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Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 11th March, 1870. HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CALEB WHITEFOORD, Esq.,

to be Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Cobden, as the same is defined in Proclamation of 6th day of August, 1868, and published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 47, of 7th day of August, 1868, *vice* John Henry Lowe, Esquire, resigned.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 11th March, 1870. HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CALEB WHITEFOORD, Esq.,

to be Returning Officer for the election of Members of the Provincial Council of the Province of Nelson for the District of the Grey, *vice* John Henry Lowe, Esquire, resigned.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 11th March, 1870. T is hereby notified, that His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston has reported that he has appointed JAMES GORDON ALLAN, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of City of Wellington, Hutt, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Rangitikei, and Porirua; and

GEORGE ANDREW OLIVER, Esq.,

to be Revising Officer for the Electoral Districts of Napier and Clive.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

H^{IS} Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES HAWKIN GREENSTREET, Esq.,

to be Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Ashburton, as the same is defined in Proclamation of 6th day of July, 1859, and published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 21, of the same date.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

THOMAS PATERSON, Esq.,

to be Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Kaihiku, as the same is defined in Proclamation of 14th day of May, 1867, and published in *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 29, of 16th May, 1867, *vice* Edward Ings, Esq., resigned.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

THE following Despatches, with Enclosures, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, are published for general information.

W. GISBORNE.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 2nd October, 1869.

SIR,—I transmit to you herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Admiralty, enclosing New Regulations for the entry and examination of Naval Cadets, and calling attention to certain specified paragraphs with reference to the nominations for Colonial Cadetships.

I have, &c.,

GRANVILLE.

To the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

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Mr. Briggs to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonics.

Admiralty, September 25, 1869.

SIE,-I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the enclosed New Regulations for the entry and examination of Naval Cadets with reference to the nominations for Colonial Cadetships, and to call your attention more especially to the passages marked, viz., paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 15, 16, 21, 26, 27, and 32.

I am, &c., JOHN HENRY BRIGGS.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING NAVAL CADETS. (FOR THE INFORMATION OF CANDIDATES.)

1. Two examinations for naval cadetships will be held annually under the direction of the Admiralty Director of Education, viz., on the third Wednesday in June, and on the last Wednesday in November, but the appointments, as cadets, of the successful candidates will date from the 15th July or the 15th January.

The first examination under these regulations will

take place in November, 1869.2. No candidate will be eligible for examination in November whose age will not be within the prescribed limits on the 15th January following, or for examination in June whose age will not be within the prescribed limits on the 15th of July following.

3. The limits of age for examination in November, 1869, will be not less than 12 nor more than 14 years of age.

For examination in June, 1870, not less than 12

nor more than $13\frac{1}{2}$ years of age. After June, 1870, no candidate is to be examined who is under 12 or above 13 years of age.

4. The number of naval cadets to be entered at each examination will be determined by the Admiralty, and twice the number to be entered will be nominated to compete for cadetships.

5. Every candidate will be required to pass the medical examination according to the prescribed regulations, and must have been found physically fit for the Royal Navy.

He must be in good health and free from any physical defect of body, impediment of speech, defect of sight or hearing, and also from any predisposition to constitutional or hereditary disease or weakness of any kind, and in all respects well developed and active in proportion to his age.

Any candidate rejected at the medical examination will be finally excluded from the Royal Navy.

6. The candidate will be required to produce (1) a certificate of birth or declaration thereof made before a Magistrate; (2) a certificate of good conduct from the masters of any schools at which he may have been educated within the two previous years, or if educated at home from his tutors or the clergyman of the parish in which he resides; and (3) a certifi-cate of good health.

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- ... 100 passage from French ... N.B.-The aid of a dictionary will be allowed
 - in this translation.

Marks assigned.

They will also be required to have a satisfactory knowledge of-

(d) Arithmetic, as far as proportion and vulgar and decimal fractions ... 150

(e) Scripture History ... 100

No candidate will be qualified to compete unless he obtains at least four-tenths of the marks assigned to each of these subjects, and 250 marks in the aggregate.

8. Candidates so qualified will be further examined in such of the following subjects as they may select: Marks assigned.

- (f) Arithmetic. Miscellaneous ex-100 amples
- (g) Algebra. The first four rules and fractions. (Miscellaneous questions) 100
 (h) Euclid. Book I. to Prop. XXII. 100
- (i) French. Translation of English into French 100
- (k) Latin. To read, translate, and parse a passage from the first two books of Cæsar de Bello Gallico, or Virgil's Æneid, and to translate easy passages from English into Latin ... 100
- (1) English History. From the com-mencement of the reign of James I.
- (m) The outlines of modern geography 100 (m) Any one living foreign language except French. To read, translate,
- and parse a passage, and to render ... 100 an English passage into it (o) Elementary drawing ... 100
- No marks amounting to less than one-sixth in a

voluntary subject will be counted towards the total.

