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By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR, Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
13th July, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Officer administering the Government has been pleased to direct the republication of the following Proclamation, dated 31st December, 1850, altering the rates of Postage payable in New Zealand for the transmission, receipt, or delivery of Letters.

His Excellency further directs it to be notified that the Postage Stamps referred to in the 7th paragraph of that Proclamation have been received, and are issuable by Post Masters to the Public at the respective fixed values of such Stamps, viz.:—one penny, two pence, and one shilling per stamp.

Post Masters are directed, on the receipt of stamped Letters or Packets in each Post Office to cancel the Stamps on such Letters or Packets previously to their despatch.

Persons are particularly requested to ascertain the exact weight of their Letters and Packets before posting them, in order to enable them (the senders) to affix the correct Stamps upon each Letter or Packet.

The Stamps to be affixed on the outside of all Letters or Packets above the address written on them.

By His Excellency's command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

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-in-Chief of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, Session 9, No. 2, intitled, "An Ordinance for Regulating the Conveyance and Postage of Letters," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Chief, from time to time, by Proclamation to be published in the *Government Gazette*, to abolish, alter, and fix the Colonial Postage, payable for the transmission by Post of Letters and other Papers; and from time to time, by such Proclamation as aforesaid, to alter, repeal, or abolish any Colonial Postage so altered or fixed as aforesaid, and to make and establish any new or other Postage in lieu thereof.

And whereas it is expedient that by pre-paying the postage, persons should be enabled to send letters to and from the Colony of New Zealand to Great Britain free of Postage to the persons receiving the same, and that a system of pre-payment of letters by stamps should be introduced into New Zealand, and to that end that the rates of Colonial Postage to be charged on all letters be fixed according to the weight thereof, and without reference to the distance or number of miles the same may be conveyed.

Now therefore I, the Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand, in pursuance and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the said recited Ordinance and under and by virtue of all other powers and authorities ena-

bling me in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare, that on the first day of April, 1851, the rates of Postage now payable in the Colony of New Zealand for the transmission, receipt, or delivery of Letters shall be abolished and repealed. And on and after the said first day of April 1851, a Colonial rate of Postage shall be charged and paid on all Letters passing through any Post Office in the Colony of New Zealand, or transmitted by post therein, by weight according to the following rate (that is to say)—

On every Letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight—Two Pence.

On every Letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, then the sum of Two Pence for every half ounce or fractional part of half an ounce, according to the weight of such Letter.

The postage on all Letters and Papers despatched from New Zealand to places beyond the seas shall be paid in this Colony.

All Letters and Papers having a Postage Stamp or Stamps affixed thereto or enclosed in covers having a Postage Stamp or Stamps affixed thereto of such form as may be prescribed by the Local Government, which shall not have been used before, and which shall be of the value or amount of the postage to which such Letters or papers would be respectively liable, according to the scale hereinbefore provided, shall pass by the Post free of postage.

On all Letters sent by Post, on being re-directed and again forwarded by the Post, there shall be charged and paid a new and distinct rate of postage for the re-direction, in addition to all other rates of postage payable thereon, according to the scale and rate of postage hereinbefore mentioned.

No Letter or Packet, exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, shall be forwarded by the Post, except Deeds, Law Proceedings, and Law Papers, and also except letters to and from places beyond the seas and Letters to and from the Governor, Letters on the Public Service, or to and from any of the Government Offices or Departments.

On all Deeds, Law Proceedings, and Law Papers, on all Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament and Periodical Publications despatched by the Post between places in New Zealand, or sent to or received from the United Kingdom or any of Her Majesty's Colonies, there shall be charged and paid the rates of New Zealand Postage following, that is to say:—If not exceeding four ounces in weight, a rate of Two Pence, and for every additional four ounces in weight above four ounces there shall be charged and paid an additional rate of Two Pence.

Printed Newspapers shall be conveyed by the Post free of postage, provided they be sent without a cover or in a cover open at the sides, and there be no writing thereon, or upon the cover of the same, except the name

and address of the person to whom sent, and that no paper or thing be enclosed in or with any such paper. And every paper or packet which shall be contrary in any respect to the conditions hereby required to be observed, shall be charged with treble the duty of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

Printed Prices Current and Commercial Lists, not exceeding two ounces in weight, shall be forwarded through the Post under the same regulations and privileges as Newspapers.

