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G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the seventeenth section of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The County of Westland Act, 1867," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time as he may think fit, by proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, to make regulations for the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of any Waste Lands of the Crown, and to alter the laws in force within the said County of Westland at the time of the coming into operation of the said Act, regulating the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of such lands within the said County of Westland, and to sell, let, and dispose thereof at such prices, and in such allotments, and generally in such manner as he shall deem expedient; and, in like manner, to alter, vary, or annul any such regulations and to make others: Provided that it shall not be lawful by any such regulations to authorize the sale of land classified under such regulations as rural land at a less price than ten shillings per acre: Provided also that nothing in the said seventeenth section of the said Act contained shall affect or authorize the making of regulations to affect any promise, contract, or engagement made by or on behalf of Her Majesty previously to the coming into operation of the said Act and then incomplete or unfulfilled:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred on me by the hereinbefore recited Act, do hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, make and proclaim the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto, for the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the County of Westland, and in pursuance and exercise of the

said power and authority and with the like advice and consent, proclaim and declare that the laws in force within the said County at the time of the coming into operation of "The County of Westland Act, 1867," regulating the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of such lands within the said County shall be altered in the manner provided in and by the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto. And in further pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, and with the like advice and consent, I do proclaim and declare that the said regulations shall come into force on the first day of May now next ensuing, except the regulations numbered three, four, and twelve, so far as the same empower the Governor to make the appointments and to fix the times and places as in the said regulations three, four, and twelve, provided.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

JOHN HALL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE, LETTING, OCCUPATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WASTE LANDS OF THE CROWN IN THE COUNTY OF WESTLAND.

1. All Acts and Regulations now in force in the County of Westland for the sale, letting,

disposal and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown are hereby repealed: Provided that nothing in these regulations shall affect any promise, contract, or engagement, made by or on behalf of the Crown previously to the coming into operation of these regulations, and then incomplete or unfulfilled. And nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to affect any licenses or leases for the occupation of Waste Lands for depasturing or other purposes heretofore lawfully granted or issued, and existing and being in force at the time of the coming into operation of these regulations, or during the currency of such licenses or leases, the Waste Lands thereunder, or the rights of the holders thereof, except when otherwise expressly provided; but such licenses and leases, and the rights of the holders thereof, and the Waste Lands held thereunder, shall be and continue to be during the term or currency of such licenses and leases, regulated by and subject to the laws in force regulating the same, and to which the same were subject immediately before the time of the coming into operation of these regulations, notwithstanding the repeal of such laws: Provided, however, that the Board hereby constituted shall, with respect to such licenses and leases and such unfulfilled contracts, promises, and engagements as aforesaid, have all the powers and authorities, and perform all the duties which with respect to such licenses, leases, promises, contracts, and engagements as were immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations, vested in, conferred, or imposed on any Waste Lands Board then existing, and on the first day of May, 1868, any such Waste Lands Board shall be dissolved: Provided also that "The Waste Lands Act, 1858," shall only be repealed where it is repugnant to or inconsistent with these regulations, and only so far as regards Waste Lands in the County of Westland; and all the powers and authorities by "The Waste Lands Act, 1858," vested in the Governor shall continue to be vested in him in like manner as if these regulations were included in the Schedule of "The Waste Lands Act, 1858."

2. All such Waste Lands shall, on and after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, be sold, let, disposed of, and occupied according to these regulations, and not otherwise.

II.—*The Waste Lands Boards.*

3. There shall be established a Board to be called the Waste Lands Board for the County of Westland, to consist of one Chief Commissioner, of the Receiver of Land Revenue for the County, and of not less than two nor more than four other Commissioners, all of whom shall be appointed and be removable by the Governor and shall hold office during pleasure.

4. The Waste Lands Board shall sit at the principal Land Office of the County, which shall be kept at the Town of Hokitika, and at certain stated times to be determined from time to time by the Governor, and shall also sit for special purposes at such places and at such times as the Governor shall from time to time direct; of which sittings due notice shall be given in the

Westland County Gazette, and one or more newspapers published in the County.

