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**NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.**

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G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS by "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 the said Act, and the limits of such districts from time to time to alter as occasion may require, and that the Governor in Council shall assign every such district to a Judge or Judges of the Court, who shall have within the same all the powers and jurisdiction by the said Act given to the Court: And whereas by a Proclamation bearing date the twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred by the said Act, did constitute the judicial district called "The Otago and Southland District": And whereas by a Proclamation bearing date the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, did assign "The Otago and Southland District" aforesaid to Christopher William Richmond, Esquire, and Henry Samuel Chapman, Esquire, Judges of the said Court: And whereas by a Proclamation bearing date the twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, did assign the judicial districts called "The Westland and Nelson Districts" to the said Christopher William Richmond, Esquire: And whereas the said Henry Samuel Chapman, Esquire, having obtained leave of absence, is about to leave the said Colony for a time: And whereas by an Order in Council made pursuant to "The Supreme Court Judges Act, 1858," Charles Dudley Robert Ward, Esquire, has been appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court, from and after the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, to hold office during His Excellency's pleasure:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, do hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the

said Colony, proclaim and declare that I assign the judicial district of the Supreme Court, called

THE OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT,  
to Charles Dudley Robert Ward, Esquire, a Judge of the said Court.

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 twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Approved in Council:

FORSTER GOBING,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS by "The District Courts Act, 1858," it is enacted that there shall be within the Colony Courts of Record possessing civil and criminal jurisdiction, to be called District Courts, and the Governor is empowered from time to time, as he shall think fit, by Proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette*, to constitute throughout the Colony, or in any part thereof, districts within which such Courts shall be respectively held, and such districts to abolish and the boundaries thereof to define and alter: And whereas by a Proclamation bearing date the second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the sixth day of January, in the year last aforesaid, His Excellency the Governor did constitute and define the districts in and by the said Proclamation described and referred to, and named therein respectively the Wellington District,

the Wanganui District, the Nelson District, and the Marlborough District: And whereas it is expedient to abolish the said districts:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority in that behalf vested in me, do hereby proclaim and declare that

THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT,  
THE WANGANUI DISTRICT,  
THE NELSON DISTRICT, and  
THE MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT,

as the same districts are respectively described or referred to in the Proclamation of the second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six aforesaid, shall be and remain abolished from and after the thirtieth day of September instant.

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 twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

E. W. STAFFORD.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

**WHEREAS** by "The Otago Municipal Corporations Empowering Act, 1865," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint the person elected to be Mayor of any city or incorporated town as therein mentioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony, provided that in every such case such appointment shall continue no longer than the mayoralty of such person: And whereas James Hazlett, Esquire, has been elected Mayor of the incorporated Town of Clyde:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me in that behalf, do hereby appoint the said

JAMES HAZLETT, Esq.,

to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

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 twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

E. W. STAFFORD.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

**WHEREAS** by "The Otago Municipal Corporations Empowering Act, 1865," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint the person elected to be Mayor of any city or incorporated town as therein mentioned to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony, provided that in every such case such appointment shall continue no longer than the mayoralty of such person: And whereas John Smith, Esquire, has been elected Mayor of the Corporation of West Hawksbury:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me in that behalf, do hereby appoint the said

JOHN SMITH, Esq.,

to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

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 twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

E. W. STAFFORD.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

**I**N pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in this behalf enabling me, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby fix and appoint that sittings of the District Court of the Otago Gold Fields, additional to those already appointed, shall be held as follows:—

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Lawrence, on the second Tuesday in December next.

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Naseby, on the second Wednesday in January next.

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Clyde, on the Monday next after the second Wednesday in January next.