Non-Commissioned Officers, Captains' Stewards, Seamen, and Soldiers, may send and receive letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight by the Post on their own private concerns only, while they are employed on Her Majesty's service, at the rate of One Penny for each letter, and with respect to letters sent or received by any such privileged persons, the following conditions shall be observed, that is to say:—The postage of each letter (unless sent from parts beyond the seas) shall be paid on being put into the Post Office, and upon such letter shall be subscribed the name of the writer, and his class or description in the vessel, regiment, corps, or detachment to which he belongs, and signed by the officer having at the time the command of the vessel, or of the regiment, corps, or detachment to which the privileged person belongs.

Whenever the letters sent or received by any such privileged persons shall be sent from parts beyond the seas, without the said postage of One Penny being pre-paid, every such letter shall be charged to the party receiving the same with a rate of Two Pence, and any letters received by the Post under this regulation, by any such privileged persons, which may have been re-directed, shall not be charged with any postage for such re-direction.

Given under my hand and issued under the Public Seal of the Islands of New Zealand, at Government House at Wellington, in the Province of New Munster, in the Islands aforesaid, this thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

G. GRAY,
Governor-in-Chief.

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

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
12th July, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Officer administering the Government is pleased to notify for general information, that he has received a despatch from Sir George Grey, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, stating

that Her Majesty had approved of the appointment of the undermentioned gentleman to a seat in the Legislative Council of the General Assembly, and transmitting a warrant under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, authorising his being summoned to that Council accordingly.

The Honourable THOMAS HOUGHTON
BARTLEY, Esq.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th June, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the following despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State should be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

Downing-street,
8th December, 1854.

SIR,

I transmit to you herewith a copy of the Letters Patent under the Royal Sign Manual constituting the Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund.

Although the existence of this commission is no doubt already generally known in the Colony under your Government, I have thought it right to communicate to you a copy of this instrument, with a view of giving more general publicity to the arrangements which have been adopted for the application of those funds which may be raised by benevolent contributions towards supporting the wives and families of the soldiers, sailors, and marines serving in Her Majesty's armies and fleets who may fall in the course of the present war.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

The Officer administering
the Government, New Zealand.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To Our most dearly-beloved Consort, His Royal Highness, Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emanuel, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, and Field Marshal in our Army. To our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, one of our principal Secretaries of State; Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, Arthur, Duke of Wellington, Major-General in our Army; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor Edward Adolphus Somerset, commonly called Lord Seymour; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin and Councillor Edward Geoffrey, Earl of Derby; Our right trusty

and right well beloved Cousin Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin and Councillor, George Hamilton, Earl of Aberdeen, Knight of the most ancient and most noble order of the Thistle; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Charles Philip, Earl of Hardwicke, Rear-Admiral on the reserved half-pay of Our Navy; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Henry Thomas, Earl of Chichester; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Horatio, Earl Nelson; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Earl Grey; Our right trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry John, Viscount Palmerston, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and one of Our principal Secretaries of State; Our right trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor Stapylton, Viscount Combermere, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and General in Our Army; Our right trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Viscount Hardinge, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and General Commanding-in-Chief of Our Army; Our right trusty and well beloved Henry Robinson, Baron Rokeby, Major-General of Our Army; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Charles, Baron Colchester, Rear-Admiral on the reserved half-pay of Our Navy; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Fox, Baron Panmure, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle; Our right trusty and well beloved John, Baron Seaton, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and General in Our Army; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Edward Burtenshaw, Baron St. Leonards; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Fitz Roy James Henry, Baron Raglan, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, General in Our Army, Master-General of Our Ordnance, and Commander of Our Forces employed on a particular service; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Sidney Herbert, Our Secretary-at-War; Our trusty and well beloved James Lindsay, commonly called the Honourable James Lindsay, Colonel in Our Army; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Sir James Robert George Graham, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and one of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Henry Thomas Lowry Corry; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Edward Ellice; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Robert Vernon Smith; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, Sir John Somerset Pakington, Baronet; Our trusty and well beloved Sir Robert Throckmorton, Baronet; Our trusty and well beloved Sir William Parker, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the