5. The Chief Commissioner, when present, and in his absence, then some member selected by those present at any meeting of the Board, shall preside thereat, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote in all questions coming before the Board.

6. All questions coming before the Board shall be decided by a majority of the Commissioners present thereat.

7. All meetings of the Board shall be attended by at least three Commissioners, and shall be open to the public.

8. All applications for land and for pasturage and for timber cutting licenses shall, after hearing evidence when necessary, be determined by the Board at some sitting thereof.

9. The Board shall have power to hear and determine all disputes between the holders of pasturage and timber licenses respecting the boundaries of runs and districts.

10. A book, to be called the "Application Book," shall be kept open during office hours at the Land Office, in which the name of every person desiring to make any application to the Board shall be written in order by himself, or any person authorized in writing on his behalf; and the Commissioners shall, during the sitting of the Board, consider and determine all applications in the order in which they shall appear in the Application Book: Provided that if any person shall not appear himself, or by some person duly authorized on his behalf, before the Board when called in his turn, his application shall be dismissed until his name shall appear again in the book in order: Provided also that if two or more persons shall apply at the same time to write their names in the Application Book, the Chief Commissioner or presiding Member shall bracket their names, and shall initial the bracket; and when they shall appear before the Board, the Board shall determine the priority of right to be heard by lot; and it shall not be lawful for the Board to hear any application except such as shall be made in accordance with this regulation.

11. The Board shall keep true and detailed minutes of all applications made to the Board, and all decisions thereon, and of all sums of money paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue, and generally of all the proceedings of the Board; and such minutes shall be signed by all the Commissioners present at any meeting; such minutes shall be open to the inspection of all persons desiring to inspect the same, at all reasonable hours, on payment of the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every such inspection.

III.—*Surveys.*

12. There shall be a Chief Surveyor for the County, who shall be appointed and removable by the Governor, and shall hold his office during pleasure, and as many Assistant Surveyors as shall be necessary, who shall be appointed and removable by the Chairman of the County Council, upon the recommendation of the Chief Surveyor, all of whom shall hold office during pleasure.

13. All surveys shall be conducted in such manner as the Board by any regulations to be

made in that behalf shall direct, subject to any regulations to be at any time, or from time to time, made by the Governor in Council.

14. Crown Grants of all lands sold under these regulations shall be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary for Crown Lands within one month after the completion of the sale, in the case of town lands, and within one month after the completion of the survey, in the case of suburban and rural lands.

IV.—*The Land Revenue.*

15. All payments to be made in respect of land and other payments to be made under the provisions of these regulations shall be made to the Receiver of Land Revenue during the sitting of the Board, and the Receiver shall thereupon give receipts for the same.

V.—*Public Reserves.*

16. Reserves for the uses of the Colonial Government and for other public purposes may be made by the Governor, by writing under his hand, and shall not be alienated from the specific purposes to which they shall have been severally dedicated, except under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, intituled "The Public Reserves Act, 1854:" and a full and complete description of every such reserve and of the purposes to which it shall have been dedicated shall, so soon as possible after it shall have been made, be published in the County of Westland *Gazette*, and set forth on the authenticated maps in the Land Office: Provided that the Waste Lands Board may temporarily reserve land for such purposes, and if such temporary reserve shall not be confirmed by the Governor, in manner aforesaid, within three months from the date at which such temporary reserve was made, such land shall thereupon cease to be so reserved. Schedules and plans of all public reserves shall be forwarded to the office of the Secretary for Crown Lands by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in all cases as soon as possible after such reserves shall have been set forth as aforesaid.

17. Reserves for public highways, bridle-paths, and footpaths shall be made by the Waste Lands Board, and shall be set forth on the authenticated maps in the Land Office.

18. The Waste Lands Board may temporarily reserve any land for the preservation or sale of the timber thereon; but such land may at any time cease to be so reserved upon a resolution of the County Council.

VI.—*Town Lands.*

19. The sites of towns shall from time to time be determined by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the County Council, and shall be notified by proclamation in the County of Westland *Gazette*, and all sites for towns determined to be such sites before the coming into operation of these regulations shall continue to be sites for towns as if determined hereunder.

