



# NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR, Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 23rd December, 1844.

IT is hereby notified, that the Legislative Council will meet on Tuesday, the fourth of March, 1845—and that among the measures proposed for consideration will be:—

An Ordinance for amending the Property Rate Ordinance, by raising the Rate and Composition.

An Ordinance for licensing dealers in imported goods—by means of a Rate and Composition.

An Ordinance for authorising Rates, or Tolls, to be taken for the maintenance of Roads, Streets, or Public Places.

An Ordinance for appropriating the Revenue for the financial year 1845—6: the amount of revenue to be raised in the Colony not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds,

And a Naturalization Ordinance.

By Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

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## NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 24th December, 1844.

IN the General Dealers' Licensing Ordinance, the following will be proposed as the substance of the principal provisions:—

1. After the [first day of July] next, no person shall carry on business as a Merchant, or Dealer in Goods imported into the Colony,

either on his own account, or as a Factor, Agent, or Consignee, without a License.

2. A License shall be issued to any person on payment of the sum of [£2], and shall continue in force for [one year].

3. Every Licensed Dealer, who shall not make a Composition for the same, shall pay a rate in respect of Imported Goods, sold by him, according to the Scale in the annexed Schedule.

4. In lieu of such rate any person may make a composition for the same by paying the sum of [£20].

5. In the first week of January, of April, of July, and of October, in every year, every Merchant or Dealer who shall not make such Composition, shall make a return in writing, stating the amount of Rate payable by him, and shall at the same time pay the due proportion of such rate.

6. Every Merchant or Dealer who shall compound for the Rate, shall pay the whole Composition in advance, or quarterly at the said periods. The first of such payments to be made at one of the said periods next following the date of the License.

7. The names of all Licensed Merchants or Dealers, and the Returns of Rate required to be made by the Ordinance, shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

8. Dealing in imported Goods without a License, shall be liable to a fine of [£50].

9. A False Return shall be punishable by a fine of [£50], by forfeiture of the License, and by disqualification to hold a License in future.

10. All Arrears of Rate to be recoverable in a summary way.

11. This proposed Ordinance shall not extend to the Sale of Goods under the authority of the "Licensing Ordinance," or of the "Auctioneer's Ordinance."

12. For the purposes of the said Ordinance, the term "Goods," shall be held to mean Flour, Salt, Coals, Wines, Spirits, Malt Liqueurs, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, Hardware, Crockery, Glass, Linen, Woollen and other articles of Clothing, Stationary, and all other Goods, Wares, or Merchandise.

SCHEDULE.

When the amount for which Goods shall have been sold during the last quarter, shall not exceed—

£50 .....	£1 10 0
Exceeding 50 and not exceeds 100	3 0 0
" 100 .....	150 4 10 0
" 150 .....	200 6 0 0
" 200 .....	250 7 10 0
" 250 .....	300 9 0 0
" 300 .....	350 10 10 0
" 350 .....	400 12 0 0
" 400 .....	450 13 10 0
" 450 .....	500 15 0 0
" 500 .....	550 16 10 0
" 550 .....	600 18 0 0
" 600 and upwards .....	20 0 0

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 3rd January, 1845.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, that it is not in contemplation to raise the Property Rate before October, 1845.

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

COUNCIL.—PRIVATE BILLS.

Council Office,  
Auckland, 28th December, 1844.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct it to be notified for general information, that persons intending to apply for Private Ordinances during the ensuing Session of the Legislative Council, must transmit drafts of the Bills to the Clerk of Council, on or before Saturday, the 15th day of March, 1845.

J. COATES,  
Clerk of Legislative Council.

NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 23rd December, 1844.

WHEREAS, there are now about four hundred Deeds of Grant lying at the

Colonial Secretary's Office, ready for delivery—and it is expedient that they should be forthwith issued:—I am desired to give notice, that an Ordinance will be proposed to the Legislative Council having for its object the establishing a certain fine to be paid on Deeds allowed to remain at the said Office more than one month after their advertisement in the Gazette.

The operation of such Ordinance to be retrospective—as far as January 1st, 1844, and the fine to encrease monthly.

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 20th July, 1844.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, that the Correspondence of individuals with this Government, upon their Private affairs, must be pre-paid.