Bath, and Admiral of the White Squadron of Our Fleet; Our trusty and well beloved Sir Thomas Byam Martin, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and Admiral of the Fleet; Our trusty and well beloved Sir John Fox Burgoyne, Knight Grand Cross of the most honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General in our Army, and Inspector-General of Fortifications; Our trusty and well beloved Sir Hew Dalrymple Ross, Knight Commander of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and Lieutenant-General of Our Ordnance; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, the Lord Mayor of Our City of London for the time being; Our trusty and well beloved Joseph Hume, Esquire; Our trusty and well beloved Thomas Baring, Esquire; Our trusty and well beloved John Gellibrand Hubbard, Esquire; Our trusty and well beloved John Wilson Patten, Esquire; Our trusty and well beloved Samuel Morton Peto, Esquire; Our trusty and well beloved Edmund Burke Roche, Esquire; and Our trusty and well beloved John Ball, Esquire.

Whereas, amidst the glorious successes which, through the power of Almighty God, have attended Our arms during the present war, many soldiers, sailors, and marines, serving in Our armies and fleets, have gallantly fallen in battle, or by other casualties during war; and many who shall hereafter be engaged in conflict, or in the further prosecution of hostilities, may also nobly sacrifice their lives in Our service, while protecting the invaded liberties of Our Ally, and repressing the lawless ambition of Our enemies:

And Whereas it hath been represented to Us, that many of Our loving subjects throughout Our Kingdom and Dominions, actuated by a just sense of the sacred rights of those who fall in their country's service and in support of Our just cause of war, are anxiously desirous of testifying their loyalty and love to Us, and to Our Throne, by a just and generous benevolence towards the widows and orphans of those of Our soldiers, sailors, and marines who have been so killed, or who may hereafter die amidst the ravages and casualties of war, and also by their gifts and subscriptions to contribute a portion of those means with which Our Nation has been blessed towards the succouring, educating, and relieving those, who, by the loss of their husbands and parents in battle, or by death on active service in the present war, are unable to maintain or to support themselves:

Recites that it is expedient to take measures for safe custody and application of funds.

And whereas it is expedient that public measures should be taken, and that preparation should be made for the safe keeping and beneficial application of the several sums of money which may henceforth, and from time to time hereafter, during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, be given, subscribed, or collected, for all or any of the

several purposes aforesaid: And also for the purpose of securing such prompt and authentic information as may be required, to aid the just and faithful distribution of the said several sums of money, when so received: And it hath also appeared to Us, that by issuing this, Our Royal Commission, greater efficacy, power, and support, may be given to the benevolent desires of Our loving subjects: And also that the respective claims, merits and necessities of individual claimants will be duly inquired into: And that by permitting assistance to be rendered by the officers of Our civil, military, and naval services we may prevent the wrong application, by misrepresentation or otherwise, of those contributions which Our loving subjects may hereafter, during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, for the several purposes aforesaid, generously and benevolently supply:

Constituting Commission and naming Commissioners.—Names of Commissioners.

Now Know Ye, that We, having taken into Our consideration the premisses, and being earnestly desirous, in lasting memory of those who have faithfully fallen in Our service, to encourage the loyal and hearty benevolence of Our loving subjects, which may hereafter be directed towards the widows and orphans of the soldiers, sailors, and marines of Our forces, who may now or hereafter be serving abroad in Our armies and fleets, or in services connected with Our present hostilities, and for other the several purposes hereinbefore recited or mentioned, and reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, Have authorized and appointed, and do by these presents authorize and appoint you, the said Prince Albert, the said Duke of Newcastle, the said Duke of Wellington, the said Lord Seymour, the said Earl of Derby, the said Earl of Shaftesbury, the said Earl of Aberdeen, the said Earl of Hardwicke, the said Earl of Chichester, the said Earl Nelson, the said Earl Grey, the said Viscount Palmerston, the said Viscount Combermere, the said Viscount Hardinge, the said Baron Rokeby, the said Baron Colchester, the said Baron Panmure, the said Baron Seaton, the said Baron St. Leonards, the said Baron Raglan, the said Sidney Herbert, the said James Lindsay, the said Sir James Robert George Graham, the said Henry Thomas Lowry Corry, the said Edward Ellice, the said Robert Vernon Smith, the said Sir John Somerset Pakington, the said Sir Robert Throckmorton, the said Sir William Parker, the said Sir Thomas Byam Martin, the said Sir John Fox Burgoyne, the said Sir Hew Dalrymple Ross, the said Lord Mayor of Our City of London, the said Joseph Hume, the said Thomas Baring, the said John Gellibrand Hubbard, the said John Wilson Patten, the said Samuel Morton Peto, the said Edmund Burke Roche, and the said John Ball, to make full and diligent inquiry into

