespective of any arrangements or appointments having reference to the collection of Colonial Duties, or to enforcement of local laws and regulations. And my Lords being of opinion that it is advisable that analogous arrangements should be adopted as regards the settlements in Australia and New Zealand, and likewise as regards other Colonies where the collection of Customs Duties is made under authority of local legislative enactments or special Orders of Her Majesty in Council, to raise revenues for the service of the Colonial Government or for other local objects, they direct that a letter be written to the Commissioners of Customs, adverting to the views above stated, and desiring the Commissioners will report to my Lords what portion of the business transacted by the present establishments at the stations hereafter specified it will be necessary to make provision for, with a view to the above mentioned Imperial objects, and what Officers it will be necessary to retain for that purpose, in cases where it may not be expedient to employ Officers belonging to the Colony, viz:

In the several Australian Colonies,

New Zealand,
Ceylon,
Mauritius,
Cape of Good Hope,
Natal,
St. Helena,
Sierra Leone,
The Gambia,

Also desire the Commissioners will report the names of the Officers constituting the actual establishments under their direction in the Colonies in question, with their several periods of service and rates of salary, shewing what claim these Officers, if at present reduced, might have to retired or redundant allowance from the funds of this country. Also desire the Commissioners will report whether the adoption of the arrangements above adverted to will render it necessary or expedient that any alteration should be made in the Orders in Council, whereby trade is at present regulated and duties are levied at the Cape of Good Hope and Natal, or Sierra Leone, the Gambia, and St. Helena.

(No. 50.)

Downing Street,
13th August, 1850.

SIR,

I have not failed to bestow my most careful consideration on your Despatches of the numbers and dates specified in the margin,* explaining the grounds on which you had been induced to propose to the Legislature an Ordinance "for quieting Titles to Land in the Province of New Ulster," and sending a copy of that Ordinance itself, to be submitted to her Majesty.

2. The effect of this important measure is to confirm to the numerous Land Claimants under direct purchases from the Natives, the large tracts of land to which they assert a right, or in cases where this may be impossible from the previous rights of the Natives themselves, to confer upon the European claimants an equivalent out of the general landed territory of the Crown. It is needless for me to recapitulate on this occasion the slight grounds, in equity, of many of the claims in question, or the injurious tendency to the public interest of finally placing in the possession of individuals such extensive tracts of land for which they have mostly given but a trifling consideration. These views have often been stated before. The best proof of the extent to which you have been alive to them, has been evinced by the resistance which, in spite of much obloquy and unjustifiable opposition,

* 101. 24th July, 1849.
131. 3rd October, 1849.
158. 28th November, 1849.

you have properly offered to the establishment of these large demands.

3. The more deliberate and persevering your resistance to these demands has been, the more I am now disposed to place confidence in the conclusion at which you have arrived, to relinquish further opposition to them, and I agree with you that the state of the law, as declared by the Judges of the Supreme Court, renders it indispensable to settle rather than to dispute these claims any further, and I feel that to expose the Colony to some years more of uncertainty and litigation on this agitating subject would do more injury to the Colony than protracted discussion, though ultimately successful, could do good.

4. As I concur in this opinion, I have only to convey to you my sense of the skill and foresight, and the regard for the various interests concerned, with which the details of the measure appear to have been framed, and I am satisfied that the Colony will hereafter appreciate the advantages which will be derived from the settlement you have effected, I trust that it may be productive of peace and content in the Province of New Ulster, and that the animosities to which the question gave rise may speedily be laid aside and forgotten.

5. I have not seen sufficient reason to introduce any bill into Parliament for the purpose of giving additional authority to the Ordinance.

6. It only remains for me to apprise you that I have laid this Ordinance before the Queen, and that her Majesty has been pleased to confirm and allow the same, and I have to instruct you to publish it by Proclamation in the usual and most authentic manner.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) GREY.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

(No. 51.)

Downing Street,
13th August, 1850.