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 23rd December, 1844.

THE GOVERNOR hereby requires and directs all Police Magistrates—and all those employed in the Police Department—to assist the Collectors of Revenue in serving notices of liability to the penalty specified in the eleventh section of the Property Rate Ordinance.

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 23rd December, 1844.

HIS Excellency the Governor has directed the publication of the following Letter, as a Warning to Land Claimants.

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 27th of June, last, in which you were informed of the deficiency reported by the Surveyor-General in the Land contained in Claim No. 250, as compared with the award of the Land Commissioners; and were required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, the difference between the actual contents of that Claim, and the Land obtained in exchange for the same—I am now commanded by the Governor to apprise you that, no notice having been taken by you of the above com-

munication, the Deed which has been prepared for the Land obtained in virtue of the aforesaid Claim, will be cancelled.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. S. A. Wood,  
Auckland.

NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 24th December, 1844.

ON and after the first day of January, 1845, the Flags, indicating a Vessel's character or description, will be hoisted at the Signal Station, in the following manner—a ball being shewn as usual:—

- A Ship, at the Mast head.
- A Brig, " East yard arm.
- A Schooner " West "
- A Cutter, " East " half up.
- A Steamer, " West " "

A Vessel in distress or on shore—flags half mast.

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 24th December, 1844.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the following Remarks on the Roadstead of New Plymouth, together with the Table of authorised Charges for the use of the Government Boats at that settlement, to be published for general information.

By Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Authorised Scale of Charges for the use of the Government Boats at New Plymouth.

	£	s.	d.
Cargo Boat with Crew, if hired for a whole day by one person .....	3	9	0
Ditto ditto, if employed for a whole day by various persons, for every ton of cargo landed ....	0	5	6
Cargo Boat with Crew, if hired for a single trip .....	1	10	0
Passage to, or from, a vessel, in a Cargo Boat .....	0	2	6
Small Boat with Crew, to mooring distance, per trip.....	0	15	0
Ditto ditto, to vessels lying within one mile of the shore, per ditto.....	0	7	6

Luggage of Cabin and Steerage Passengers will be charged as Cargo.

No Boat will be launched to convey Passengers to vessels lying within one mile of the shore later than one hour, or to the mooring distance later than two hours, before sunset.

N. B.—Mooring distance is about two miles and a half from the town landing place.

New Plymouth lies in latitude 39° 2' S., and longitude 174° 15' E.; two miles N. E. of the Sugar Loaf Islands, which are good land marks for vessels in making the place, and serve as a breakwater to the roadstead in south-westerly gales. The coast line in front of the settlement extends from the Islands to Mokau, a distance of forty miles, and lies N. E. and S. W. The prevailing winds are from W. to S. W. The N. W. winds, to which the roadstead is open, are more frequent during the months of April and May, September and October, than in the winter months of June, July, and August. They are indicated by a long swell setting in from the northward, and a dirty appearance of the atmosphere in that quarter—giving ample time for ships to prepare for it, or go to sea. During the summer months these gales are unknown, nor do they blow home at any season of the year; therefore, the danger in riding out a northwester, (which rarely lasts more than twenty-four hours), arises more from the heavy swell than the strength of the wind.

The anchorage off the town, in places, is foul, but it is clearer towards the Sugar Loaf Islands. As the Government Pilot boards, when practicable, (which is five days in the week on an average during the year), all vessels coming into the roadstead, large ships had better not anchor till so visited; should a ship, however, anchor before being boarded, open ground will be found when the Town Flag Staff bears E. S. E., and the outer Sugar Loaf Island S. W. ½ W., in about 16 fathoms water, over sandy clay.

South-easterly gales are not frequent, but are generally violent and of short duration; as they blow off the shore, they are of little consequence.

Northerly and north-west gales come on gradually, always giving ample warning by an overcast sky, a swell from the northward, a falling barometer, and moderate breeze from the north-east to north—usually with rain. At the height of the gale, or after a short lull, the wind generally shifts to the westward, if not to the south-west, in a strong, sometimes in a heavy, squall—after which, the sky begins to clear, and the weather improves. If the wind backs from south-west to north-west, it will blow hard again, but it generally goes round by the south and brings fine weather.

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