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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
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THE following Despatch, with enclosure, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Downing Street,  
 9th February, 1867.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in transmitting to you a copy of a Warrant, issued under the Royal Sign Manual, under which the decoration of the Victoria Cross may be conferred on persons serving in the Local Forces, which are or may hereafter be raised in any of Her Majesty's Colonies.

I have to instruct you to take whatever steps may appear to you most likely to give publicity to this Warrant.

I have, &c.,  
 CARNARVON.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,  
 &c., &c., &c.

*Warrant for extending the Victoria Cross to the Local Forces in New Zealand and in the Colonies and their Dependencies generally.*

VICTORIA R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas by a Warrant under our Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of our principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at our Court at Buckingham Palace, the twenty-ninth day of January, 1856, in the nineteenth year of our Reign, we did constitute and create a new naval and military decoration to be styled and designated the Victoria Cross, which decoration we expressed our desire should be highly prized and eagerly sought after by the Officers and men of our naval and military services, and did also make, ordain, and establish the

rules and Ordinances therein set forth for the government of the same, to be thenceforth inviolably observed and kept.

And whereas during the progress of the operations which we have undertaken against the insurgent Native tribes in our Colony of New Zealand, it has happened that persons serving in the local forces of our said Colony have performed deeds of gallantry, in consideration of which they are not, according to the strict provisions of our said recited Warrant, eligible for this high distinction:

Now know ye, that we, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have thought fit hereby to signify our royal will and pleasure that the said decoration may be conferred on such persons aforesaid, who may be qualified to receive the same in accordance with the Rules and Ordinances made, ordained, and established by us for the government thereof, by our said recited Warrant, and we do by these Presents for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and appoint that it shall be competent for such persons aforesaid to obtain the said decoration in the manner set forth in the Rules and Ordinances referred to, or in accordance with such further Rules and Ordinances as may hereafter be made and promulgated by us, our heirs and Successors, for the government of the said decoration, provided that it be established in any case that the person was serving with our Troops, under the orders of a General or other Officer, under circumstances which would entitle an Officer or Soldier of our Army to be recommended for the said decoration, in accordance with the Rules and Ordinances prescribed in our said recited Warrant, and provided also such person shall be recommended for it by such General or other Officer.

And we do further, for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and appoint that the said decoration may also be conferred, in accordance with the Rules and Ordinances prescribed in our said recited Warrant, and subject to the provisions aforesaid, on such persons who may be qualified to receive the same in accordance with the said Rules and Ord-

nances, as may hereafter be employed in the Local Forces raised, or which may be raised in our Colonies and their Dependencies, who may be called upon to serve in co-operation with our Troops in military operations which it may be necessary to undertake for the suppression of rebellion against our authority, or for repelling invasion by a foreign enemy.

Given at our Court, at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this first day of January, 1867, in the thirtieth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
J. PEEL.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 6th May, 1867.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Letter to Major Heaphy, for general information.

T. M. HAULTAIN.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 1st May, 1867.

**S**IR,—I have great pleasure in informing you that His Excellency the Governor has received a Despatch, copy of which I enclose, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, stating that Her Majesty had signified Her intention of conferring the Victoria Cross on yourself, for your gallantry at the skirmish at Mangapiko, in February, 1864.

I have to convey to you His Excellency's congratulations, in which his Ministers cordially join, on your receiving this illustrious distinction, which your conduct on the occasion referred to has deservedly earned.

The decoration has been forwarded to the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Troops in New Zealand for presentation to you.

I have, &c.,  
T. M. HAULTAIN.

Major Heaphy, V.C.,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Auckland.

Downing Street,  
27th February, 1867.

**S**IR,—From my Circular Despatch of the sixth instant, you will learn that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to extend the decoration of the Victoria Cross to persons serving in the local forces in the Colonies.

I have now the pleasure to inform you that Her Majesty has signified Her intention of conferring the Cross on Major Heaphy, of the Auckland Militia, whose claims to this distinction were brought under the notice of Her Majesty's Government by your despatch of the 22nd November, 1864 (No. 169).

