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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
 that all communications from this
 Government inserted in the "NEW ZEALAND
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 GAZETTE," are to be deemed official.

Given under my Hand at Government-
 House, Russell, this 12th day of
 June, in the year of our Lord 1840.

W. HOBSON,
 LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

By His Excellency's Command.
 (For the Colonial Secretary.)
 JAS. STUART FREEMAN.

PROCLAMATION.

In the Name of Her Majesty VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, By WILLIAM HOBSON, Esquire, a Captain in the Royal Navy, Lieutenant Governor of New Zealand.

WHEREAS I have it in Command from Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA, through Her principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to assert the Sovereign Rights of Her Majesty over the Southern Islands of New Zealand, commonly called "The Middle Island," and "Stewart's Island," and, also, the Island commonly called "The Northern Island," the same having been ceded in Sovereignty to Her Majesty.

Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM HOBSON, Lieutenant Governor of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare to all men, that from and after the date of these Presents, the full Sovereignty of the Islands of New Zealand, extending from thirty-four Degrees thirty minutes North to forty-seven Degrees ten minutes South Latitude, and between one hundred and sixty-six Degrees five minutes to one hundred and seventy-nine Degrees of East Longitude, vests in Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA, her Heirs and Successors for ever.

Given under my Hand, at Government House, Russell, Bay of Islands, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

(Signed) WILLIAM HOBSON,
 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.
 By His Excellency's Command,
 (Signed) WILLOUGHBY SHORTLAND,
 Colonial Secretary.
 GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

In the Name of Her Majesty Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, By William Hobson, Esquire, a Captain in the Royal Navy, Lieutenant Governor of New Zealand.

WHEREAS, by a Treaty bearing date the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, made and executed by me, WILLIAM HOBSON, a Captain in the Royal Navy, Consul, and Lieutenant-Governor in New Zealand, vested for this purpose with full powers by Her Britannic Majesty, of the one part, and the Chiefs of the Confederation of the United Tribes of New Zealand, and the separate and Independent Chiefs of New Zealand, not Members of the Confederation, of the other; and further ratified and confirmed by the adherence of the Principal Chiefs of this Island of New Zealand, commonly called "The Northern Island," all Rights and Powers of Sovereignty over the said Northern Island were ceded to Her Majesty The Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, absolutely and without reservation.

Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM HOBSON, Lieutenant Governor of New Zealand, in the Name and on the Behalf of Her Majesty, do hereby Proclaim and Declare to all Men, that from and after the date of the above mentioned Treaty, the full Sovereignty of the Northern Island of New Zealand, vests in Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA, Her Heirs and Successors for ever.

Given under my Hand at Government House, Russell, Bay of Islands, this twenty-first day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

(Signed) WILLIAM HOBSON,
 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.
 By His Excellency's Command,
 (Signed) WILLOUGHBY SHORTLAND,
 Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

—
 Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Russell, 9th June, 1840.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that notice of the following Appointments having been made under this Government from the dates set opposite the respective names, be published for general information:—

MAJOR THOMAS BUNBURY, 80th Regiment, commanding her Majesty's Troops in New Zealand, appointed a Magistrate of the Territory—30th March, 1840.

WILLOUGHBY SHORTLAND, Esquire, J. P., Acting Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records—7th March, 1840.

FELTON MATHEW, Esquire, J. P., Surveyor General—1st January, 1840.

JOHN JOHNSON, Esquire, M. D., J. P., Colonial Surgeon—6th February, 1840.

WILLIAM DAVIES, Esquire, M. D., Surgeon, Health Officer—1st June, 1840.

WILLIAM CORNWALLIS SYMONDS, Esquire, Police Magistrate—17th March, 1840.

CHARLES BARRINGTON ROBINSON, Esquire, Police Magistrate—28th March, 1840.

MICHAEL MURPHY, Esquire, Police Magistrate—30th March, 1840.

H. D. SMART, Lieut. 28th Regiment, Magistrate of the Territory—1st January, 1840.

JAMES READY CLENDON, Esquire, Magistrate of the Territory—21st February, 1840.

THOMAS BECKHAM, Esquire, Magistrate of the Territory—17th March, 1840.

Mr WILLIAM MASON, Superintendent of Public Works—1st March, 1840.

Mr CHARLES LOGIE, Colonial Store-keeper—15th January, 1840.

By His Excellency's Command,
 (For the Colonial Secretary.)
 JAS. STUART FREEMAN.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Subscribers and Users

It is with pleasure that this Department recognises 150 years of the gazetting of official Government information in New Zealand.

The first Government communications to be gazetted appeared in the *New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette* on 15 June 1840. This edition contained an announcement "that all communications from this Government inserted in the *New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette* are to be deemed official."

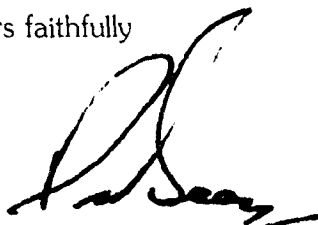
The need to publish official Government notices and proclamations to inform the public and keep an official record was apparent from the outset of Government in New Zealand. As an interim measure the first of Governor Hobson's notices and proclamations, including the Treaty of Waitangi, were printed on the Church Missionary Society press by William Colenso. It became necessary however, to make other arrangements for the printing of Government notices with the growth of Hobson's administration and the need to relieve the Church Missionary Society of what had become an onerous task. The *New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette* took over the job and a gazette format was adopted which has remained largely unaltered to this day.

The gazetting of notices in The *New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette* only lasted a few months as the paper was suspended after its editor became increasingly critical of Hobson's administration and refused to publish Government notices. Other arrangements were made temporarily to gazette information with first Colenso and then Eagar, the former publisher of the *New Zealand Advertiser*. In July 1841 the Government signed a contract with the Auckland Newspaper and General Printing Co, and the *New Zealand Government Gazette* No. 1 was published on 7 July 1841. This publication was the first edition of what we now know as the present *New Zealand Gazette*.

In line with New Zealand's 150th birthday celebrations I think it is fitting to commemorate 150 years of the Department's role in gazetting Government notices by this special edition which features some of the first notices to appear in the *New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette*. In effect this Gazette was the forerunner to today's *New Zealand Gazette*.

I am pleased to be associated with the *New Zealand Gazette* in this very special year for all New Zealanders.

Yours faithfully



P.W. BOAG
Secretary for Internal Affairs