In the Resident Magistrate's Court at Queens-town, on the Monday second after the second Wednesday in January next.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this sixteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

E. W. STAFFORD.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-third day of September, 1868.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

**WHEREAS** by "The Supreme Court Judges Act, 1858," it is enacted that the Commission of the present Chief Justice, and of every Chief Justice and other Judge of the said Court to be thereafter appointed (except as hereinafter provided), should be and continue in full force during their good behaviour, and that it should be lawful for the Governor in Council, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, at any time during the illness or absence of a Judge so appointed as aforesaid, or for any other temporary purpose, to appoint a Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court, to hold office during His Excellency's pleasure:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, doth hereby appoint

CHARLES DUDLEY ROBERT WARD, Esq., from and after the first day of October, to be a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. To hold office during His Excellency's pleasure.

FORSTER GORING,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, the twenty-third day of September, 1868.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1865," it is among other things enacted, that the Governor in Council may from time to time appoint, in and for each Mining District, some proper person to be Official Agent in and for such district, and may require of such person such security as he shall think fit:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, do hereby appoint

ARCHIBALD SCOTT, Esq.,

to be Official Agent, subject to the provisions contained in the said Act, in and for the Mining District of the County of Westland, *vice* Andrew Roby Bloxam, Esquire, resigned; and I do hereby require of the said Archibald Scott security by bond, with two approved sureties, in the form and to the amount specified in the Schedule hereto.

FORSTER GORING,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

SCHEDULE.

Know all men by these presents that we, Archibald Scott, of \_\_\_\_\_, and<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, are held and firmly bound unto Her Majesty Queen Victoria in the sum of two hundred pounds sterling, to be paid to our said Lady the Queen, her heirs and successors, for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and every of us, jointly and severally, for and in the whole, and the heirs, executors, and administrators of us and every of us, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals.

Dated this<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

WHEREAS the said Archibald Scott has been appointed an Official Agent under "The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1865;" and whereas the above bounden<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have agreed to join with the said Archibald Scott in the above-written bond or obligation, as the sureties of the said Archibald Scott for the due and faithful performance of the duties of his said office:

Now the condition of the above-written obligation is such that if the said Archibald Scott from time to time, so long as he shall continue and be employed in the said office, shall duly perform the duties of the said office, and duly account for and pay over all moneys which shall come into his possession or be under the control of himself or his agents by reason of or by virtue of his said office or employment, and shall from time to time observe and keep all such orders and instructions as he shall receive from the Governor of New Zealand for the time being touching the due performance and execution of the duties of the said office; and shall from time to time and at all times hereafter, so long as he shall hold the said office, well and truly, faithfully and honestly, to the best of his skill and ability, exercise, obey, discharge, and perform all the duties thereof, and also all the powers, directions, duties, and obligations given to, conferred upon, or to be performed and discharged by him under any law for the time being relating to the said office; and

shall, when thereunto required, deliver up all books, deeds, orders, and decrees of the Judges of the District Court or of the Supreme Court, vouchers and other papers relating to the said office, and also such commission, warrant, or authority as he hath received or shall receive from the Governor to such person as the Governor shall direct and appoint to receive the same, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Archibald Scott<sup>4</sup> and<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

(L.S.)  
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(L.S.)

<sup>1</sup> Names of sureties at length, places of residence, and additions.

<sup>2</sup> Date of first signature in words at length.

<sup>3</sup> Names of sureties at length.

<sup>4</sup> Names of sureties at length.

<sup>5</sup> A seal is to be affixed for each party and the bond is to be signed in the presence of two witnesses, who must sign their names, adding their residences and occupations.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

IT is hereby notified that, in conformity with clause three of "The Otago Municipal Corporations Act, 1865," the name of the following person has been sent to this office by the Town Clerk, as having been elected Mayor of West Hawkesbury:—

JOHN SMITH, Esq.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

VINCENT PYKE, Esq.,

to be Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Dunstan, as the same is defined in Proclamation of 20th January 1868, and published in *New Zealand Gazette* No. 5, of 23rd January, 1868; *vice* Lowther Broad, Esquire, resigned.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue Letters of Naturalization, under "The Aliens Act, 1866," in favour of the undermentioned persons, namely:—