9. A candidate who obtains the number of marks prescribed for passing, but who may not be successful in the competition, will be allowed to compete again at the next examination without a fresh nomination. No candidate will be allowed to compete more than twice.

10. Candidates rejected for the first time at the examination in August, 1869, are to be allowed a second trial in November without a fresh nomination; but they must then compete with other candidates, and should they not succeed in the competition they will not be allowed another trial.

11. Any candidate who fails to appear at the next examination after he has obtained a nomination will not be allowed to present himself without a fresh nomination, except in the case of illness certified by a physician or surgeon approved by their Lordships, in which case non-appearance will have the effect of unsuccessful competition, entitling the candidate to present himself at the following examination only.

12. For all cadets entered under these regulations after the examination in August, 1869, the annual rate of payment will be as at present during the year 1870, and afterwards at the rate of $\pounds 70$ per annum for the period in the "Britannia," and $\pounds 50$ for the year in the sea-going training ship, to be paid half-yearly in advance to the Accountant-General of the Navy. But the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty reserve the power of selecting, from among the candidates nominated at each halfyearly examination, a number, not to exceed twelve, being sons of Officers of the Royal Navy or Marines, or of Civil Officers under the Board of Admiralty, with respect to whom the annual payment for the two years in the "Britannia" will be £40 only. In selecting these their Lordships will have regard solely to the pecuniary circumstances of the parents or guardians of the cadets.

13. Candidates who succeed in the competition will be appointed to the "Britannia."

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14. The date of entry of those who pass in June is to reckon from the 15th July of the same year; of those who pass in November from the 15th January of the next year.

15. The period of training on board the "Britan-nia," will be, as now, four terms; but there will be two terms in each year instead of three. The first term of each year will be from February to July, the second from August to December.

A week's vacation will be allowed at Easter.

16. There will be an examination at the end of each term, and an intermediate examination at Easter for cadets in their first year.

17. Cadets who join in August, and who pass an unsatisfactory examination in December, will be warned that they will be discharged at the following Easter if they do not show sufficient improvement. Cadets who join in February and pass an unsatis-factory examination at Easter, will be similarly warned with respect to the examination in July.

Any cadet who passes unsatisfactorily at a subsequent examination will be discharged.

Admiralty, 3rd August, 1869.

CIRCULAR No. 46. C. Admiralty, 3rd August, 1869.

Regulations respecting Naval Cadets (and Midshipmen).

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having decided-

- (1) To increase the time during which naval cadets will be under training, part of such time being spent in sea-going training ships, and the whole period being considered one of probation;
- (2) To introduce the system of limited competition for naval cadetships; and
- (3) Still further to reduce the number of naval cadets annually entered;

have been pleased to make the following regulations: 1. These regulations will take effect after the ex-

amination in August, 1869.

2. Two examinations for naval cadetships will be held annually under the direction of the Admiralty Director of Education, viz., on the third Wednesday in June, and on the last Wednesday in November, but the appointments, as cadets, of the successful candidates will date from the 15th July or the 15th January.

3. The first examination under these regulations will take place in November, 1869.

4. No candidate will be eligible for examination in November whose age will not be within the prescribed limits on the 15th January following, or for examination in June whose age will not be within the prescribed limits on the 15th July following.

5. The limits of age for examination in November, 1869, will be not less than 12 nor more then 14 years of age.

For examination in June, 1870, not less than 12

nor more than $13\frac{1}{2}$ years of age. After June, 1870, no candidate is to be examined who is under 12 or above 13 years of age.

6. The number of naval cadets to be entered at each examination will for the present be reduced to 37; and twice the number to be entered will be nominated to compete for cadetships.

Should fewer than the authorized number pass at any examination, the difference will be made up at the next examination, and the number nominated will be proportionately increased.

7. Every candidate will be required to pass the medical examination according to the prescribed regulations, and must have been found physically fit for the Royal Navy.

He must be in good health and free from any physical defect of body, impediment of speech, defect of sight or hearing, and also from any predisposition to constitutional or hereditary disease or weakness of any kind, and in all respects well developed and active in proportion to his age.

Any candidate rejected at the medical examination will be finally excluded from the Royal Navy.

8. The candidate will be required to produce (1) a certificate of birth or declaration thereof made before a magistrate; (2) a certificate of good conduct from the masters of any schools at which he may have been educated within the two previous years, or, if educated at home, from his tutors or the clergyman of the parish in which he resides; and (3) a certificate of good health.

9. The candidates will be required :----Marks assigned.

- (a) To read a passage from a modern standard English author with intelligence ... 100 ...
- (b) To write English from dictation ... 100 correctly in a legible hand
- (c) To read, translate, and parse a passage from French 100

N.B.-The aid of a dictionary will be allowed in this translation.