SIR,

1. I have received and laid before the Queen your despatch No. 130 of the 1st of October last, transmitting an Ordinance passed by yourself and the Legislative Council of New Zealand on the 23rd of August, 1849, intituled "An Ordinance to regulate the occupation of Waste Lands of the Crown in the Province of New Ulster," and I have received the Queen's commands to signify to you that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confirm and allow that Ordinance. You will communicate Her Majesty's decision to the inhabitants of New Zealand by a Proclamation to be issued in the usual and most authentic manner.

2. Although I should not wish to dictate practical amendments in a case in which I am disposed to defer in a great degree to your local knowledge and experience, there are some provisions of the Act on which I think it right to make some suggestions.

3. In the 12th clause which requires persons depasturing cattle on the Waste Lands of the Crown to send in a return of such cattle in their possession on the 1st of September in each year, and on which return the payments are to be calculated, no precaution is taken against the subsequent depasturing on Crown Lands of cattle acquired after the 1st of September, or of cattle which at that date may have been depastured elsewhere. It appears to me that without some regulation on that point the Public Revenue might in such cases be easily defrauded, unless some peculiar circumstances should exist in the case of New Zealand of which I am not aware.

4. I further perceive that by the 33rd clause of the Act the Wardens of the Hundreds are authorized to raise an assessment not exceeding 5s. a-head on great cattle, and 1s. a-head on small. Such an assessment would appear to me to be very high if levied to its full extent, but at the same time I do not attempt at this distance to express a confident opinion on such a point in opposition to the views of yourself and of the Legislative Council: you may probably have seen sufficient reason to feel satisfied that the power thus given by the Act would not be abused, and I think it enough to draw your attention to the subject.

5. You express your opinion that great benefits would result from regulations which would entrust to officers elected by the inhabitants of a Hundred the appropriation of that portion of the Land Revenue raised within such Hundred which is applicable to the execution of public works, such as roads, bridges, &c. I agree with you in the general principle of the measure which you propose, and I cannot more clearly indicate to you my own views on this subject than by referring you to those which are expressed by the Committee of the Privy Council in their Report on the Australian Constitution. I enclose a copy of that Report and it will explain to you the policy which I should desire to see adopted in New Zealand on this subject. As it might be doubted, however, whether the proposed faculty of dealing with part of the Land Sales Revenue could be bestowed on the Hundreds consistently with the Royal Instruction, I transmit to you an additional Royal Instruction under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, by which Her Majesty has been pleased to empower you to devolve upon the Wardens or Officers of the Hundred the expenditure of one-third of the

gross proceeds of the Revenue raised within the limits of that division.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,
(Signed) GREY.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA R.

(L. S.)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS to our Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand, or to the Officer exercising the said office of Governor-in-Chief for the time being: To Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of New Ulster, or to the Officer exercising the said office of Governor and Governor-in-Chief for the time being: To Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of New Munster, or to the Officer exercising the said office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being: or to Our Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Ulster, or to the Officer exercising the said office of Lieutenant-Governor for the time being: or to Our Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Munster, or to the Officer exercising the said office of Lieutenant-Governor for the time being. Given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this twelfth day of August, 1850, in the fourteenth year of Our Reign.

WHEREAS, by the Thirteenth Chapter of certain Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual, approved by Our Privy Council and accompanying certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, bearing date the twenty-third day of December, One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, provision was made respecting the settlement of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the two Provinces of the Colony of New Zealand, and therein respecting the sales of the said Lands and respecting the reservation thereon of certain Rents and Royalties: AND WHEREAS the Thirty-first Clause of the said Chapter is in the words following, that is to say:—

31st. A separate account shall be kept by the Treasurer of each of the said Provinces of the gross proceeds of the said Land Sales, Rents, and Royalties, and of all the costs, charges, and expenses of and incident in any way to the sale, survey, administration, and

management of the said Demesne of Us in right of Our Crown, and after deducting from such gross proceeds all such costs, charges, and expenses, the nett balance shall be by Us held in trust for defraying the cost of introducing into the said respective Provinces emigrants from the United Kingdom, or in trust for defraying the costs of such other public services therein as by Us shall from time to time be prescribed by Instructions to be issued in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament under Our Signet and Sign Manual with the advice of Our Privy Council:

And whereas by the said Letters Patent We did reserve to ourselves, Our heirs and successors full power and authority to amend, and for that purpose to add to, or if necessary repeal the said Instructions:

And whereas it is expedient that the hereinbefore recited clause of the said Instructions should be amended:

We do therefore declare by these Our Instructions given under Our Signet and Sign Manual and approved in Our Privy Council, that so much of the said recited clause as prescribes the mode of expending the nett balance therein referred to shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the said nett balance shall be held by Us in trust for defraying the cost of introducing into the said Colony emigrants from the United Kingdom, or in trust for defraying the costs of such other public services in respect of the said Colony as shall be from time to time prescribed by or in pursuance of any instructions issued by Us under Our Signet and Sign Manual, and approved by Our Privy Council:

And whereas by virtue of certain Proclamations issued or to be issued within the Colony of New Zealand, certain parts of the said Colony have been or may hereafter be divided into Hundreds:

And whereas it may be expedient that part of the proceeds arising from the sale of Crown Lands within the said Hundreds should be applied in such manner as may be specified by the Wardens or other proper authorities thereof:

We do further declare that it shall be competent for the Governor or Officer administering the Government of the said Colony, to authorize the application of any proportion not exceeding one-third of the gross proceeds of the sales of Crown Lands, effected within the limits of any such Hundred towards such purposes as shall be signified to him by the Wardens of such Hundred, or by such other authorities thereof as shall be designated for that purpose by any Ordinance to be passed by the Legislature of the said Colony, subject nevertheless to such restrictions and regulations as shall be imposed by such Ordinance.

V. R.

(No. 58.)

Downing-street,
13th August, 1850.

SIR,

With reference to my Despatch, No. 48 of the 5th instant, I herewith transmit to you Additional Instructions, which the Queen has been pleased to issue under Her Royal Sign Manual and Signet, for the purpose of exempting from the operation of the regulations relative to sales by auction all the Lands comprised in the settlements of the New Zealand Company.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

VICTORIA R.

(L. S.)

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS to Our Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand, or to the Officer exercising the said Office of Governor-in-Chief for the time being: To Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of New Ulster, or to the Officer exercising the said Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being: To Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of New Munster, or to the Officer exercising the said Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the time being: or to Our Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Ulster, or to the Officer exercising the said Office of Lieutenant-Governor for the time being: or to Our Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Munster, or to the Officer exercising the said Office of Lieutenant-Governor for the time being. Given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this Twelfth day of August, 1850 in the Fourteenth of Our Reign.

WHEREAS, by Our Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual, accompanying Our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, bearing date the twenty-third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, We did, among other things, make certain Rules and Regulations respecting the settlement of the Waste Lands of the Crown, which are comprised in the thirteenth chapter of the said Instructions:

And whereas, by an Act of Parliament passed in the Eleventh year Our Reign,

entitled "An Act to promote Colonization in New Zealand, and to authorise a Loan to the New Zealand Company," it was amongst other things enacted, "that the several provisions, relating to the settlement of the Waste Lands of the Crown contained in the thirteenth chapter of the said Instructions, under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet, except such as relate to the Registration of Titles to Land, the means of ascertaining the Demesne Lands of the Crown, the claims of the Aboriginal Inhabitants to Land, and the restrictions on the Conveyance of Lands belonging to any of the Aboriginal Natives, unless to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, shall be suspended, and of no force and effect within the Province of New Munster, in the said Colony of New Zealand, until the fifth day of July, in the Year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and during such further time as shall be directed by Parliament:"

And whereas Parliament has made no such further direction as aforesaid, and the said recited Instructions are therefore now in force in the Province of New Munster:

And whereas it is by the said Act further provided "That if the Directors of the said Company shall give notice to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State within three calendar months next after the said fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, by any Instrument under the Seal of the Company, that they are ready to surrender the Charters of the said Company to Her Majesty, and all claim and title to the Lands granted or awarded to them in the said Colony, all the powers and privileges of the said Company, except such as shall be necessary for enabling the Directors to receive the several sums of money hereinafter mentioned, and to distribute the same among the shareholders and other persons entitled thereunto, and for enabling the Directors to adjust and close the affairs of the Company, shall cease and determine, and all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, of the said Company, in the said Colony, shall thereupon revert to, and become vested in Her Majesty as part of the Demesne Lands of the Crown in New Zealand, subject, nevertheless, to any contracts which shall be then subsisting in regard to any of the said Lands:

And whereas the Directors of the New Zealand Company did on the fifth day of July last past, give to the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Our Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, such notice as aforesaid, in pursuance of the above recited provisions:

And whereas on the giving of such notice as aforesaid all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, of the said Company in

New Zealand reverted to and became vested in Us as part of the Demerit Lands of the Crown in New Zealand, subject, nevertheless, as aforesaid, to any contracts which were then subsisting in regard to any of the said lands.

And whereas certain contracts have been entered into between the New Zealand Company and certain bodies of settlers, and others, in regard to Lands in New Munster aforesaid, namely, with the settlers at Wellington, Nelson, and New Plymouth, and the Associations of Otago and Canterbury.

And whereas it is apprehended that the provisions contained in the thirteenth chapter of the said Instructions are, in certain respects, inconsistent with the said contracts between the New Zealand Company and the said respective settlers and Associations: And it is expedient that the said Instructions should be repealed, so far as regards the Lands comprised in, or affected by the said contracts, as far as the same may be inconsistent with the said contracts respectively or any part thereof.

Now therefore know you that We have revoked and determined, and do by these Our Instructions, under Our Great Seal and Signet, revoke and determine so much and such part only of the thirteenth chapter of the said Instructions as relates to the Lands comprised in, or affected by the aforesaid contracts between the New Zealand Company and the settlers at Wellington, Nelson, and New Plymouth, and the Associations of Otago and Canterbury, and as far as the same may be inconsistent with the said contracts respectively or any part thereof.

And we do hereby declare that the said contracts respectively, or any amendments in such contracts which may hereafter be made by and between Us Our Heirs and Successors, or parties on Our or Their behalf lawfully authorised, and the said bodies respectively, are and shall be in force as regards the Lands comprised in, or affected by, the said contracts.

Provided always that on the expiration, or sooner determination of any such contract, the regulations comprised in the said thirteenth chapter of the said recited Instructions shall again become and remain in force as regards the Lands comprised in, or affected by, such contract.

V. R.

TOTAL AMOUNT of Notes in circulation at the Office of the Colonial Bank of Issue, at Wellington, on the 8th day of March, 1851:—

Amount of Notes in circulation on the 8th day of March, 1851, being the close of the preceding four weeks, viz:—

£5 and upwards.....	2540
Under £5.....	2367
Total.....	4907

Total amount of Coins held by the same Office on the same day:—

Gold.....	£ 96
Silver.....	811
Total.....	£907

I, Henry W. Petre, the Colonial Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above is a true account, as required by the Ordinance, No. 16, Session 8.

HENRY W. PETRE,
Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Wellington,
10th day of March, 1851.

The sum of two thousand pounds has been invested, under the warrant of his Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, in the public funds in England, through the Commissariat Department, by arrangements made through the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

HENRY W. PETRE,
Colonial Treasurer.

Resident Magistrate's Court,
Wellington, 10th March, 1851.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the General Annual Licensing Meeting for the district of Port Nicholson will be holden at this Court on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration applications for Licenses for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, in compliance with the provisions of the Licensing Ordinance, 5 Victoria, Session 2, No. 12.

All applications must be lodged with the Clerk of the Bench on or before Tuesday, the first day of April next.

JOHN E. SMITH,
Clerk to the Magistrates.