20. Town lands shall be sold by public auction, in sections, the size and upset price of which shall be determined by the Governor on the recommendation of the County Council; and having been so determined for each town severally, such upset price shall not be diminished; and all town lands, the size and upset price of which have been

determined before the coming into operation of these regulations, shall be sold under these regulations, in and according to such sizes and prices so determined as if determined under these regulations, unless otherwise determined hereunder.

21. The time and place of every auction sale shall be fixed by the Waste Lands Board, and shall be notified in the County of Westland *Gazette*, and one or more newspapers circulating in the County, at least thirty days before such sale shall take place.

22. No such notification of any sale of town lands shall be published until a map of the town, signed by the Chief Surveyor, shall have been laid open for public inspection in the Land Office; and such map shall set forth, accurately delineated, the town sections numbered consecutively, so far as laid out, showing the sections to be submitted for sale.

23. Town sections may be put up to auction, either by order of the Waste Lands Board, or upon the application of some person who shall, at the time of making such application, deposit ten per cent. of the upset price with the Receiver of Land Revenue. Such deposit shall, if no advance on the upset price be made, be considered as the deposit upon the sale at such public auction.

24. If any town section shall at the auction sale be purchased by other than the original applicant, the deposit money shall be returned on demand.

25. Ten days at least before any such auction sale, a list of all the sections about to be offered for sale shall be published in one or more newspapers of the County.

26. Every auction sale of land shall be held by the Commissioners in open court, as hereinbefore provided,

27. The person who shall be declared the highest bidder at such auction shall immediately pay a deposit of ten per cent. of the purchase money to the Receiver of Land Revenue, and in default thereof, the section shall be again immediately put up to auction.

28. The remainder of the purchase money shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue in full, within fifteen days after the day of sale; and in default thereof the purchaser shall forfeit his deposit money, and also all right or title to the land; and the section may be sold to any person applying for the same for the price at which it was knocked down at the auction; and, if not so sold, the section may be again put up to auction at any future sale.

29. Upon payment of the purchase money in full, the purchaser shall receive from the Commissioners a License to Occupy, in the form set forth in Schedule A. to these regulations, and such license shall be delivered up upon receipt of a Crown Grant of the land purchased.

30. Any occupant of town sections, not being reserves, in Hokitika, Greymouth, or Okarita, who shall prove to the satisfaction of the Waste Lands Board, within two months after the coming into operation of these regulations, that he has erected improvements on such sections to the value of twenty-five pounds or upwards, shall be allowed to purchase such sections at a fixed price

to be determined in the case of each section by the Governor, on the recommendation of the County Council; but if such occupant shall not complete the purchase at such fixed price within two months after the same shall have been determined, such section shall be put up to auction in the ordinary way without any valuation for improvements.

31. Any occupant of town sections, not being reserves, who shall prove to the satisfaction of the Waste Lands Board, that he has before the tenth October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, erected improvements on such sections to the value of twenty-five pounds or upwards, and has, before the first January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, applied to the Waste Lands Board in Christchurch, to have such sections put up to auction with the value of such improvements added to the upset price, shall be entitled to have such sections put up to auction accordingly, at an upset price to be determined by the Governor on the recommendation of the County Council, with the value of such improvements to be determined by the Waste Lands Board added thereto; and the amount of such valuation shall be paid to such occupant by the Receiver of Land Revenue, so soon after the auction as the purchase money of such sections shall have been paid to the Receiver. If such sections shall not at such auction realize such upset price with such improved value added, they shall then be put up to auction at the upset price without any addition whatever.

VII.—*Suburban and Rural Land.*

32. Waste Lands of the Crown in the County of Westland, not being town land, may, from time to time, be declared open for sale by the Waste Lands Board, by proclamation in the County of Westland Gazette. Such proclamation shall define the boundaries and position of the blocks of land so proclaimed open for sale, and shall classify the same as suburban land or first-class rural land or second class rural land.

33. All suburban or rural lands (but not lands within any proclaimed township) sold under the provisions of these regulations shall after sale be open to entry by miners for the purpose of mining for gold subject to rules and regulations to be from time to time made by the Governor in Council in that behalf.