the best mode of aiding the loyalty and benevolence of Our loving subjects, and of ascertaining the best means by which the gifts, subscriptions, and contributions of Our loving subjects can be best applied, according to the generous intentions of the donor thereof, and from time to time to apply the same as you, Our Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall think fit or direct, either for the immediate relief of such special objects of ~~distinction as may come within the meaning~~ and purpose of such benevolence, or, for any of the purposes aforesaid, to increase, extend, or make additions to any of Our Royal or other charitable institutions already founded for similar purposes within Our United Kingdom. And further, to apply, or to order and direct the application of, all such moneys in such manner as to you, Our Commissioners, or to any three or more of you, shall seem fit in the premises; so that you do in all things secure the most impartial and beneficent distribution of all such sums as may hereafter and from time to time be received under or by virtue of this Our Royal Commission.

Power to Commissioners to call persons before them.

And Know Ye that We do by these presents further give and grant to you, and to any three or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any three or more of you, all such persons in connection with Our civil, military, and naval service, as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of all matters and things most desirable to be done and performed, ~~and to inquire into the premises~~ and every part thereof by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

Appointment of Secretaries.

And Our further will and pleasure is, That for the purpose of aiding you in the execution of these premises, We do hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Edmund Gardiner Fishbourne, Esquire, Captain in Our Navy, and Our trusty and well-beloved John Henry Lefroy, Esquire, Captain in Our Royal Regiment of Artillery, to be joint Honorary Secretaries to this Our Royal Commission.

And We do command you Our said Commissioners, upon the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of either or both of them the said Secretaries to this Our Royal Commission, that you do from time to time, and as often as the same may occur, proceed according to your discretion to fill up the same by virtue of this Our Royal Commission.

Constituting Commissioners in Aid to organize Local Committees.

And for the further better and more perfectly enabling all Our loving subjects, according to their desire and ability, and from time to time and at all times during the existence of this Our Royal Commission, according to their several means and wishes, to contribute to the benevolent and praiseworthy objects aforesaid, and that *Local*

Committees may the more readily and speedily be formed throughout Our Kingdom and Dominions, of all Our magistrates, justices of the peace, the clergy, and other of Our loving subjects within all cities, parishes, boroughs, and places in Our Kingdom and Dominions, and in Our Colonies, possessions, and territories abroad, It is Our Royal will and pleasure, and We do for such purpose constitute and appoint the Lords Lieutenant, Sheriffs, and Custodes Rotulorum for the time being, of the several counties within Our Kingdom; the Aldermen and Recorder for the time being of Our City of London; the Lord Provost of Edinburgh for the time being; the Lord Mayor of Dublin for the time being; the Lord Mayor of York for the time being; and all other the Mayors, Provosts, Bailiffs, and Bailies for the time being of Our cities, boroughs and corporate towns; and also all Our Governors-General, Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and officers administering the Governments for the time being of Our territories and colonial possessions, to be within their several counties, cities, boroughs, governments, and jurisdictions respectively, COMMISSIONERS IN AID of the several duties and services to be performed by you, and for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned to encourage, aid, and assist the establishment of all such *Local Committees* as may be useful or necessary in every town, parish, or place, within the jurisdictions aforesaid, for the several purposes of collecting from time to time all or any gifts, subscriptions, and voluntary contributions as aforesaid, and transmitting the same when so collected to Our Paymaster-General, as is hereinafter mentioned: Provided always, that each and every such *Local Committee* shall keep a correct account of the moneys collected by them respectively; and each of the said *Local Committees* shall only be answerable and accountable for the due and speedy transmission to Our said Paymaster-General of all such sum and sums of money as may from time to time be voluntarily subscribed or collected through its own special means and agency.