They will also be required to have a satisfactory knowledge of-

(d) Arithmetic, as far as proportion

and vulgar and decimal fractions ... 150

(e) Scripture history ... 100 ...

No candidate will be qualified to compete unless he obtains at least four-tenths of the marks assigned to each of these subjects, and 250 marks in the aggregate.

10. Candidates so qualified will be further examined in such of the following subjects as they may select:

Marks assigned.

- (f) Arithmetic. Miscellaneous ex-100 amples
- The first four rules and (g) Algebra. fractions (Miscellaneous questions) 100
- (h) Euclid. Book I., Prop. XXII. 100(i) French. Translation of English
- into French 100
- (k) Latin. To read, translate, and parse a passage from the first two books of Cæsar de Bello Gallico, or Virgil's Æneid, and to translate easy
- passages from English into Latin ... 100 (1) English History. From the commencement of the reign of James I.
- to the present day 100
- (m) The outlines of modern geography 100 (n) Any one living foreign language except French. To read, translate,
- and parse a passage, and to render
- ... 100 an English passage into it ... 100 (o) Elementary drawing ...

No marks amounting to less than one-sixth in a voluntary subject will be counted towards the total.

11. A candidate who obtains the number of marks prescribed for passing, but who may not be successful in the competition, will be allowed to compete again at the next examination without a fresh nomination. No candidate will be allowed to compete more than twice.

12. Candidates rejected for the first time at the examination in August, 1869, are to be allowed a second trial in November without a fresh nomination; but they must then compete with other candidates, will not be allowed another trial.

13. Any candidate who fails to appear at the next examination after he has obtained a nomination will not be allowed to present himself without a fresh nomination, except in the case of illness, certified by a physician or surgeon approved by their Lordships, in which case non-appearance will have the effect of unsuccessful competition, entitling the candidate to present himself at the following examination only.

14. Every Flag Officer (except an Admiral Superintendent of a dockyard), on hoisting his flag, will be allowed three nominations for competition; every Commodore of the first class two; every Captain appointed to the command of a ship, of whatever class (except Captains of stationary ships, Captains Superintendent of dockyards or victualling yards, and the Captain of the yacht), one; but no Officer will be allowed to exercise this right a second time within three years; and no Captain appointed to a ship during her commission will be allowed a nomination if the right has been exercised within a year during the same commission by a previous Captain.

A fresh nomination will be allowed to the Officer should a candidate be rejected at the medical examination, but not in the event of the candidate failing to pass the test at the examination under the Director of Education.

15. Seven nominations will be given annually to the Colonies, under the regulations hitherto in force as to nomination and examination; but the limits of age will be the same as for candidates nominated in the United Kingdom,—and cadets passing in the Colonies will, in all other respects, be subject to these regulations, and must be at once sent to England, to undergo the course of training.

Printed examination papers are to be sent out to Commanders-in-Chief and Senior Officers on foreign stations, under seal, and the candidates' examination papers, with a report of the marks awarded at the examination, are to be forwarded to the Admiralty (should the candidate succeed in passing), together with the duplicate certificate of health.

16. For all cadets, including Colonial cadets, entered under these regulations after the examina-tion in August, 1869, the annual rate of payment will be as at present during the year 1870, and oftenwards at the rate of 670 pay expuse afterwards at the rate of $\pounds 70$ per annum for the period in the "Britannia," and $\pounds 50$ for the year in the sea-going training ship, to be paid half-yearly, in advance, to the Accountant-General of the Navy. But the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty reserve the power of selecting from among the candidates nominated at each half-yearly examination a number, not to exceed twelve, being sons of Officers of the Royal Navy or Marines, or of Civil Officers under the Board of Admiralty, with respect to whom the annual payment for the two years in the "Britannia" will be £40 only. In selecting these, their Lordships will have regard solely to the pecuniary circumstances of the parents or guardians of the cadets.

In the event of the full number so selected not succeeding in the competition, their Lordships may make the number up from among the sons of Officers as above who have succeeded at that examination.

17. Candidates who succeed in the competition will be appointed to the "Britannia."

18. The date of entry of those who pass in June is to reckon from the 15th July of the same year; of those who pass in November from the 15th January of the next year.

19. The period of training on board the "Britannia" will be, as now, four terms; but there will be Admiralty.

and should they not succeed in the competition they | two terms in each year, instead of three. The first term of each year will be from February to July; the second from August to December.

A week's vacation will be allowed at Easter.

20. There will be an examination at the end of each term, and an intermediate examination at Easter for cadets in their first year.

21. Cadets who join in August, and who pass an unsatisfactory examination in December, will be warned that they will be discharged at the following Easter if they do not show sufficient improvement. Cadets who join in February, and pass an unsatis-factory examination at Easter, will be similarly warned with respect to the examination in July.

