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Order in Council establishing Province of "Southland."

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT AUCKLAND,
THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1861.

Present:—

His Excellency the Governor,

MR. STAFFORD,
THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

MR. RICHMOND,
MR. LANCRED,
MR. WELD.

WHEREAS by the "New Provinces Act, 1858," it is enacted that whenever not less than 3-5ths of the registered electors entitled to vote in the election of Members of the House of Representatives resident within any district whereof the area shall not be less than 500,000 acres, shall petition the Governor in Council to establish a New Province comprising such district, the Governor by Order in Council, published in the New Zealand Government Gazette, shall with all convenient speed establish such Province accordingly, subject nevertheless to the fulfilment of certain conditions in the said Act specified. And whereas a petition has been duly presented praying for the establishment of a New Province at Murihiku in the Province of Otago, and whereas the several requirements and conditions of the said Act have been duly complied with and fulfilled:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, in exercise of the powers in this behalf vested in him by the said recited

Act, doth by this present Order establish a New Province, to be called and known by the name of Southland, and doth define the limits of the said Province to be as follows, that is to say,—all that district, being heretofore parcel of the Province of Otago, which lies, or is comprised within the boundary following, that is to say, a line commencing at the mouth of the River Mataura and continued along the right bank of the Mataura River to its source in the Eyre Mountains, thence to the summit of Eyre Peak, thence in a South Westerly direction to the junction of the Windley with the Oreti or New River, thence due West to the River Waiau, thence along the left bank of the Waiau to the sea, thence by the coast line to the mouth of the Mataura.

And the Governor, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, doth hereby, in further pursuance of the said Act, constitute the Town of Invercargill to be the capital of the said Province of Southland.

And doth declare that this Order shall take effect on the first day of April 1861. And the Honourable Edward William Stafford, Colonial Secretary, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

F. G. STEWARD,
Clerk of Executive Council.

* This Order in Council is republished in consequence of a misprint of the word "East" in the 38th line instead of "West," in the publication of the Order in Gazette No. 16.

MILITIA.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 27th March, 1861.

THE Governor has been pleased to approve the following Regulations, Rules, and Orders respecting the Militia and Volunteer Militia Service of New Zealand, and directs that they be strictly observed throughout the Colony.

These Regulations, Rules, and Orders are applicable to all Stations at which Militia or Volunteers may be serving; and the Officers employed on the Staff, and the respective Commanding Officers are responsible that they be invariably adhered to.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Command and Rank of Officers.

1. Colonels in Her Majesty's Regular Forces will take rank, precedence, and command of all Officers in the Militia and Volunteer Militia.

2. Officers in Her Majesty's Regular Forces of each grade below that of Colonel will take rank and precedence of Officers of equal degree in the Militia and Volunteer Militia.

3. All commands in the Militia and Volunteer Militia belong to the eldest Officer, whether of Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry, and all Officers in the Militia and Volunteer Militia of each degree, will take rank and precedence together as one Service according to the dates of their respective Commissions.

4. Officers relinquishing their Commissions in the Militia Service are not to be considered as retaining any rank therein either from them or from any Brevet Commission they may have held, except in cases which may be exempted from this Regulation by the Governor's especial authority.

5. Officers of Militia (see Queen's Regulations, see Page 4, Par. 12), having also Rank in Her Majesty's Regular Service are not permitted whilst serving in the Militia to avail themselves (in so far as the Militia is concerned) of any other Rank than that which they hold by virtue of their Militia Commissions.

6. When an Adjutant holds the Rank of Captain in addition to the appointment of Adjutant, he will take rank, precedence, and command after the junior Captain of the Regiment, irrespective of the date of his Commission as Captain.

Appointment, Promotion, and Resignation of Officers.

1. No person will be eligible to hold a Commission in the Militia until he has attained the age of seventeen years.

2. All recommendations for Commissions are to certify the eligibility of the person recommended in respect to education, character, and bodily health, and to state his Christian Names in full, age and place of address.

3. All applications regarding Militia appointments, promotions, exchanges or

removals, or for permission to retire from the Militia Service are to be transmitted through the Deputy Adjutant General by the Senior Officer of the Regiment or Battalion to which the applicant belongs, who will forward them with such remarks as he may think fit.

4. The *New Zealand Gazettes* published by authority, in which all Militia and Volunteer Militia appointments, promotions, and removals are inserted, and which are transmitted by the Colonial Secretary to all Commanding Officers of Regiments, Battalions, and Corps are to be considered as official notifications of the appointments, &c., so published.

5. When an Officer is desirous of retiring from the Militia service he is to send his resignation through the Commanding Officer of his Regiment to the Deputy Adjutant General.

6. Officers who give in the resignation of their Commissions are not in consequence absolved from duty until it has been notified that their resignation has been accepted in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

7. Commanding Officers of Regiments of Militia and Volunteer Militia when embodied and serving on Actual Service under the Command of an Officer in Her Majesty's Regular Service are previously to forwarding the resignation of his Commission by any Officer to submit it to the Officer in Command for his remarks.

8. Officers on being newly appointed to Commissions in the Militia Service, are liable to serve whenever called upon to do so by the Officer Commanding the Regiment Battalion or Corps to which they may be appointed.

Correspondence.

1. All correspondence which relates to subjects connected with the discipline and efficiency of the Militia and Volunteer Forces is to be addressed to the Deputy Adjutant-General of Militia and Volunteers, Auckland.

2. All correspondence relative to disbursements or pecuniary claims to pay, allowances, clothing, the purchase of arms, ammunition, stores, and works of all kind connected with Militia and Volunteer expenditure, or which refer to the construction and explanation of Acts of the Legislature, is to be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, Auckland, endorsed "Militia Branch."