And We do authorize and empower the said COMMISSIONERS IN AID, under the rules and regulations of you Our said Commissioners, or of any three or more of you, in all other matters to perform and do such acts as may best promote the objects of this Our Royal Commission, during the continuance thereof, and to encourage and aid a due and faithful fulfilment of the benevolent desires of Our loving subjects in this behalf, within their several counties, governments, and jurisdictions aforesaid.

Appointing Paymaster-General to act as Treasurer.

And for the safe custody of all moneys which may hereafter be received for the purposes herein set forth, and of all sums of money already subscribed or given for any such purpose as aforesaid, which may be duly

handed over for the purpose of being applied under this Our Royal Commission, Our Royal will and pleasure further is, and We do hereby direct and command Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward John, Baron Stanley of Alderley, Our Paymaster-General, or our Paymaster-General for the time being, to receive and safely keep all and every sum and sums of money which by virtue of this Our Royal Commission may at any time or times, and from time to time hereafter during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, be received and paid, but subject nevertheless to the orders and directions of you Our said Commissioners, or of any three or more of you, and also to such drafts of the Executive and Finance Committee as are hereinafter mentioned, and which may be in accordance with the rules and regulations of you Our said Commissioners.

Paymaster-General to open account at Bank of England as Patriotic Fund.

And to this end We do command Our said Paymaster-General to open and keep a separate account at the Bank of England, and that he do pay to the credit of such account, which shall be called and known by the name of the "Patriotic Fund," all and every sum and sums of money which he may at any time hereafter receive, under or by virtue of this Our Royal Commission, and that our said Paymaster-General do cause payments to be made therefrom by virtue of such drafts or orders as may be addressed to him by or on behalf of you Our said Commissioners, and, subject to your direction and authority, by your said Secretaries or either of them, or by the said Executive and Finance Committee, or by any two or more of such Committee, for the time being.

Appointment of Executive and Finance Committee.

And in order to facilitate the imprest to Our said Paymaster-General of any and all subscriptions, donations, and collections of moneys now or hereafter to be made, or which from time to time during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission may be received, for any of the several purposes aforesaid, and also for the purpose of carrying into effect what you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you, shall hereafter direct to be done in respect to the said subscriptions, donations, and collections so expected to be made as aforesaid, We hereby authorise you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, to nominate and appoint any three or more persons whomsoever, as to you shall seem meet, to be an Executive Committee in the premises; and Our pleasure is that such Executive Committee shall also be a Finance Committee, with power to select their own Chairman, and having the direction and control, under such orders and regulations as may hereafter from time to time be made by you, or by any three or more of you, over the receipts and expenditure of the said several sums of money which from time to time during the continuance of

this Our Royal Commission may be collected, as aforesaid; and, subject to such your orders and regulations, the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any two or more of them shall and may order and direct the payment and disbursement of any sum or sums so to be received by Our said Paymaster-General to the account of the said "Patriotic Fund."

Royal Commissioners to fill up vacancies in Executive and Finance Committee.—Commissioners to audit accounts of Executive and Finance Committee.—Not to overdraw or anticipate balances.

And it is our further will and pleasure that you, or any three or more of you, do from from time to time, according to your discretion, fill up any such vacancies as may occur in such Executive and Finance Committee, as occasion shall require, and that the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any three or more of them, do from time to time appoint their own clerk, who shall also duly record their proceedings, and which said proceedings shall be duly preserved and kept, and the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any three of them, inclusive of their Chairman for the time being if he shall be then present shall from time to time, and at at all times, report to you as and when you may desire, all matters and things that they shall or may have done in the premises, and shall render accounts of all disbursements and payments which may have been made, or ordered to be made, by them in manner aforesaid under the orders and regulations so to be received from you, or any three or more of you, as aforesaid. And further that you do, as soon as conveniently may be after the receipt of such accounts, proceed to audit, by one or more of your number, all such accounts, disbursements, and payments, so that there be no expenditure of any sum or sums of money by anticipation or in advance of any balance already in hand of Our said Paymaster-General to the account of the said "Patriotic Fund."