Any cadet who passes unsatisfactorily at a subsequent examination will be discharged.

22. Notice will be given of the minimum number of marks which must be obtained at each examination.

23. At the examination at the end of the fourth term cadets will be classified according to their merits in seamanship, study, and conduct; and they will be allowed time for their service in the "Britannia" as follows :----

	Study.	Seamanship.	"Very good" conduct.
	Time allowed.	Time allowed.	Time allowed.
1st Class 2nd Class 3rd Class	Months. 6 3 None.	Months. 3 None. None.	Months. 3 3 3

24. The examination and rating of cadets, as midshipmen, in the sea-going training ships, is to be regulated according to the time notified in their certificates, thus :-

Cadets who obtain 12 months' time will be rated as midshipmen at once on passing out of the " Britannia."

training ships before being

rated as

midshipmen.

Cadets who obtain 9 months' time

will have to serve 3 months in the sea-going Cadets who obtain 6 months' time

will have to serve 6 months Cadets who obtain 3 months' time

will have to serve 9 months Cadets who obtain no time will have

to serve 12 months

25. After passing the final examination in the "Britannia," the midshipmen and cadets will be appointed to a sea-going training ship for one year.

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26. Any cadet or midshipman who, at any time during his three years' probation, may be certified by the Medical Officer of the "Britannia" or of the sea-going training ship, to have become subject to any disease or physical defect likely to render him unfit for service, will, on the circumstances being reported to their Lordships, be at once discharged.

27. After six months in the sea-going training ship an examination is to be held, and at the end of twelve months a second; and any midshipman or cadet failing to pass the test at either of these examinations will be at once discharged from Her Majesty's Service.

At the latter of these examinations they will be classified in three classes.

28. The examination paper for the first examination will be transmitted under seal to the sea-going training ship; and the work of the cadets or midshipmen is to be returned under seal to the

or cadet for his period of service in the sea-going training ship; but those who having obtained twelve time on discharge from the "Britannia" months' pass in the first class on discharge from the seagoing training ship, and whose conduct has been uniformly good, will be allowed to count an additional six months' time. In the case of these, the rule as regards the age (nineteen) of passing for lieutenant will be relaxed. These officers will be allowed to pass their examinations for lieutenant after the age of eighteen, provided they have completed the neces-sary service; but they will not be eligible for promotion from the rank of sub-lieutenant to that of lieutenant till they are nineteen years of age.

30. The period of service required to enable officers to pass for lieutenant will be five years, including the time allowed in the training ships.

31. The existing rules as to other examinations

required of midshipmen are to be adhered to. 32. The parent or guardian of every cadet will be required to provide outfit as under the present regulations, and to sign a declaration (on the admis-sion of the cadet to the "Britannia") to the effect that he shall be immediately withdrawn on the receipt of an official intimation of his being considered unfit for the Royal Navy.

33. Cadets who entered the "Britannia" in December, 1868, or April, 1869, will pass out in July, 1870, and those who may enter in August, 1869, will pass out in December, 1870. Three months' extra time will be allowed to cadets who entered in December 1869. entered in December, 1868.

Cadets for Navigating Duties.

34. Twenty-four are to be entered annually by competition-twelve at each half-yearly examination; twenty-four nominations are to be made for each examination.

In other respects, including age, these regulations are to apply to navigating cadets. The annual payment for navigating cadets will

be £40.

By command of their Lordships.

VERNON LUSHINGTON.

To all Commanders-in-Chief, Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

TENDERS for Binding Gazettes, Books, and other Documents for the Government during the Documents for the Government during the twelve calendar months commencing the 1st April, 1870, will be received at this Office until noon of Thursday, the 24th instant. A bond-the con-tractor in the sum of £250, and two approved sureties £250 each-for the due performance of the contract will be required to be entered into within a month of the acceptance of the contract.

The Tenders should specify the price per volume for the following books, namely :-

- Demy folio books, four quires and under :- Halfbound, rough calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, short title and date. For every additional quire.
- Foolscap folio books, ditto :--Half-bound, calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, short title and date. For every additional quire.
- Ditto, ditto :--Half-bound, calf, marble paper sides, gilt lettered on back, short title and date. For every additional quire.

Demy 4to books, four quires :--Ditto, ditto. For every additional quire.

- 29. Full time will be allowed to every midshipman | Demy 8vo. :- In half-bound calf, cloth sides, gilt lettered on back, at per volume of four quires. For every additional quire.
 - Ditto:-Full bound, cloth boards, at per volume of four quires.

For every additional quire.

- Parliamentary Debates :--Royal Svo., cold pressing and binding in half-calf, cloth sides, double lettered on back, at per volume of four quires. For every additional quire.
- Ditto, ditto :- Cold pressing and binding in cloth, at per volume of four quires.