34. It shall be lawful for the Waste Lands Board, at any time within five years from the date at which a Crown Grant shall be issued for any land sold as suburban or rural land, to cause to be laid out and reserved through such lands such roads, tramways, or railways as such Board may think fit. Upon the survey of all lands sold as suburban or rural land there shall be added an amount equal to five per cent. of the total acreage so sold for the purposes of such roads, tramways, and railways as aforesaid.

35. Persons who shall prove to the satisfaction of the Waste Lands Board that they have previous to the seventeenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight made improvements to the value of not less than thirty pounds on land declared open for sale as suburban or rural land shall have a pre-emptive right of purchase over the lands in which such improvements have been

made to the extent of not more than ten acres of suburban land at the fixed price of three pounds per acre, and fifty acres of rural land at one pound, or two pounds per acre, according to the class in which such rural land shall be placed. Such pre-emptive right shall, however, be forfeited unless claimed within one month from the date at which such lands have been proclaimed open for sale, and unless the purchase be completed within three months from such date.

36. Every section of suburban or rural land shall be in one block, and, except as hereinafter provided, of a rectangular form.

37. In the interpretation of these regulations a frontage line shall be taken to mean the boundary of a road, river, or public reserve, or any stream or watercourse which shall have been declared by notification in the County of Westland Gazette to constitute a frontage for the purpose of selection.

38. Where, from the frontage not being a straight line, or from the interference of other frontage lines, natural features, or the boundaries of private lands, the rules provided in these regulations in respect of form cannot be accurately observed, the form of the section shall be determined as nearly in accordance with these rules as, in the judgment of the Board circumstances will admit.

VIII.—*Suburban Land.*

39. Land in the vicinity of townships or other centres of population may, when declared by the Waste Lands Board to be open for sale, be classified as suburban land.

40. Suburban land shall be sold by auction at an upset price of three pounds per acre, in blocks of not less than five nor more than twenty acres. The provisions of these regulations in respect of the sale of town lands by auction shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the sale by auction of suburban land except that the amount of deposit to be paid by the person upon whose application any suburban land shall be put up to auction, or who shall at the auction be declared to be the highest bidder shall be twenty-five per cent. of the upset price, or of the purchase money realized at auction respectively, and that the purchaser of any suburban land shall, after payment of a deposit in respect thereof, be allowed one month to pay the remainder of the purchase money.

41. Every section of suburban land if bounded by a frontage line shall be of a depth of twelve chains and a half from such frontage.

42. In sections of suburban land not adjacent to or bounded by a frontage line, all the sides may be equal; but one side may not be less than one-third of the other, and such section shall be not less than twelve and a half chains distant from a frontage line.

43. Upon payment of the purchase money in full for any suburban land the purchaser shall receive from the Commissioners a license to occupy in the form set forth in Schedule B. to these regulations, and such license shall be delivered up upon receipt of a Crown Grant of the land purchased.

IX.—*Rural Land.*

44. (A.) All first-class rural land shall be open for sale at a fixed uniform price of two pounds per

acre in blocks of not less than thirty acres in extent.

(b.) All second class rural land shall be open for sale at a fixed uniform price of one pound per acre in blocks of not less than fifty acres.

45. Every section of rural land if bounded by a frontage line shall be of a depth of half a mile from such frontage.

46. In sections of rural land not adjacent to or bounded by a frontage line, all the sides may be equal; but one side may not be less than one-third of the other, and such section shall not be less than half a mile distant from a frontage line.

47. Save as herein provided, no section of first class rural land shall be sold containing less than thirty acres, and no section of second class rural land shall be sold containing less than fifty acres; but any section so limited by frontage lines or private lands as to contain less than thirty acres or fifty acres respectively may be sold by auction at the upset price of forty shillings per acre, or twenty shillings per acre, as the case may be; the time and place of sale and the mode of sale and payment of purchase money to be as nearly as may be in accordance with the regulations herein contained applicable to the sale of town land.

