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## PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand, and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Supreme Court Act, 1860," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to divide the Colony into Judicial Districts for the purposes of the said Act, and the limits of such District from time to time to alter as occasion may require :

Now therefore I, Thomas Gore Browne, Governor of the said Colony, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, do hereby proclaim and declare that for the purposes of the said Act the said Colony shall be divided into three districts, to be called respectively the Northern District, the Middle District, and the Southern District.

And that the Northern District shall include all that portion of the said Colony which lies on the Northern side of the line which separates the Provinces of Auckland and Taranaki from the Provinces of Wellington and Hawke's Bay.

And that the Middle District shall include all that portion of the Colony which lies on

the Southern side of the above-named line, and on the Northern side of the line which separates the Provinces of Nelson and Marlborough from the Province of Canterbury, and also the Chatham Islands, and Islands adjacent thereto.

And that the Southern District shall include all that part of the Colony which lies on the Southern side of the last mentioned line.

And whereas by the said Act the Governor in Council is required to assign every such district to a Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court, who shall have within the same all the powers and jurisdiction by the said Act given to the Court,

Now therefore I, the Governor as aforesaid, in further pursuance of the said Act, do hereby, with the advice and consent aforesaid, proclaim and declare that I assign the Northern District unto

GEORGE ALFRED ARNEY, ESQUIRE,  
the Chief Justice of the said Court.

And the Middle District unto

ALEXANDER JAMES JOHNSTON, ESQUIRE,  
a Judge of the said Court.

And the Southern District unto

HENRY BARNES GRESSON, ESQUIRE,  
a Judge of the said Court.

And whereas it is provided by the said Act that there shall be held Circuit Courts for the dispatch of Civil and Criminal business of the Court before one of the Judges thereof at such places and times as the Governor in Council may from time to time appoint,

Now therefore I, the Governor as aforesaid, do hereby further proclaim and appoint, that Circuit Courts shall be holden for the Northern District at the Town of Auckland in every year on the first day of March, the first day of June, the first day of September, and the first day of December;

And for the Middle District at the Town of Wellington on the first day of March, the first day of June, the first day of September, and the first day of December in every year; and at the Town of Nelson on the fifteenth day of January and the fifteenth day of July in every year;

And for the Southern District, at the Town of Christchurch, on the first day of March, the first day of June, the first day of September, the first day of December, in every year;

Or as soon after the said days respectively as conveniently may be; and in case any one of the said days so fixed as aforesaid shall happen to be a Sunday or Holiday, then the Court appointed for such day shall be holden on the day following.

Given under my hand, at Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this twenty-sixth day of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

T. GORE BROWNE.

By His Excellency's command,  
H. J. TANCRED,  
(in the absence of Mr. Stafford.)

Office of Minister for Native Affairs,  
Auckland, 27th February, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

AIHIPENE KAIHAU, of the Ngatiteata tribe,  
Waiuku,

to be a Native Assessor under the "Resident Magistrates' Courts Ordinance."

C. W. RICHMOND.