For every additional quire.

- Pamphlets-Royal, Demy, or Foolscap 8vo. :--Folding, stitching, covering, and cutting, at per sheet of eight pages.
- Cold pressing and binding in blue paper covers :-Statutes, Journals, and Appendix of General Assembly, at per quire.
- Folding, stitching, and cutting Parliamentary Papers (eight pages or under), at per hundred.
- For every additional sheet. Gazettes :--Folding and enveloping (eight pages or

under), at per hundred. For every additional sheet.

Further particulars may be obtained at this Office.

ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD (for the Under Secretary).

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

NENDERS will be received at this Office until noon of Thursday, the 24th instant, from persons willing to contract for the Carting required by the General Government at Wellington, for the twelve months commencing the 1st April, 1870, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Tenders should specify the price-

1st. At per day of eight working hours.

- 2nd. From the Queen's Wharf, or from any part of Te Aro within half a mile of the Post Office, to any of the General Government Offices within half a mile of the General Assembly Buildings at Thorndon, and vice versa, at per load.
- 3rd. Between Rhodes' Wharf and the Magazine, and vice versa, at per load.
- 4th. Between the Queen's Wharf and Mount Cook Barracks, and vice versa, at per load.
- 5th. Between the Queen's Wharf and Thorndon Barracks, and vice versa, at per load.
- 6th. Between Mount Cook Barracks and Thorndon Barracks, and vice versa, at per load.
- 7th. From the Telegraph Office or Post Office to the Queen's Wharf, and vice versa, at per load.

ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD

(for the Under Secretary).

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

TENDERS will be received at this Office until noon of Thursday, the out 1 noon of Thursday, the 24th instant, for furnishing the Offices of the General Government with seasoned Firewood (Rata or Manuka), in one or two feet lengths, cut and split, at per cord, in such quantities as may be required for the twelve months commencing 1st of April next; to be delivered at the Public Offices.

> ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD (for the Under Secretary).

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

TENDERS will be received at this Office until 1 noon of Thursday, the 24th instant, for furnishing the Offices of the General Government with Coal, in such quantities as may be required, for the twelve months commencing the 1st April next. The rates per ton to be specified for best English Coal, screened and delivered at the Public Offices in 1 cwt. bags; for the best Newcastle, N.S.W., Coal, screened and delivered at the Public Offices in 1 cwt. bags; and for best New Zealand Coal, screened and delivered at the Public Offices in 1 cwt. bags.

> ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD (for the Under Secretary).

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, Sth March, 1870.

IN the matter of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867," notice is hereby given that a transcript of the Bye-laws of

"The Loyal Dunedin Lodge, Otago District, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

duly certified, has been lodged with the Registrar of Friendly Societies, registered and recorded in his office under the provisions of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1867."

Dated the eighth day of March, 1870.

ALEX. C. P. MACDONALD (for the Registrar).

Colonial Secretary's Office, (Judicial Branch,) Wellington, 9th March, 1870.

IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JACKSON KEDDELL, Esq.,

to be a Resident Magistrate for the Resident Magis-trate's District of Hauraki, under "The Resident Magistrates Act, 1867."

This appointment dates from the 1st February ultimo.

W. GISBORNE.

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Colonial Secretary's Office, (Judicial Branch,) Wellington, 11th March, 1870.

'IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MORGAN STANISLAUS GRACE, ESq., M.D., of Wellington, and

CALEB WHITEFOORD, Esq., R.M.,

of Cobden, Nelson, to be Coroners within the Colony.

W. GISBORNE.

Colonial Defence Office Wellington, 9th March, 1870.

REWARDS for the Discovery of Offences against the Arms Acts.—It is hereby notified, that a Reward of £100 will be paid to any one giving such information as will lead to the conviction of any person guilty of the capital offence of Supplying Arms and Ammunition to Rebels, under the thirty-third section of "The Arms Act Amendment Act, 1869."

A Reward of £50 will be paid to any one giving such information as will lead to the conviction of any person guilty of a Felony or Misdemeanour under any of the following sections of "The Arms Act, 1860," that is to say, sections twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, [Commissioner's Order No. 38.]

thirty-six, thirty-eight,-or any amendment or alteration thereof.

The above Rewards will be paid only after con-ction. The Informant's name will not be divulged viction. without his own consent, except where it is necessary that he should give evidence in Court.

In the case of Accomplices giving information leading to conviction, a Free Pardon will be granted in addition to the Reward.

W. GISBORNE

(in the absence of Mr. McLean).