48. Immediately on the payment of the purchase money for any rural land, the purchaser shall receive from the Commissioners a License to Occupy in the form set forth in the Schedule C. hereunto annexed; and as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, the land shall be laid off by a Government Surveyor as nearly in accordance with the description given by the purchaser in his application as these regulations will admit: Provided always that should any section when surveyed prove to differ in any respect from that intended by the purchaser, the Government will not be responsible for any loss or inconvenience which the purchaser may experience, nor will the purchase money be returned: Provided also that if the Surveyor shall find that the whole extent of land in the selected locality falls short of the quantity paid for by the purchaser, the Receiver of Land Revenue shall repay so much of the purchase money as exceeds the price of the land to be conveyed. The License to Occupy shall, in any case, be amended by the Commissioners in accordance with the report of the Surveyor, and the Crown Grant shall be made out in accordance therewith; and the license shall be delivered up when the Crown Grant shall be issued.

X.—*Pasturage.*

49. All Waste Lands not declared open for sale, and not required as commonage for stock, may be occupied for pasturage purposes by persons holding annual licenses from the Waste Lands Board to occupy the same, in blocks of not less than 500 acres.

50. Any person applying for a pasturage license shall state to the Commissioners what are the boundaries and extent of the run applied for.

51. The fee to be paid for the license shall be at the rate of sixpence per acre per annum for the lands included in such license, and shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue in advance on the issue of the license.

52. If upon the expiration of any annual pas-

turage license it shall appear to the Waste Lands Board expedient to issue a further license to depasture the land included in such first-mentioned license the Board shall grant such further annual license to the holder of the license so expired upon payment of the rent provided in these regulations.

53. Every annual pasturage license shall be in the form set forth in the Schedule D. to the Waste Lands Regulations, and shall be transferable by endorsement in the form set forth in such Schedule, and such transfer shall be deemed to be complete upon notice thereof being duly given to the Waste Lands Board, and not before. A pasturage license shall entitle the holder thereof to the exclusive right of pasturage over the land specified therein upon the terms herein stated. Such license shall give no right to the soil or to the timber, and shall immediately determine over any land which may be reserved or declared open for sale under these regulations. A reasonable right of way shall be allowed through all pasturage runs, as well as free right of entry to miners for the purpose of mining or searching for gold.

XI.—*Timber.*

54. Upon the application of any person desirous of cutting and removing timber from Waste Lands of the Crown it shall be lawful for the Waste Lands Board to issue a license authorizing him to do so.

55. Every timber-cutting license for cutting or removing timber shall be issued for one month, or for one year, at the request of the person applying for the same; and a fee of ten shillings shall be paid upon every monthly license, and of five pounds upon every yearly license.

56. A license shall entitle no one but the person named thereon to cut down the standing timber, but it will authorize him to employ any number of persons, during the term of the license, to saw, split, or remove the timber so cut; and such license shall not be transferable.

57. A license to cut timber shall extend only to the district named therein.

58. If any person duly licensed shall have established a sawpit for the purpose of sawing timber, no other person shall cut timber within fifty yards of such pit without consent of the person first occupying such sawpit: Provided that if the person establishing such pit shall not use the same, and shall not cut timber within such distance as aforesaid from the pit for twenty-eight consecutive days, it shall be lawful to any other holder of a license to enter thereupon, and to cut timber as though such pit had not been established.

59. If any person shall, for the purpose of removing timber, have made a road upon land being the Waste Lands of the Crown and not being a highway, it shall not be lawful for any other person to use the same without the permission of the person making the same first obtained: Provided that if such road shall not be used at any time for ninety consecutive days, it shall be lawful for any holder of a license at any time thereafter to use the same.

60. If any person holding a timber license shall be proved before the Waste Lands Board to have offended against any regulations herein contained respecting timber, or to have wilfully

or negligently injured or destroyed by fire or otherwise any timber belonging to the Crown, such license shall be, and shall be immediately declared to be forfeited, and it shall be at the discretion of the Board to refuse to issue another timber license to the same person.

SCHEDULE A.

COUNTY OF)
WESTLAND.)

License to Occupy Town Lands.