Commissioners to report to Queen from time to time.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you, or any three or more of you, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing, under your hands and seals respectively, all and every of the several proceedings of yourselves had by virtue of these presents, together with such other matters, if any, as may be deserving of our Royal consideration touching or concerning the premises.

Commissioners to meet notwithstanding no adjournment.

And lastly, We do by these presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time, and at any place or places, proceed in the execution thereof, and of every

other matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

Given at Our Court, at Balmoral, this seventh day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the eighteenth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's command,

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

ROYAL COMMISSION OF THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

NOTICE.

The Offices of the Royal Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund are, for the present, at No. 16a, Great George Street, corner of Parliament-street, Westminster.

The hours of attendance will be from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m., daily.

The Commissioners in aid of the Patriotic Fund are earnestly requested, without further notice, to take immediate steps for giving publicity, within their several jurisdictions, to the Royal Commission, in order that Local Committees be formed wherever practicable with the least possible delay.

Local Committees will, according to their discretion, obtain contributions to the Patriotic Fund, either by public meetings, establishing subscription lists, or otherwise.

The acknowledgment of individual donations, where obtained through the Commissioners in Aid, or by Local Committees, must in all cases, to avoid error and expense, be left exclusively to the Local Committees.

Local Committees are requested to make up their first Subscription Lists and Accounts in or before the first week in December next, and to remit the amounts in or before the following week by drafts payable to the Patriotic Fund, crossed "Bank of England," to the Secretaries of the Commission, or direct to the Bank of England.

Total amounts only, as transmitted by Local Committees, will be acknowledged at fixed periods in two London daily newspapers.

Donations, subscriptions, and contributions to the Patriotic Fund, other than those paid to Local Committees, will be received by the Secretaries at the Offices of the Royal Commission as above, at the Bank of England, and by all London Bankers. Acknowledgments of the receipt will appear, from time to time, in the London Papers above mentioned; but it is hoped, that no separate receipts or acknowledgments will be required from the Honorary Secretaries, whose duties will be otherwise sufficiently laborious.

Downing-street,
9th February, 1855.

SIR,

I transmit to you for your information a Copy of the Rules, which have been recently drawn up by the Commissioners for the affairs of India, for the examination

of Candidates for the Indian Civil Service in July next.

You will give the most extensive publicity to these Rules. It is not to be expected that such publicity will enable persons to come forward for examination in the present year, but it will prepare them for the probable continuance of the same or similar regulations for the examinations of the years 1856 and 1857.

I have, &c.,

SIDNEY HERBERT.

The Officer
Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

Examination for Appointments to the Civil service of the East India Company.

1. In July 1855 an examination will take place, by examiners appointed by the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India, of candidates for appointments to the Civil Service of the East India Company.

2. Any natural born subject of Her Majesty who shall be desirous of entering the Civil Service of the Company will be entitled to be examined at such examination, provided he shall, on or before the 1st of May, 1855, have transmitted to the Board of Commissioners :

(a) A certificate of his age being above eighteen years and under twenty three years.

(b) A certificate, signed by a physician or surgeon, of his having no disease, constitutional affection, or bodily infirmity, unfitting him for the Civil Service of the Company.

(c) A certificate of good moral character, signed by the head of the school or college at which he has last received his education ; or if he has not received education at any school or college since the year 1852, then such proof of good moral character as may be satisfactory to the Board of Commissioners.

(d) A statement of those of the branches of knowledge hereinafter enumerated, in which he desires to be examined.