USTOMS.—Whereas certain buildings were some time since appointed as Warehouses for the reception and security of goods entered to be ware-housed without payment of duty upon the first entry thereof: Now, in exercise of the authority in me for this purpose vested, I, the Commissioner of Customs, do by this order under my hand revoke and annul the appointment of such buildings as such Warehouses as aforesaid viz Warehouses as aforesaid, viz. :-

PORT OF WELLINGTON. W. & G. Turnbull's Bond. Turnbull, Reeves, & Co.'s Bond. A. P. Stuart's Bond. P.N.Z. & A.R.M. Co.'s Bond.

PORT OF NAPIER. Kinross & Co.'s Bond. Begg's Bond.

PORT OF GREYMOUTH. Kennedy Brothers' Bond.

Given under my hand at Auckland, this third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

JULIUS VOGEL,

Commissioner of Customs. [Commissioner's Order No. 37.]

CUSTOMS.—In exercise of the powers in me for this purpose vested by "The Customs Regu-lation Act, 1858," I, the Commissioner of Customs, do hereby approve and appoint the under-mentioned Warehouses, namely :-

PORT OF GREYMOUTH.

The building situate in Hospital Street and known as

Kennedy Brothers' Warehouse.

PORT OF WESTPORT.

The building situate in Herbert Street, and known

Powell's Warehouse.

PORT OF NAPIER.

The building situate in Waghorn Street, and known as Stuart & Co.'s Warehouse.

The building situate in Waghorn Street, and known as

Kinross & Co.'s Warehouse.

PORT OF DUNEDIN.

A portion of a building situate at the corner of Jetty and Crawford Streets, and known as Scoular's Warehouse.

to be Warehouses for the reception of Goods under Bond.

Given under my hand at Auckland this third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

JULIUS VOGEL,

Commissioner of Customs.

Office of the Commissioner of Customs, Wellington, 5th March, 1870.

THE following Proclamation from the Victorian Government *Gazette* of 4th February, 1870, respecting Colonial Flags of Victoria, is published for general information.

W. GISBORNE

(in the absence of the Commissioner of Customs).

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable John Henry Thomas Viscount Canterbury, of the City of Canterbury in the County of Kent, and Baron Bottesford, of Bottesford in the County of Leicester, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commanderin-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c.

In accordance with the provisions of a Despatch received from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, I, the Governor of Victoria, do hereby direct that all vessels belonging to or permanently in the service of the Government of Victoria shall wear the Blue Ensign, having in the fly thereof the distinctive badge of the Colony, viz., Five white stars, representing the constellation of the Southern Cross. I also direct that, subject to the approval of Her Majesty the Queen, the Red Ensign having the badge of the Colony similarly emblazoned in the fly, may be worn by merchant vessels registered in Victoria.

> Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-third year of Her Majesty's reign.

> > CANTERBURY.

By His Excellency's command. EDWARD COHEN,

(L.S.)

Commissioner of Trade and Customs.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 3 of 1870.

Office of the Commissioner of Customs, Wellington, 5th March, 1870.

THE following Notice from the Victorian Government *Gazette*, of 11th February, 1870, is published for general information.

> W. GISBORNE (in the absence of the Commissioner of Customs).

> > GASPAR STRAIT.

THE following particulars of a rock in Gaspar Strait, furnished by Captain Quayle, master of the "Francis Henty," are published for general information.

EDWARD COHEN,

Commissioner of Trade and Customs.

Department of Trade and Customs, Melbourne, 7th February, 1870. In the middle of last October, at 2 a.m., the ship "Pare Joie," from Hong Kong to Buenos Ayres, whilst standing to the eastward on the starboard tack, with the wind from the southward, struck on a rock at the entrance of Gaspar Strait, and remained there for twenty-four hours. The Peak of Gaspar Island bore South half East, distant five (5) miles. This rock is marked "doubtful" on the Admiralty Charts, and in a position four and a half $(4\frac{1}{3})$ miles to the westward of where the "Pare Joie" struck.

The Admiralty Sailing Directions for the China Seas mention that it is doubtful whether such a rock exists.

(Signed) W. T. QUAYLE,

Master, barque "Francis Henty."

General Post Office, Wellington, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned Post Office to be a Money Order and Savings Bank Office for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business, viz. :--

Palmerston, Province of Otago.

By order. G. ELIOTT ELIOTT, Secretary.

General Post Office, Wellington, 9th March, 1870.

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.

AUCKLAND.

By order.