Name.	Residence.	Occupation.	Date.
Correnten Jezequel	Hauhau, near Hokitika	Gardener ...	1868. 18th Sept.
Peter Johnson ...	Wellington ...	Labourer ...	do.
Frederick Elm-branch	Wakaroa, Hawke's Bay	Fencer, and keeper of an accommodation house	do.
Christian Friederich Rudolph Neumann	Waimate, Auckland	Storekeeper	do.
William Henry Schultz	Havelock, Hawke's Bay	Storekeeper	19th Sept.
Ernest Fredric Diehl	Otepopo, Otago	Farmer ...	do.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

ENQUIRIES having been made respecting the undermentioned persons, any one who can

furnish any information respecting them is requested to communicate the same to this office.

Name—George Brown.

Occupation—labourer ;  
Age—27 years ;  
Height—5 feet 6 inches ;  
Usual residence before coming to this Colony—  
Walleroo, S.A.  
Where last heard of—Hoho Creek, N.Z.

Name—Charles Brown.

Occupation—barman ;  
Age—25 years ;  
Height—5 feet 5½ inches ;  
Usual residence before coming to this Colony—  
Adelaide, S.A.  
Where last heard of—New Zealand.

W. GISBORNE,  
Under-Secretary.

Office of the Commissioner of Customs,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

IT is hereby notified for general information, that  
JAMES HACKWORTH, Esq.,  
has been appointed to act as Deputy Collector at the  
Port of Wellington, and Licensing Officer under  
"The Arms Act, 1860."

J. C. RICHMOND,  
Commissioner of Customs.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 19th September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to  
appoint

Major CHARLES LAMBERT

to be a Commandant in the Armed Constabulary.  
Date of commission, 18th September, 1868.

DANIEL POLLEN  
(for Colonel Haultain).

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 21st September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to  
make the undermentioned promotions and  
appointments, viz. :—

*In the Armed Constabulary.*

Sub-Inspector George Imlach Cumming to be In-  
spector. Date of commission, 8th September,  
1868.

David Scannell to be Sub-Inspector. Date of com-  
mission, 8th September, 1868.

*In the New Zealand Militia.*

Lieutenant Walter Edward Gudgeon to be Captain.  
Date of commission, 15th September, 1868.

Frank Pringle to be Lieutenant. Date of commis-  
sion, 15th September, 1868.

Ensign Charles Hirtzell to be Lieutenant. Date of  
commission, 16th September, 1868.

*In the Hutt Rifle Volunteers.*

Lieutenant William Alfred Fitzherbert to be Captain.  
Date of commission, 7th September, 1868.

Ensign George Farmer to be Lieutenant. Date of  
commission, 7th September, 1868.

George Wood to be Ensign. Date of commission,  
7th September, 1868.

*In the Marlborough Rangers Volunteers.*

Thomas Philpotts to be Lieutenant. Date of com-  
mission, 28th March, 1868.

*In the Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry Cadet  
Volunteers.*

Edward Giraud to be Honorary Lieutenant. Date  
of commission, 7th September, 1868.

DANIEL POLLEN  
(in the absence of Colonel Haultain).

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 21st September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to  
accept the resignation of the commissions held  
by the undermentioned officers, viz. :—  
Captain Battersbee, Wellington Militia.  
Lieutenant M. G. Roddy, Taranaki Militia.  
Ensign A. C. P. Macdonald, No. 1 Company  
Wellington Rifle Volunteers.

DANIEL POLLEN  
(in the absence of Colonel Haultain).

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 21st September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to  
discontinue the services of

The Waipawa Cavalry Volunteers.

The undermentioned gentleman has therefore ceased  
to hold the rank of officer in the corps, his com-  
mission having, under the provisions of "The Volun-  
teer Act, 1865," lapsed :—

F. M. CHAPMAN, Esq., late Lieutenant.

DANIEL POLLEN  
(in the absence of Colonel Haultain).