The decoration has been forwarded to the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Troops in New Zealand for presentation to Major Heaphy.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,  
&c., &c., &c.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 6th May, 1867.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

The Hon. JAMES CROWE RICHMOND, and  
The Hon. WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,

to be Commissioners of Stamp Duties under "The Stamp Duties' Act, 1866."

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th May, 1867.

**N**OTICE.—All persons in the service of the Government of New Zealand are hereby expressly warned not to give information relating to official matters to any one out of the strict course of official duty, directly or indirectly, without the express sanction of a responsible Minister, and no officer shall make any communication, directly or indirectly, to the Press, upon any matter affecting the Department in which he serves, or the business or the officers thereof, or relating to the Public Service, or to his own official position or acts, or upon any political subject connected with New Zealand, without the express permission or authority of such Minister.

Every violation of this regulation will be visited by dismissal from the Public Service, or such other penalty as the circumstances of the case may demand.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 6th May, 1867.

**I**T is hereby notified that a Writ issued for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives, for the Electoral District of Wanganui, has been returned with a certificate to the effect that

HENRY SHAFTO HARRISON,  
of Wanganui, has been duly elected.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 6th May, 1867.

**I**T is hereby notified that a Writ issued for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives, for the Electoral District of the City of Auckland West, has been returned with a certificate to the effect that

PATRICK DIGNAN,  
of Wyndham Street, Auckland, freeholder, has been duly elected.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 7th May, 1867.

**I**T is hereby notified that a Writ issued for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of the Town of New Plymouth, has been returned with a Certificate to the effect that

HARRY ALBERT ATKINSON,  
of New Plymouth, leaseholder, has been duly elected.

E. W. STAFFORD.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 2nd May, 1867.

**N**EW Zealand Inter-Provincial Steam Mail Services.—East Coast. Tenders will be received at this office until Friday, the seventh day of June, 1867, for the performance of one Steam Service monthly on the East Coast of New Zealand, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails, for the period of six months, commencing the 1st day of July, 1867, between Auckland and Port Chalmers, calling at Tauranga, Napier, Wellington, and Lyttelton, and back to Auckland by the same route, according to Time Table, a copy of which can be seen on application at this office; the Postmaster-General to have the power of determining the time table and route of the vessel during the continuance of the contract, provided no greater number of miles is required to be performed in each month.

A proper and secure room to be provided for the mails.

A chief-cabin passage, free of cost, to be provided, if required, for a Postal Officer.

The name, tonnage, and horse-power of the vessel proposed to be employed in this service, to be stated, and the vessel approved by the Postmaster-General, and subject to be surveyed by some person appointed by him whenever he may consider it necessary.

All mails to be landed and shipped by and at the expense of the Contractor.

The Postmaster-General to have the power of detaining the vessel for twenty-four hours at any port without charge; the rate of demurrage per diem, for any further detention to be stated.

Tenders to state the rate per diem for passages for Members of the General Assembly and Officers of the General Government, exclusive of wines, spirits, &c.

Tenders to be indorsed "Tender for New Zealand Inter-Provincial Steam Mail Service."

West Coast.—Tenders will also be received until the same date for a similar service *via* the West Coast, between Manukau and the Bluff, calling at New Plymouth, Nelson, Picton, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Port Chalmers, and back to Manukau by the same route.

The duration, period for commencing, and terms and conditions of the service, to be the same as those for the East Coast, except that the Government will land and ship the mails at New Plymouth.

(By order)

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT,  
Secretary.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 29th April, 1867.

THE following amended Notice with reference to Port Natal Lighthouse, has been received from the Government of Natal, and is published for general information.

JAMES M. BALFOUR,  
Marine Engineer.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A Lighthouse has been erected on the Bluff, at the south side of the entrance of Port Natal, at an elevation of 292 feet above high water, a light from which will be exhibited on the 23rd January, 1867.