WHEREAS of hath been duly declared, the purchaser for the sum of pounds shillings and pence, of the section of the Waste Lands of the Crown hereinafter described, and hath this day paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue for the County of Westland, the said sum of pounds shillings and pence, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged: Now know all men and these presents witness, that We, in pursuance of the powers vested in us as Commissioners of the Waste Lands Board for the said County, do hereby authorize and empower the said his heirs or assigns, at any time after the date hereof, to enter upon all that section of land situated in street, in the town of marked No. in the authenticated map of the said town in the Land Office at Hokitika, and containing acres, or thereabouts, being the section of land so purchased as aforesaid, and to hold and enjoy the same for his and their absolute use and benefit.

Given under our hands at the Sitting of the Waste Lands Board, held at on the day of 18

SCHEDULE B.

COUNTY OF)
WESTLAND.)

License to Occupy Suburban Land.

WHEREAS of hath been duly declared the purchaser for the sum of pounds shillings and pence, of the section of the Waste Lands of the Crown hereinafter described, and hath this day paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue for the County of Westland, the said sum of pounds shillings and pence, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged: Now know all men and these presents witness, that We, in pursuance of the powers vested in us as Commissioners of the Waste Lands Board for the said County, do hereby authorize and empower the said his heirs or assigns, at any time after the date hereof, to enter upon all that section of land situate and bounded as hereinafter described, that is to say, and to hold and enjoy the same for his and their absolute use and benefit, subject nevertheless to the regulations now in force for the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the County of Westland.

Given under our hands at the sitting of the Waste Lands Board, held at on the day of 18

SCHEDULE C.

COUNTY OF)
WESTLAND.)

License to Occupy Rural Land.

WHEREAS of hath been duly declared the purchaser for the sum of pounds shillings and pence, of the section of the Waste Lands of the Crown hereinafter described, and hath this day paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue for the County of Westland the said sum of pounds shillings and pence, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged: Now know all men and these presents witness, that We, in pursuance of the powers vested in us as Commissioners of the Waste Lands Board for the said County, do hereby authorize and empower the said his heirs or assigns, at any time after the date hereof, to enter upon all that section of land situate and bounded as hereinafter described, that is to say, and to hold and to enjoy the same for his and their absolute use and benefit, subject nevertheless to the regulations now in force for the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the County of Westland.

Given under our hands at the sitting of the Waste Lands Board, held at on the day of 18

SCHEDULE D.

COUNTY OF)
WESTLAND.)

License to Depasture Stock.

WHEREAS of hath been duly declared to be entitled to a license to depasture stock upon the Waste Lands of the Crown within the County of Westland, hereinafter specified, upon the terms and upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned: Now therefore, We, in pursuance of the powers vested in us as Commissioners of the Waste Lands Board for the said County, do hereby grant to the said the exclusive license, from and after the date hereof, until the day of next, to depasture stock upon the land situate and bounded as hereinafter described, that is to say and containing acres or thereabouts, subject nevertheless to all the provisions and conditions contained in the Waste Lands Regulations now in force within the County of Westland.

Given under our hands at the sitting of the Waste Lands Board, held at on the day of 18

ENDORSEMENT.

I, the within named for valuable consideration to me paid by of do hereby transfer to the said the within written Pasturage License, and all my estate and interest therein.

Witness my hand this day of 18
Witness

Approved in Council:

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

IN pursuance of the powers vested in me by the Regulations contained in the Schedule to the proclamation dated the twentieth instant, by the Governor in Council, of Regulations for the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of the Waste Lands within the County of Westland:

I, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint the first and second Tuesday in every month, from the month of May next inclusive, to be the days on which, at the hour of noon, the Waste Lands Board of the said County of Westland, shall sit at the principal Land Office of the said County, at the Town of Hokitika.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

JOHN HALL.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

IN pursuance of the power vested in me by the Regulations contained in the Schedule to the proclamation dated the twentieth instant, by the Governor in Council, of Regulations for the sale, letting, disposal, occupation, and management of the Waste Lands within the County of Westland:

I, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint on and from the first day of May next,

GEORGE SAMUEL SALE, Esq.,
to be Chief Commissioner of the Waste Lands Board of the said County of Westland, and

JAMES ALEXANDER BONAR, Esq.,
and

MALCOLM FRASER, Esq.,

to be Commissioners of the said Board; such Chief Commissioner and Commissioners to hold their respective offices during my pleasure.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