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 21st September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to  
disband the undermentioned Corps, viz. :—

The Dunstan District Rifle Volunteers.

DANIEL POLLEN  
(in the absence of Colonel Haultain).

Treasury,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to  
appoint

ANDREW ALEXANDER, Esq.,

to be Paymaster for Postal and Telegraph Services  
at Charleston, Nelson.

JOHN HALL.

CONVERSION OF THE PUBLIC DEBTS OF NEW  
ZEALAND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF "THE  
CONSOLIDATED LOAN ACT, 1867."

THE Government of New Zealand is prepared,  
under the powers granted by the Act above men-  
tioned, to issue in exchange for such of the various  
Colonial and Provincial Securities as are now in  
circulation new Debentures of uniform character,  
charged on the Consolidated Revenue of New  
Zealand.

These new debentures will bear interest at the  
rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly,  
and the principal will be repaid at par by a one per  
cent. cumulative sinking fund, applied by annual  
drawings to the extinction of the debt. By this  
process the whole amount will be paid off in about  
thirty-six years.

The debentures will be made to represent sums of  
£1,000, £500, £200, and £100 respectively, and  
fractions of the latter amount which may be unavoid-  
able in the conversion will be adjusted either by the  
issue of one debenture, or by the payment of the  
difference in money.

Scrip certificates will at first be issued in exchange  
for the bonds withdrawn, and these will afterwards  
be replaced by debentures of the new issue.

The annual drawings will take place in the month  
of March, commencing in 1869, and will be conducted  
in the presence of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
of any debenture holders who may be pleased to

attend, and of a notary public. The debentures drawn will be paid off at par on the 15th April following, together with the interest due thereon.

The days on which such drawings will take place, and the numbers and values of the debentures drawn, will be duly notified by advertisement in the *London Gazette* and *The Times*.

Applications for conversion from persons residing in New Zealand or the Australian Colonies, will be received by Penrose G. Julyan, Esquire, and W. C. Sargeant, Esquire, Crown Agents for the Colonies, whose office is in Spring Gardens, London, at any time not later than the 1st of December next, after which date the right of altogether closing the operation is reserved.

Forms of application and information as to the terms upon which such conversion will be made may be obtained on application to the Crown Agents, or to the brokers, Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Daniell, and Co., 3, Lombard-street, and Messrs. J. and A. Sringeur, 18, Old Broad-street, London.

Persons residing in New Zealand or the Australian Colonies desirous of making such conversion must transmit their securities to some Agent in London, in order that such securities may be given up on the issue of the scrip certificates.

JOHN HALL.

The Treasury,  
Wellington, New Zealand,  
31st August, 1868.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to abolish the Money Order and Savings Bank Office at

SWITZERS—Province of Otago.

JOHN HALL,  
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,  
Wellington, 21st September, 1868.

IN virtue of the powers delegated to the Postmaster-General by His Excellency the Governor, the following appointments have been made in the Postal Service of the Colony.

JOHN HALL.

OTAGO.		
Name.	To be Postmaster at	From
James Scott	Waiwera	...
George Cameron	Lovell's Flat	... 1 Sept., 1868.
Daniel Hunter	Beaumont	... 1 Sept., 1868.
Hugh Crawford	Kakanui	... 1 Sept., 1868.
CANTERBURY.		
John Burgess	Burke's Pass	... 1 Oct., 1868.
Edward Prebble	Prebbleton	... 1 Sept., 1868.
WELLINGTON.		
William Palmer	Wairoa	... 9 Sept., 1868.
SOUTHLAND.		
Henry Rogers	Orepuki	... 1 Sept., 1868.
COUNTY OF WESTLAND.		
Robert Kettle	Teremakau	...
Frederick Ingall	Greenstone Creek	1 Sept., 1868.
AUCKLAND.		
Bryant Vercoe	Matakana	... 1 Sept., 1868.
Philip McLeod	Helensville	... 1 Oct., 1868.
James Farrell	Whata Whata	... 1 Oct., 1868.
HAWKE'S BAY.		
Hector Peacock	Meanee	... 1 Sept., 1868.
Jas. G. Ballard	Waipukurau	... 9 Sept., 1868.
G. Hardie*	Puketapu	... 1 April, 1868.