The lighthouse is in latitude 29° 52' 50" S., and longitude 31° 3' 35" E.

The building is an iron tower, in the form of a frustum of a cone, 81 feet high, painted white; centre of light being 70 feet above the base, exhibiting a revolving white light of the second class (dioptric), attaining its greatest brilliancy once every minute.

It is visible in all directions from North (round by East and South), to S. 59° W.; and can be seen from a ship's deck 24 miles in clear weather.

The above light is not visible from the Aliwal Shoal, which is 25 miles S., 53° W., from the lighthouse; vessels should not, therefore, when coming from the southward and westward, approach the shore nearer than 4 miles, or shoal their water under 40 fathoms, using the lead freely until they make the light well out from the deck, when they may stand in until it bears N. 59° E.—which bearing will keep them outside all known danger—until they are abreast of the Umlazi River (about 9½ miles below the lighthouse), when they must keep it more to the northward, as the land trends more to the eastward, giving the shore a good berth of a mile, and when the light bears about W.N.W., they can haul in to the northward for the anchorage, anchoring in 8½ to

10 fathoms, with the lighthouse bearing S.W. to S.W. ½ S., distant 1 mile.

W. E. ARCHDEACON, Master R.N.,  
Admiralty Surveyor.

N.B.—The above bearings are magnetic.

IN the Supreme Court of New Zealand: Otago and Southland District.

In the matter of the Petition of GEORGE MURRAY (trading under the style or firm of "Murray, Kerr and Co."), of Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, merchant, a Debtor, and in the matter of "The Debtors and Creditors Act, 1862," and "The Debtors and Creditors Act Amendment Act, 1865."

UPON reading the order for sequestration and vesting the estate and effects of the abovenamed bankrupt, made in these matters on the eleventh day of September last, and upon hearing Mr. Dempsey of counsel for the abovenamed bankrupt: It is ordered that George Brodie, of Dunedin aforesaid, Inspector in Bankruptcy, and William Oram Ball, of Dunedin aforesaid, accountant, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees of the estate and effects of the said bankrupt: And it is further ordered that all the real and personal estate of the bankrupt shall vest in the said George Brodie and William Oram Ball, by virtue of their said appointment, and shall be held by them, their heirs, executors, and administrators, (except the wearing apparel of the said bankrupt which shall be retained by him,) upon and for the following trusts and purposes, namely:—

1. To sell, collect, and get in such real and personal estate, and receive the moneys arising therefrom, and execute all necessary conveyances and assurances thereof.

2. To retain and pay all expenses properly incurred of and attending such sale, collection, and getting in.

3. To pay the poundage and fees payable under the above-mentioned Acts.

4. To pay the costs properly incurred of and incidental to the Petition in these matters and subsequent thereto (such costs to be first taxed), and also to pay all costs and expenses in these matters which have been or shall be ordered by this Court or by any Judge thereof to be paid out of the estate of the bankrupt.

5. To distribute the net residue of the said trust moneys between and amongst and for the benefit of all the creditors of the bankrupt who were his creditors at the time of the presentation of the said Petition, and who shall duly prove their debts by affidavit filed in Court within six calendar months from the date of this Order, by way of *pro rata* distribution, subject to existing legal priorities, but so that the said creditors shall not receive more than twenty shillings in the pound, upon the amount of said respective debts.

6. To pay the ultimate surplus (if any) of the said trust moneys to the bankrupt.

Dated this seventeenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

By the Court,

(L.S.) ROBERT CHAPMAN,  
Registrar.

We, the within-named George Brodie and William Oram Ball, hereby accept the appointment of trustees made by the within order, and consent to hold the real and personal estate therein mentioned, upon and for the trusts and purposes therein expressed.

GEORGE BRODIE,  
W. ORAM BALL.

Witness to the signatures of the said George Brodie and William Oram Ball—

M. CREAGH,

Clerk to Henry Howorth, solicitor, Dunedin.