3. The examination will take place only in the following branches of knowledge :

English Language and Literature :—	
Composition	500
English Literature and History, including that of the Laws and Constitution	1000
	1500
Language, Literature, and History of	
Greece	750
Ditto ditto ditto Rome	750
Ditto ditto ditto France	375
Ditto ditto ditto Germany	375
Ditto ditto ditto Italy	375
Mathematics, pure and mixed	1000
Natural Science, that is, Chemistry, Electricity and Magnetism, Natural History, Geology, and Mineralogy ..	
	500

Moral Sciences, that is, Logic, Mental, Moral, and Political Philosophy	500
Sanscrit Language and Literature	375
Arabic Language and Literature	375

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4. The merit of the persons examined will be estimated by marks, according to the ordinary system in use at several of the Universities, and the numbers set opposite to each branch in the preceding paragraph denote the greatest number of marks that can be obtained in respect of it.

5. No candidate will be allowed any marks in respect of any subject of examination unless he shall, in the opinion of the examiners, possess a competent knowledge of that subject.

6. The examination will be conducted by means of printed questions and written answers, and by *visu voce* examination, as the examiners may deem necessary.

7. After the examination shall have been completed, the examiners shall add up the marks obtained by each candidate in respect of each of the subjects in which he shall have been examined, and shall set forth, in order of merit, the names of the twenty candidates who shall have obtained a greater aggregate number of marks than any of the remaining candidates; and such twenty candidates shall be deemed to be selected candidates for the Civil Service of the East India Company. Their choice of the Presidency in India to which they shall be appointed, shall be determined by the order in which they stand on such list.

8. In August 1856, and August 1857, further examinations of the selected candidates will take place by examiners appointed by the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India in the following subjects:

Law, including the ordinary rules of taking evidence and the mode of conducting civil and criminal trials	1000
The History of India	400
Political Economy	400
Any Language of India in which the selected candidate shall have given notice of his desire to be examined	200

and such further examinations will be conducted in the same manner as that above described. (The numbers set opposite to each subject denote the greatest number of marks which can be obtained in respect of such subjects.)

9. Each selected candidate, desirous of being examined at either of the further examinations of 1856 and 1857, shall, two months previously to such examination, transmit to the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India a statement mentioning the language or languages of India in which he is desirous of being examined.

10. Any selected candidate who, having been examined at the further examination of 1856, shall not have passed, may, nevertheless, be again examined at the further examination of 1857.

11. Any selected candidate who shall not have passed at one or the other of the further

examinations of 1856 and 1857, shall be struck off the list of selected candidates.

12. The selected candidates who, at either of such further examinations, shall be deemed by the examiners to have a competent knowledge of Law, the History of India, Political Economy, and at least one Language of India, shall be adjudged to have passed and to be entitled to be appointed to the Civil Service of the East India Company; and the names of the selected candidates who shall have so passed shall be placed in a list in the order of their merit in such examinations, estimated as above by the total number of marks which they shall have obtained in respect of all the subjects in which they shall have been examined at such examination.

13. The seniority in the Civil Service of the East India Company of the selected candidates shall be determined by the date of the further examination at which they shall be adjudged to have passed; and, as between those who passed at the same further examination, their seniority in such Civil Service shall be determined according to the order in which they stand on the list resulting from such examination.

14. No person will, even after such examination, be allowed to proceed to India unless he shall comply with the regulations in force at the time for the Civil Service of the East India Company, and shall be of sound bodily health and good moral character.

Downing-street,
22nd February, 1855.

SIR,—I transmit to you, herewith, a Circular Despatch which the Earl of Clarendon has addressed to Her Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Servants abroad, instructing them to protect the Subjects and the Navy of Sardinia against Russian hostility.

By the Duke of Newcastle's Circular of the 24th of February, 1854, you were directed to impress on all the Local Authorities under your Government, the duty of affording protection to the Subjects and Commerce of France. It will now be your duty to extend similar protection, assistance, and good offices to Sardinian Subjects, and especially to the Sardinian Navy, and to establish with Sardinian Agents, or with the Commanders of Sardinian Ships of War, the same concert in all that affects the interests of the War, as with the Agents and Officers of the Emperor of the French.

You will report to me without delay any measures which you may take in pursuance of the present instruction.

I have, &c.,

SIDNEY HERBERT.

The Officer Administering
the Government of New
Zealand.

Foreign Office,
February 19, 1855.