G. ELIOTT ELIOTT, Secretary.

From 1 Sep., 1869 1 Oct., 1869 Thos. N. Baird To be Postmaster at Aratapu ... John Hogan ... Panmure ... R. O. Stewart Churchill Whakahara ... 20 Nov., 1869 William Clark • • • Tairua 1 Feb., 1870 J. H. Graham ... ••• James McFarlane ... Henderson's Mill Wm. Sharp Pakekohe East 1 Jan., 1870 . . . Wm. Murray 1 Jan., 1870 Tuakau . . . 2 Feb., 1870 1 April, 1870 Thos. Moore Pakekohe West James Davies Waimate ... ••• G. A. Linstrom J. Taylor 1 Feb., 1870 1 Feb., 1870 ... Alexandra ... Onehunga J. F. McKinlay ... Waipu 1 Feb., 1870 ... HAWKE'S BAY. W. F. Hargreaves ... Woodthorp ... 18 Aug., 1869 NELSON. Hope Thos. Oxley 24 Aug., 1869 ... Napoleon Hill ... Nga Timoti ... 1 Jan., 1870 1 Feb., 1870 Jas. McLaughlin Henry Young E. de Saunais ... Appleby ... 1 Feb., 1870 Henry Day ... Brighton ... MARLBOROUGH. 1 Sep., 1869 1 Oct., 1869 John Mills ... Homewood Picton John Allan . . . Wellington. Paikakariki ... John Woolston 1 Oct., 1869 • • • ... 16 Nov., 1869 Te Nui Arthur Nichols John McIlvride Wai-nui-o-mata 1 Jan., 1870

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JOHN B. BENNETT, Registrar-General. GREY AND BELL ... OMATA ... TOWN OF NEW PLYMOUTH WANGANUI (part of) ...

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NOTICE.—" Provincial Compulsory Lands Taking Act, 1866."—Notice is hereby given, that it is intended to introduce a Bill into the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, at its next Session, authorizing the Superintendent of the Province of Otago to take compulsorily, for the purpose of completing a road in the Mornington Road District, a portion of Sections thirteen (13) and fourteen (14), Block seven (7), on the map of the Town Survey District. And notice is hereby further given, that a copy of the Bill so intended to be introduced as aforesaid, may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the said Provincial Council on and after the thirty-first day of March next ensuing the date hereof.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

B. C. HAGGITT, Provincial Solicitor, Otago.

NOTICE.—" Provincial Compulsory Lands Taking Act, 1866."—Notice is hereby given, that it is intended to introduce a Bill into the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, at its next Session, authorizing the Superintendent of the Province of Otago to take compulsorily, for the purpose of completing a road in the Goodwood Road District, a portion of Section thirty (30), Block one (1), on the map of the Hawksbury Survey District. And notice is hereby further given, that a copy of the Bill so intended to be introduced as aforesaid, may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the said Provincial Council on and after the thirty-first day of March next ensuing the date hereof.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

B. C. HAGGITT, Provincial Solicitor, Otago.

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aforesaid, may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the said Provincial Council on and after the thirtyfirst day of March now instant.

Dated this first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

B. C. HAGGITT, Provincial Solicitor, Otago.

PATENTS ACT, 1860.—Notice is hereby given, that application has been made to His Excellency the Governor, by and on behalf of William Frederick Mason, of Pakuratahi, in the Province of Wellington, Blacksmith, for the grant to him of Letters Patent pursuant to the provisions of "The Patents Act, 1860," for the exclusive use, within the Colony of New Zealand, of an Invention for the purpose of dressing Flax, *Phormium tenax*, Cabbagetree leaf, Nikau leaf, or any other Fibre, also for the purpose of dressing the bark of the Cabbage-tree or any other indigenous Plant, and for the purpose of extracting the Gum from the same, and for the purpose of cleansing the same.

Any person desirous of entering an objection to such grant, is required to send, within four months of the publication hereof, to the office of John Boyle Bennett, Esquire, the officer appointed to receive the same, a statement in writing, setting forth clearly the grounds of such objection, subscribed with his proper name and address.

Dated at Wellington, the second day of March, 1870.

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Solicitors for the Applicant. Government Annuities Office,

IZARD AND PHARAZYN,

Wellington, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Government Insurance and Annuities Offices, under "The Government Annuities Act, 1869," have been opened at the Chief Post Offices at Auckland, New Plymouth, Napier, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill, and at the Post Offices at Hokitika, Greymouth, Westport, and Charleston.

All persons wishing to obtain Annuities, immediate or deferred, Life Insurances, or other advantages under the Act, will receive every information and the necessary forms on application at either of the above-named offices.

> W. GISBORNE, Commissioner.

PARTICULARS of the Estates of Deceased Persons which have been placed under the charge of ALFRED CHETHAM STRODE, Esq., Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, during the Month of February, 1870.

1Mary NicholsonDunedinNot known4th February, 1870Under £1502nd Nov., 18692Joseph WildLawrence,,, ,,Orderstosell perish- able property datedUnder £3007th Dec., 1869	No.	Name of Deceased.	Colonial Residence.	Supposed British or Foreign Residence.	Date of Rule or Order.	Value or Estimated Value of Personal Estate.	Time of Deceased's Death.	Remarks.
4th January, 1870	1 2		Lawrence,		Orders to sell perish-			

Dated at Dunedin, the 1st day of March, 1870.