\* Formerly gazetted as in the Province of Taranaki, in error. See *Gazette* No. 53, of 7th Sept., 1868.

TARANAKI.

Name.	To be Postmaster at	From
Philip C. Moore	Oakuro	...

NELSON.

William Page	Waitapu	...
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General Post Office,  
Wellington, 10th September, 1868.

THE following Report of the Court of Inquiry held under "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act, 1863," on the Wreck of the s.s. "Taranaki," is published for general information.

JOHN HALL.

INQUIRY INTO WRECKS.

REPORT on the Wreck of the s.s. "Taranaki." To the Honorable the Postmaster-General of New Zealand,—

I, the undersigned J. C. Crawford, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and a Resident Magistrate in and for the Colony of New Zealand, having been, on the 28th day of August, 1868, applied to by John Allen, Esquire, principal Officer of Customs at the Port of Picton, for a formal investigation, pursuant to Section VII. of "The Inquiry into Wrecks Act, 1863," and other provisions of the said Act, respecting the loss of a certain Steam Ship called the "Taranaki," of the Port of Wellington, on the 19th day of August last, on the Boat Harbour Rock, South Head of Tory Channel, Queen Charlotte's Sound, did duly proceed with the said investigation, to wit, on the 28th day of August instant, and had before me and examined on oath divers persons and witnesses, to wit, John Allen, Collector of Customs, Picton; H. B. Francis, late master of "Taranaki;" G. Edmonds, late chief officer, ditto; John Coutts, late engineer, ditto; Wm. Small, late second officer, ditto; Donald Murray, late A.B., ditto; Wm. Allen, late passenger, ditto—the original depositions of whose evidence are hereunto annexed, signed by me—being assisted therein by R. Johnson, master mariner, holding a certificate of competency from the Board of Trade, who was duly appointed by John Allen, Esquire, principal Officer of Customs at the Port of Picton, to act as Assessor to me the said Justice of the Peace and Resident Magistrate; and upon such investigation and examination of witnesses as aforesaid, I find and beg to report to the Honorable the Postmaster-General of New Zealand as follows, that is to say:—

1. That the official number of the said ship called the "Taranaki" is 52,840, of which Henry Burdett Francis is master, who holds a certificate of competency, and which ship belonged to the New Zealand Steam Navigation Company, Wellington, New Zealand.
2. That the loss or damage herein more particularly mentioned happened on the 19th day of August, 1868, at about 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on the Boat Harbour Rock, Tory Channel, Queen Charlotte's Sound.
3. That the loss or damage appears by the evidence to have been caused by an unusually strong eddy forcing the ship off her course.
4. That the nature of the loss or damage done was foundering; that the vessel was not insured; that the vessel was brig-rigged; her Port of Registry, Wellington, New Zealand; her registered tonnage, 298'87; that no lives were lost through the wreck.

And I, the said Justice of the Peace and Resident Magistrate, further state my opinion on the matter

aforesaid to be as follows:—That having duly weighed and considered the evidence put before me, I am of opinion that, considering it proved by several witnesses that the steamer would not answer her helm, the cause of disaster must be attributed to an unusual eddy forcing the steamer towards the South Head. As it also appears from the evidence that the steamer was following the usual course through the Channel, and as the master and officers of the ship appear to have been alert at their posts, and that everything was done that could have been done for the safety of the vessel, I am of opinion that the accident is one to which any vessel might have been liable when passing through such a narrow channel as the one in question at spring tides, or when there is an unusual tidal commotion, and that the master and officers are exempt from blame.