Sardinia, by a treaty dated the 26th ultimo, has acceded to the Treaty of Alliance, concluded on the 10th April, 1854, between Great Britain and France, for the protection of the Ottoman Empire. This Power is thus placed in a state of hostility towards Russia.

As a natural consequence, you will have to extend for the future to Sardinian Subjects, and especially to the Sardinian Navy, the assistance and good offices that you were instructed, at the outset of this War, to afford to the subjects of the Queen's August Ally His Majesty the Emperor of the French; and you will be careful to establish with the Sardinian Agents, or the Commanders of Sardinian Ships of War, the same friendly relations and the same concert in all that affects the interests of the War as with the Agents and Officers of the Emperor of the French.

You will acknowledge the receipt of this despatch.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) CLARENDON.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
12th July, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Officer administering the Government, has been pleased to direct the publication of the following By-Laws, which have received His Excellency's assent, and which will come into operation on the 20th day of August next, according to the provisions of the Crown Lands Ordinances.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

HUNDRED OF HOWICK.

BY-LAWS.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by an Act of the Legislative Council of New Zealand, 13 Victoria, No. 1, Session 10, entitled, "An Ordinance to regulate the occupation of Waste Lands of the Crown in the Province of New Ulster;" as also by an Act of the Legislative Council, 15 Victoria, Session 11, No. 10, entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Ordinance, No. 1, Session 10, and to extend the operation thereof to the Islands of New Zealand."

We the undersigned, Wardens for the time being of the Hundred of Howick, do make the following By-Laws for the regulations of the said Hundred, agreeably to the provisions of the aforesaid recited Ordinances:—

1. All persons holding Depasturing Licenses for the year 1855, shall be entitled to Depasture 5 (five) head of Great Cattle upon the said Hundred.

2. That each and every person who shall Depasture more than 5 (five) head of Great Cattle upon the said Hundred, shall be Assessed, and is and are hereby Assessed for every head of Great Cattle the sum of 2s. (two shillings) per head per year, and for

every head of Small Cattle the sum of 6d. (sixpence) per head per year.

3. That the Assessment hereby made shall be paid to the Wardens of the said Hundred, at their Office, as follows,—For the half-year ending the 30th June, on or before the first day of June next ensuing. For the Quarter ending the 30th September, on or before the first day of July next ensuing; and for the Quarter ending the 31st December, on or before the first day of October next ensuing.

4. That all persons depasturing Cattle as aforesaid shall, on or before the first day of June, July, and October next ensuing, give notice in writing, duly signed by him or her, to the Wardens at their Office, of the Number of all Cattle then running, and being his or her bona fide property, under a penalty of Two pounds (£2) for each and every omission.

5. That no person shall run any Cattle upon the said Hundred, but such as shall be his or her bona fide property.

6. That each and every person Depasturing Cattle as aforesaid, shall at all times when required by the Wardens of the aforesaid Hundred, give in writing, full and correct information, of the Number of Cattle running on his or her account, or any other information relating thereto which the Wardens may require; and any person refusing to give such information, or giving false or evasive information, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five pounds (£5) for each and every such offence.

7. That no entire Male Cattle, great or small, be allowed to run upon any part of the said Waste Lands, without the consent, in writing, of the Wardens, under a penalty of Twenty shillings (20s.)

8. That any person worrying Cattle, by driving them with dogs, or otherwise, off the said Waste Lands, or other unenclosed lands not in the lawful occupation of the person so driving off such Cattle, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Three pounds (£3) for each and every offence.

9. That any person setting fire to, or causing any part of the said Waste Lands to be set on fire, without the consent, in writing, of the Wardens, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Two pounds (£2) for each and every offence.

WILLIAM McC CAULEY, } Wardens for
JAMES WHITE, } the Howick
ALEXANDER MACDONALD, } Hundred.
Howick,

14th April, 1855.

NOTICE.

H.M. Customs, Auckland,
6th July, 1855.

NOTICE is hereby given that the License for bonding goods in the Bonded Store known as the "Wesleyan Bonded Store" situated at Mechanics Bay, has been cancelled this day.

WILLIAM YOUNG,
Collector.