A. CHETHAM STRODE, Curator.

MEMORANDUM.—In the Return for December, 1869 (published in the New Zealand Gazette, No. 3, page 22, 1870), the "supposed British or Foreign residence" of the intestate John Lord was stated as "not known." It has now come to my knowledge that his British residence was Bury, in Lancashire, England.—A. CHETHAM STEODE, Curator. ą

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ABSTRACT of METEOBOLOGICAL	OBSERVATIONS	, New Zealand	, for the	Month of	JANUARY, 1870.
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CHRISTCHURCH Same month previous 6 years	29·675 ^{29·794}	•680 	63·3 61·2	15·8 	39·4 	155·7 	33∙8 	•453 •426	77 74	$3.411 \\ 2.879$	14 8	156	368,29th	6 [.] 6
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* Altitude, 2,104 feet. + For previous three years only.

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Notes. Mongonui.—The weather has been pleasant, although the rainfall was far above the average; heavy falls on 1st, 22nd, 27th, and 28th. Thunder on 21st and 27th; prevailing wind from N.E. and S.W.; winds generally moderate. Auckland.—The weather was generally very pleasant at this station. Heavy rain on 1st from S.E., and thunder on 18th and 19th, with rain; at times it was very sultry and oppressive; prevailing wind from S.W. Taranaki.—On 4th stormy from W., and on 30th strong wind from same quarter, and no rain; thunder on 18th; foggy on 27th and 28th, otherwise the weather on the whole was fine and pleasant. Napier.—Very heavy rain on 1st, 2nd, 19th and 23rd, otherwise the weather was tolerably fine, though close and sultry; stormy on 29th from W.; fourteen days of N.E. wind. Slight shocks of earthquake at 3 a.m. on 8th, and on 15th at 2 a.m.; also a slight shock on 17th. Wellington.—On 1st heavy rain and wind from S.W.; very stormy from S.W. on 15th, with only slight rain,—foggy; on 18th dull and foggy, heavy fain—wind S.W. and S.E.; very stormy from N.W. on 28th, with rain. Otherwise weather during month was fine and clear; strong wind frequently from N.W., but bright and pleasant; twenty-five days N.W. wind. Aurora Australis on 3rd at 9 p.m. Australis on 3rd at 9 p.m.

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Nelson.—Very fine weather generally at this station; very low rainfall, and moderate winds. On 5th squally weather from S.W., with heavy rain; and on 28th and 29th strong wind from N.E. and N.W., but no rain; prevailing wind S.W.
Christokurch.—The weather was generally wet during month, but it was occasionally very fine and pleasant, though dull. On 16th there was hail from S.W., and on 29th a most severe hail storm occurred from same quarter, also thunder and lightning. Prevailing wind S.W.
Bealey.—Wet disagreeable weather prevailed, with light N.W. winds. On 9th there was a N.W. gale, with heavy rain; also on 28th and 25th storm from same quarter, but no rain; on 28th a thunder storm occurred with yeav heavy rain. 3750

Bealey.—Wet disagreeable weather prevailed, with light N.W. winds. On 9th there was a N.W. gale, with heavy rain; also on 24th and 25th stormy from same quarter, but no rain; on 28th a thunder storm occurred, with very heavy rain—3750 inches recorded up to morning of 29th; slight earthquake on 10th at 940 a.m. Twenty-six days of N.W. wind.
Hokitika.—Very wet on night of 9th, with strong N.W. wind; stormy on 15th from S.W., with rain; also strong wind from same quarter on 17th and 21st; a gale on night of 28th from S.W., with heavy rain and squalls; foggy on 14th, 15th, 21st, and 26th. Prevailing winds from S.W. and N.W.
Dunedin.—Storm from S.E. on 3rd, with heavy rain. Rainfall far above the average; heavy falls recorded on 2nd, 3rd, and 29th, when considerably over the inch fell in each case. There was, however, some pleasant weather during the month, though dull. Prevailing wind from W.

 When considerably over the first feat in each case. There was, however, some preasant weather during the month, indugin dull. Prevailing wind from W.
 Southland.—Rainfall greatest recorded for eleven years in any one month, although number of rainy days was not excessive. Four heavy falls occurred.—2:61 (4th), 3:02 (14th), 2:12 (29th), 1:09 (31st),—the three first from S.E., and last from N.W. Strong winds on 24th and 26th from N. and N.W., without rain; thunder on 31st. In the intervals between the floods, the weather was fine generally. Prevailing wind S.E.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Month marked by excessive rainfall in the North and South of the Islands, and continued dry westerly winds about the central portion, especially on the West Coast.

JAMES HECTOR, Inspector.

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