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A PROCLAMATION.

The General Assembly of New Zealand further prorogued.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of New Zealand has been and now stands prorogued to Saturday, the Seventh day of December now next ensuing:

And whereas it is expedient further to prorogue the same:

Now therefore I, Sir George Grey, the Administrator of the Government of New Zealand, do hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the fifth day of February next.

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

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to make the following appointment in the "Nelson" Rifle Volunteers,

SAMUEL KINGDON,

to be Captain *vice* Travers, resigned. Date of commission 19th November, 1861.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Wanganui Regiment of Militia,—

Lieutenant JOHN JORDAN, to be Captain,
Date of commission 20th November, 1861.

Ensign GEORGE ROSS, to be Lieutenant.
Date of commission 20th November, 1861.

G. W. JORDAN, to be Ensign. Date of commission 20th November, 1861.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation of

Ensign HENRY YATES MILLER,

No. 1 Company "Canterbury" Rifle Volunteers.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation of

Ensign CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL,

No. 2 Company "Canterbury" Rifle Volunteers.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation of

Ensign JOHN SMITH,
No. 9 Company "Nelson" Rifle Volunteers.
WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

IT is hereby notified that Writs issued for the election of Members of the Provincial Council of the Province of Auckland have been returned with certificates to the effect that

For the District of Mongonui—
James Ball,

For the District of Bay of Islands—
James Busby,
Thomas Bateman,

For the District of Marsden—
Roderick Ross,
Duncan McKenzie,
Robert Skeen,

For the District of Northern Division—
David Sheehan,
George Samuel Graham,
Allan O'Neill,
Alexander Adam Melvin,
Jerome Cadman,

For the District of the City of Auckland East—
William Rattray,
Edward James Skyrme,
Michael Creagh,

For the District of the City of Auckland West—
William Crush Daldy,
Edward King,
Daniel Lynch,
James O'Neill,
James George,

For the District of Parnell—
Thomas Cheeseman,
Isaac Worthington Harrop,

For the District of Newton—
Hugh Carleton,
William Rowe.

For the District of Pensioner Settlements—
Robert Williams Wynn,
James Foley,
Richard McGhee,

For the District of the Town of Onehunga—
Frederick Morris Preston Brookfield,
William Powditch,

For the District of Franklin—
Albin Martin,
John Wallace,
James Farmer,
George Gruchy,

For the District of Raglan—
Joseph May,
William Thomas Buckland,
Robert Oliphant Stewart,
have been duly elected.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

THE following "Notice to Mariners" published for general information.

WILLIAM FOX.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

REEF OFF STEWART ISLE, NEW ZEALAND.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty,
London, 15th August, 1861.

It appears from an examination of the Weather book of the ship *Bruce*, Thomas Meiklejohn, Commander, in her passage from Otago by the South of New Zealand to Calcutta, in November last, when passing the South-east extreme of South or Stewart island, discovered a dangerous Reef which is not laid down in the Admiralty or any other Charts, or noticed in the New Zealand Pilot or Sailing Directions.

This danger which is described as two low rocks from 3 to 6 feet high, and close together, on which the sea breaks heavily, lies in the direct track of vessels closely rounding Stewart island in proceeding to or from the Southern settlements of New Zealand.

Its position, which appears to have been determined with some accuracy, is as follows:—
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, E. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. from Owen Island, off Lord's River.

5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, E. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. from the extreme of the Break Sea Isles.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, E. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. from Wreck Reef off Port Adventure.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. from East Head, north of Port Adventure.

Or, in latitude 47° 7' 35" S., and long. 168° 21' 35" E.

Soundings, though tried for, were not obtained in its neighbourhood, from the rapid rate of sailing of the ship in passing the danger.

Caution.—It is creditable to Captain Meiklejohn to have entered the discovery of this Reef in his Weather book; but it is greatly to be regretted that he did not take some steps immediately on his arrival at Calcutta or in England to make public the existence of this very serious danger which lies but little out of the sailing track of ships bound to the Southern settlements of New Zealand.

Had not the remark been seen by Rear-Admiral Fitz Roy (who was searching this book for Meteorological facts, and at once transmitted it to the Admiralty for publication) this reef might not have been heard of until it had caused the wreck of a vessel. On being applied to for further information, Captain Meiklejohn readily sent up his original Chart on which the reef was marked at the time, and there can be little doubt of its existence; Masters of vessels are therefore warned to keep a good look out in this neighbourhood. They are further requested on the discovery of any danger to report the same immediately on

arriving at the first port, in order that other vessels may be put on their guard, and for the general benefit of the Mariner.

[All bearings are Magnetic. Variation, 16° 20' East in 1861.]

By command of their Lordships,
JOHN WASHINGTON,
Hydrographer.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—New Zealand, General, No. 1212; Foveaux Strait and South Island, No. 2533; New Zealand Plans No. 2542; Pacific Ocean, General, No. 2683, and Sheet 10, No. 2468; and New Zealand Pilot, p. 224.

Attorney-General's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

ALEXANDER BACK, Esq.,

to be Sheriff of the District of Christchurch, in the Province of Canterbury.

HENRY SEWELL.

Attorney General's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

THOMAS WILKIAM DOWNES, Esq.,

to be Sheriff for the District of Marlborough.

HENRY SEWELL.

Attorney-General's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

BROOKE TAYLOR, Esq.,

of Napier, to be a Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court.

HENRY SEWELL.

General Post Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation of J. D. Ormond, Esq., as Postmaster at Ohinewha, Province of Hawke's Bay, and to appoint

THOMAS COWPER,

to be Postmaster at Wallingford, in the same Province, from the 1st December next.

CROSBIE WARD.

Office of Commissioner of Customs,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

Mr. ALEXANDER ROSE,

to be Sub-Collector of Customs at the Port of Timaru.

READER WOOD.

A TRUE and PERFECT SCHEDULE of all BALANCES paid into the Treasury of the Colony of New Zealand, at Auckland, from the 1st day of July, 1861, on account of DECEASED PERSONS' ESTATES Administered by THOMAS OUTHWAITE, Esquire, Registrar of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, as Official Administrator.

Names of Intestates.	Colonial Residence.	Supposed British Residence of Family.	Monies Received.	Payments made.	Balance in hands of the Registrar.	Balance paid into Treasury.	Remarks.
John Skelton, Timothy Dunn,	Matakana, near Auckland Auckland	Unknown, Unknown,	£ s. d. 33 16 6 130 8 3 164 4 9	£ s. d. 20 17 9 6 17 10 27 15 7	£ s. d. 12 18 9 123 10 5 136 9 2	

I, Thomas Outhwaite, Registrar of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above is a true and faithful Return of all Balances paid by me into the Treasury of the Colony of New Zealand, at Auckland, from the 1st day of July, to the 30th day of September, 1861, (both days inclusive), on account of Deceased Persons' Estates officially administered by me. Made and declared at Auckland, this 4th day of November, 1861, before me,
GEORGE ALFRED ARNEY, Chief Justice.

I certify that the balances above mentioned stood to the credit of the above mentioned Estates respectively, in account with the Colonial Treasurer on the 30th September, 1861.
READER WOOD, Colonial Treasurer.

THOMAS OUTHWAITE,