After the vessel struck, every exertion appears to have been made by the master, officers, and crew for the safety of the passengers and for the rescue of the ship from her dangerous position. The former object was attained, the passengers having been landed without loss of life; and the ship was almost placed where she might have been easily repaired, although from untoward circumstances and consequent delay she filled and sank before she could be beached.

Given under my hand, this twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, at Wellington, in the Province of Wellington, New Zealand.

JAMES C. CRAWFORD,

Justice of the Peace and Resident Magistrate.

I concur with the above Report, so far as to exonerate Captain Francis, his officers and crew, from any blame attached for the loss of the ship. The vessel appeared to have been on the usual course steered by Captain Francis and other officers for years, without ever perceiving any apparent danger, viz., one-third of the Channel distant from the South Head. Why a more mid-channel course was not steered, Captain Francis and the officers explain by stating that there are reports of sunken rocks lying somewhere on the north side of the Channel, the positions of which are unknown. Under these circumstances Captain Francis cannot be blamed for following his usual course, although I am of opinion a more mid-channel course is a safer one. The vessel, on entering the Channel, appears to have swerved to port to nearly right angles in an incredibly short time; and unless this swerving was caused by putting the helm to starboard instead of to port—which the second officer and one man who were at the wheel deny, and are corroborated by the chief officer—the cause must be most extraordinary and unaccountable. Under ordinary circumstances and care, I consider Tory Channel perfectly safe to navigate in daylight.

R. JOHNSON,  
Nautical Assessor.

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 23rd September, 1868.

THE following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

JAMES M. BALFOUR,  
Colonial Marine Engineer.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

WESTERN PORT.

*Hastings Jetty Light.*

MARINERS are hereby informed that on and after the 1st of September next, a bright White Light will be exhibited between sunset and sunrise from a lamp erected on the Hastings Jetty at Western Port.

The Light is twenty-five (25) feet above low-water level, and visible, in clear weather, a distance of five (5) miles.

W. COLLINS REES,

Secretary for Harbours and Navigation.

Department of Ports and Harbours,  
Melbourne, 20th August, 1868.

Office of Registrar of Joint Stock Companies,  
Christchurch, 14th September, 1868.

I, EDWARD DENHAM, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for the Province of Canterbury, do hereby notify that I have registered a Memorandum of Association, with Articles of Association, establishing a Company, with limited liability of the shareholders therein, intituled

“The Manchester Unity Hall Company,  
Limited.”

The objects for which the Company is established are, the erection of a building for the use of public meetings, and the doing of all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above object. And that in pursuance of “The Joint Stock Companies Act, 1860,” I have issued a Certificate of Incorporation of the said Company, bearing date the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

EDWD. DENHAM,

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

I, the undersigned JAMES RAE, hereby make application to register “The Royal Gold Mining Company, Registered,” under the provisions of “The Mining Companies Limited Liability Act, 1865,” and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the following statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular, namely:—

1. The name and style of the Company is “The Royal Gold Mining Company, Registered.”
2. The place of operations is at the Te Papa Creek, Shortland.
3. The nominal capital of the Company is six thousand pounds, in one thousand shares of six pounds each.
4. The amount already paid up is two thousand four hundred and forty-eight pounds sterling.
5. The name of the manager is James J. Rae.
6. The office of the Company is at Rae’s Store, Shortland Town.
7. The names and several residences of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follows:—

	No. of Shares.
John Thorp, Shortland ...	34
James Rae, Shortland ...	34
Edward C. Mahoney, Auckland ...	34
William Adams, Shortland ...	34
William McDuff, Shortland ...	34
William Patterson, Shortland ...	34
Richard R. Armstrong, Graham’s Town ...	17
George Pulsford, Shortland ...	34
Thomas Donovan, Shortland ...	34
Edward Brown, Auckland ...	34
Martin J. Wilkes, Shortland ...	34
George Sherlock, Shortland ...	34
Michael Hanniford, Bank of Australasia, Sydney ...	17

Dated at Shortland, this twenty-second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

JAMES RAE.

Signed—Alan Baillie J.P.