3. Official letters are to contain in themselves full information of all particulars upon the subject to which they relate, and each letter is to refer to *one* subject only.

MILITIA NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 27th March 1861.

WITH reference to the Militia Notice of the 11th December last, published in Gazette No. 39, of the 14th December, 1860, the respective Senior Officers of Battalions

and Companies are requested to forward to the Colonial Secretary's Office, as soon as possible, lists of the names of all persons liable to serve who have not already been sworn in.

These lists are to have the names classified in accordance with the provisions of the 2nd section of the Militia Act Amendment Act 1860.

The respective Senior Officers will also forward the names of every person liable to serve who has failed to comply with the 7th section of the above mentioned Act, which requires each such person to give in his name, age, and place of residence, to the Senior Officer, or the Officer appointed for that purpose by the latter, under the forfeiture of a sum not exceeding £5.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 27th March, 1861.

THE following Regulations, by which the firing for the Prizes given by the Government will be conducted, are published for general information.

E. W. STAFFORD.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT PRIZES FOR THE BEST RIFLE SHOTS.

Prizes.

1. The first prize to be One Hundred and Forty Pounds, the winner also to keep and wear the Champion Pouch and Belt for the best shot in New Zealand during the year in which he wins it.

The second prize to be Fifty pounds.

The third prize to be Forty Pounds.

The fourth prize to be Thirty Pounds.

The fifth prize to be Twenty Pounds.

The sixth prize to be Five Pounds.

Time and place of firing.

2. The firing to take place at such hours and places as the Officers Commanding at the different stations may deem convenient, commencing on Monday, the 27th May. Should the weather prove unfavourable at any time appointed, the firing may be postponed at the discretion of the Officer Commanding at the Station.

Who eligible to compete.

3. The firing to be open to any person sworn in as a Militiaman since the 1st January, 1860, and to all Members of Volunteer Corps (Officers of both Forces included.) All intending competitors to send in their names on or before the 23rd May next, to the Senior Officer of the Corps to which they belong, who shall forthwith cause lists to be compiled from the names sent in, but if he considers that any such person, whether a Militiaman or Volunteer, shall not have attended, when required, sufficiently regularly at drills, parades, training or exercise, he is authorised to prevent such person from firing for the prizes.

Lists of persons Firing.

4. A list of the competitors to be made out numbered only, and given to the Officer and Marker, another list to be made out and kept by the Officer Commanding and Officer stationed at the spot where the competitors fire from, numbered the same as the other, but in addition, to have the names of the competitors written on it.

Competitors absenting themselves.

5. Should any competitor be absent without leave when his turn comes during the firing, he is to forfeit his chance, and a shot is to be fired in the air (which the marker will score as a miss) in order to keep the numbers on the lists correct.

Arms and Ammunition to be used.

6. Rifles and Ammunition supplied by the Government. N. B.—Spare Rifles will be furnished on the days of firing, to those who may require them.

Mode of Firing.

7. In any position without artificial rest.

8. Number of Rounds, Targets and Score.

Distances at which to fire.	100, 200, and 300 yards.	No. of rounds to be fired at each distance.	3 rounds at each range.	One Target.	Targets to be used at the several distances.		Value in points of hits at each distance.	
					Size of	Bull's eye.		8 inches.
						Centre.		2 feet diameter.
					Bull's eye.	3		
					Centre.	2		
					Outer.	1		

Wooden Targets when required to be ordered by the Officer Commanding, to be made at the different Stations, 6 feet by 2 feet, painted as shown at the end.

Ties.

9. Ties to fire three rounds at four hundred yards at *one* Target. In this case, shots to be measured from the centre of the Bull's eye. Should ties occur between the best six shots, the names of all such ties to be sent up.

Ring Shots.

10. Each competitor firing, to have the benefit of any shot on the Ring.

Ricochets.

11. Any shots which touch the ground before hitting the Target (ricochets) not to count.

Award of score.

12. All differences as to points, &c., to be decided by the Officer Commanding the Corps at the Station, before any returns of the firing are finally made up.

Commanding Officers.

13. Officers Commanding Corps to be on the ground. One Officer to be appointed to call the names of competitors at the *place of firing*, and another to remain near the Target.

Marker.

14. A marker to be appointed by the Officer Commanding at each Station, who will be under the Officer appointed to remain near the Target.

Medical Officer.

15. The Medical Officer to attend. Where there are no Surgeons of Militia appointed, a Medical Practitioner to be employed.

Returns of firing.

16. A return of the firing (the best six shots and ties) to be forwarded by the Officer Commanding at each Station to the Deputy Adjutant-General at Auckland, according to the accompanying Form.

Caution against accidents.

17. The attention of Commanding Officers is particularly called to the following rules to prevent accidents:—

No competitor is to *cap* or *cock* his rifle before coming to the *spot* from which he is to fire.

No competitor is to let the cock of his rifle *down* when an unexploded cap is on the nipple, but to keep it at half-cock.

Competitors before firing are to take a few paces in *front of all lookers on*, and to see that no objects are in the line of fire.

H. C. BALNEAVIS,
Deputy-Adjutant-General of
Militia and Volunteers.

Auckland, 25th March, 1861.

FORM OF RETURN OF THE RESULTS OF THE FIRING.

(When completed to be returned to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Auckland).

RANK AND NAME.	CORPS.	NO. OF ROUNDS.	100 YARDS.			200 YARDS.			300 YARDS.			TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS.										
			Bull's eye.	Centre.	Outer.	Misses.	Bull's eye.	Centre.	Outer.	Misses.	Bull's eye.		Centre.	Outer.	Misses.							

I certify that this Return is correct, and that, the firing was carried on strictly in compliance with the printed Regulation forwarded to me by the Deputy Adjutant-General from Auckland, dated Auckland, 25th March, 1861.

Officer Commanding.