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I, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint, on and from the first day of May next,

MALCOLM FRASER, Esq.,

to be the Chief Surveyor for the said County of Westland, to hold such office during my pleasure.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

JOHN HALL.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, the parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto annexed was, by the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, upon the recommendation of the Provincial Council thereof, reserved for the purposes of a Congregational Church. And whereas by "The County of Westland Act, 1867," it is enacted that the Governor of New Zealand shall have, with respect to all Public Reserves in the County of Westland, all the powers conferred upon the Superintendent and Provincial Council by grant under "The Public Reserves Act, 1854." And whereas by "The Public Reserves Act, 1854," it is enacted that the specific purposes for which any reserve in any Province shall be held may be changed, and the same lands may be appropriated to other and different purposes of public utility for the public service of such Province, provided that no such change or non-appropriation shall be made without the authority of an Act or Ordinance of the Provincial Council of such Province to be duly passed in that behalf: And whereas it is expedient that the purposes for which the said parcel of land was reserved should be changed:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance of all powers and authorities vested in me in this behalf, do hereby ordain and direct that the purposes for which the said parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto

annexed were reserved as aforesaid shall be changed, and that the same shall henceforth be appropriated to the purposes of a site for a Presbyterian Church and Schools in connection therewith, instead of for the purposes of a Congregational Church.

SCHEDULE.

One acre and two roods, more or less, situate in the township of Hokitika, having frontage to Tancred Street, Sewell Street, and the southern side of Stafford Street, and being Sections numbers 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, and 736, on the map of the Chief Surveyor, setting out and describing the said township.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

JOHN HALL.

Wellington, 31st January, 1868.

NOTICE to all persons having dealings with Natives in Native Land.—Purchasers, lessees, and others having dealings with aboriginal natives in respect of lands, the titles to which have passed through the Native Land Court, are hereby warned that all transfers of estates and interests so derived are invalid until the duty payable under the fifty-fifth section of "The Native Lands Act, 1865," has been paid, and the Colonial Treasurer's receipt endorsed upon the deed.

With as little delay as possible after execution of the deed of assurance, it should be presented for assessment at the Registry of Deeds for the Province in which the lands are situate accompanied by an affidavit of the transferee, his solicitor, or some other person competent to speak to the facts, stating that the full consideration money directly or indirectly paid on the transaction is expressed in the deed. Any deception or concealment in this respect will subject the parties to severe penalties.

On being satisfied that the true consideration is expressed, the Registrar will certify the amount of duty payable on the transaction. The deed together with the Registrar's certificate should then be presented at the Treasury, and the amount of the assessment paid. The Treasurer will endorse his receipt upon the deed after which it may be registered upon payment of the usual fees.

It should be particularly borne in mind that if the duty is not paid within six months from the date of the execution of the deed, the party liable to pay the same will be subject to a penalty of three times the amount of duty payable. And that the Treasury will not accept payment of duty, except on production of the Registrar's certificate.

It should also be particularly observed that under the provisions of "The Native Lands Act, 1867," in any case where a notification has been made by the Chief Judge of the Native Lands Court, to the Secretary of Crown Lands, that any fees are due and unpaid for the survey of the land comprised in a certificate issued by that Court, the Crown Grant of the same land cannot be registered until the said Judge shall have notified that payment of such fees has been made.

ALFRED DOMETT,
Registrar-General of Land.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership hitherto subsisting between us, the undersigned Charles Cook and John Valentine Ross, as chemists and druggists, at Christchurch and Timaru, in the Province of Canterbury, under the style or firm of "Cook and Ross," was on the thirtieth day of November last dissolved by mutual consent.

As witness our hands this fifth day of March, 1868.

CHAS. COOK.

Witness to the signature of the said Charles Cook—ARTHUR PERRY, solicitor, Timaru.

JOHN V. ROSS.

Witness to the signature of the said John Valentine Ross—A. JAMESON, of Christchurch, articled clerk.

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GEO. DIDSBURY,
Government Printer

Government Printing Office,
Wellington, 7th January, 1868.