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NEW ZEALAND FLAX.

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, 10th July, 1869.

THE following letter, addressed to the Superintendent, relative to the preparation of New Zealand Flax (*Phormium Tenax*), is published for the information of persons interested therein.

EVERY MACLEAN,
Deputy Superintendent.

—
Raglan, July 5, 1869.

"Sir,—I have the honour to bring under your notice what I consider to be a great improvement in the dressing of flax from the phormium tenax.

"The present fibre, as sent to market, when examined by the microscope, appears covered with gum attached to the fibre in indurated globules, and the basis of this gum being silica, it must be removed before it hardens, as, when dry, it is almost insoluble in cold water.

"During the process of preparation generally adopted the parenchymatous or viscous tissue which surrounds the fibre is, by the percussion of the stripping-drum, driven in amongst the fibrous tissue. Simple washing with water fails to remove this matter, which, when dry, renders the flax so hard and unmanageable as to be unfitted for the manufacture of fine fabrics.

"This gummy matter, must, therefore, be removed, if possible, by a cheap and simple process, and this is attained by passing the flax (after it comes from the machine and has received its first wash), between rollers of vulcanised indiarubber or other elastic substance, as shown in the accompanying sketch. *[This sketch may be seen at the Superintendent's Office.]*

"The regularity of the pressure, from the elastic nature of the face of the rollers, squeezes the gummy matter thoroughly out of the fibrous tissue, renders it soft and silky, and may dispense almost wholly with the scutching, and consequently avoid the creation of tow.

"Believing that this idea is of value to the Province, and ought to be ventilated, I leave it in your Honor's hands.—I have, &c.,

("Signed) RICHARD TODD, F.R.G.S.

"To His Honor the Superintendent,
"Auckland."

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

By EVERY MACLEAN, Esquire,
Deputy Superintendent of the
Province of Auckland.

IN pursuance of the power in the Superintendent vested by the fourth clause of "The Highways Act, 1867," I do hereby bring the said Act into operation within the District of ARARIMU NORTH, and appoint

the First Meeting of the Electors to take place at the residence of Mr. Andrew Brown, in the said District, on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of July, instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Given under my hand, at Auckland, this thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

EVERY MACLEAN,
Deputy Superintendent.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, 13th July, 1869.

I HEREBY notify that the Chairman of the Board of Highway Trustees for the WHANGAROA District has reported in writing to the Superintendent the election of

MR. HENRY DUNCAN

as a Highway Trustee for the said District, in the room of Mr. N. Barrett, resigned.

EVERY MACLEAN,
Deputy-Superintendent.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

MANUKAU HARBOUR.

Harbour Department, Manukau,
6th July, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given that all the Buoys connected with the Manukau Harbour have recently been repaired and moored in their proper places, and Mariners are to observe that all the Buoys and Beacons painted RED are placed on the Starboard side of the Channel, and the BLACK Buoys on the Port side of the Channel, inwards.

The "Tranmere" Shoal Buoy (Black) is now moored in four (4) fathoms at low water spring tides, close to the S.E. part of the Shoal, and Mariners are to avoid the more southern part of the Shoal by paying attention to the pointing of the Semaphore Arms at the Signal station, or by keeping the South Head Beacons open (about three breadths) southwards.

The South Head Beaconways will shortly be extended, and the Beacons adjusted to the course of the Channel; and, when completed, due notice will be given. The least water now found in the course of the Southern Channel is three (3) fathoms at low-water spring tides, deepening quickly to four (4) and five (5) fathoms.

THOMAS WING,
Harbour Master.

I THE undersigned, OLIVER M. CREAGH, hereby make application to register the "CASTLE AND GALATEA 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 state-

ment is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular, namely:—

1. That the name and style of the Company is, "The Castle and Galatea Gold Mining Company, (Registered)."

2. That the place of operations is at the Moanataiari Creek, at the Thames Gold Field in the Province of Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand

3. That the nominal capital of the Company is Six Thousand Pounds, in One Thousand Two Hundred Shares of Five Pounds each.

4. That the amount paid up is Four thousand Eight Hundred Pounds.

5. That the name of the Manager is Oliver M. Creagh.

6. That the Office of the Company is in Bowen-street, Graham's Town.

7. That the names and several residences of the Shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date are as follow, namely:—

	SHARES.
Richard Annesley Eyre, Auckland	. 120
Michael O'Connor, Graham's Town	. 120
John Whaley, Graham's Town	. 120
Arthur Torene Urquhart, Graham's Town	120
William Boilden, Graham's Town	. 120
John Connolly, Graham's Town	. 85
John J. Vickery, Graham's Town	. 70
Patrick Burke, Graham's Town	. 60
Henrietta Lynch, Graham's Town	. 60
Arthur Palmer, Graham's Town	. 60
John Mander, Graham's Town	. 60
William Greenwood, Auckland	. 60
Benjamin Greenwood, Graham's Town	. 60
Peter Johnston, Graham's Town	. 50
William Bisset, Graham's Town	. 35

Dated this 30th day of June, 1869.

OLIVER M. CREAGH,
Manager.

Declared in the presence of me,
JAMES SKENE, J.P.

I THE undersigned, JOSEPH LYLE, hereby make application to Register the MONARCH QUARTZ CRUSHING 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 knowledge and belief, true in every particular, namely:—

1. That the name and style of the Company is "The Monarch Quartz Crushing Company (Registered)."

2. That the place of operations is at the Waioatahi Creek, at the Thames Goldfield, in the Province of Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.

3. That the nominal Capital of the Company is Four thousand eight hundred Pounds in Nine hundred and sixty Shares of Five Pounds each.

4. That the amount paid up is Two thousand eight hundred and eighty Pounds.

5. That the name of the Manager is Joseph Lyle.

6. That the names and several residences of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow, namely:—

	SHARES.
Andrew Kerr, Shortland - - -	80
Michael Hannaford, Auckland - - -	80
Edward H. Power, Shortland - - -	80
William Wallace Wallis, Shortland - - -	80
Francis E. Stewart, Graham's Town - - -	80
Charles T. Lloyd, Shortland - - -	80
John Thompson, Shortland - - -	80
Frederick G. Armstrong, Auckland - - -	80
George Strong, Auckland - - -	80
William Morrin, Auckland - - -	160
John Kirkpatrick, Wanganui - - -	80
Total - - -	960

Dated this fifth day of July, 1869.

JOSEPH LYLE,
Manager.

Witness to signature:

(Signed) LOWTHER BROAD,
A Justice of the Peace.

I THE undersigned, JOSEPH LYLE, hereby make application to register the LA PLATA 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. That the name and style of the Company is "The La Plata Gold-Mining Company (Registered)."

2. That the place of operations is at the Tararu, at the Thames Goldfield, in the Province of Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.

3. That the nominal capital of the Company is Eleven thousand two hundred Pounds in Two thousand two hundred and forty Shares of Five Pounds each.

4. That the amount paid up is Eight thousand four hundred Pounds.

5. That the name of the Manager is Joseph Lyle.

6. That the Office of the Company is in Owen-street, Graham's Town.

7. That the names and several residences of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each at this date, are as follow, namely:—

	SHARES.
Francis E. Stewart, Graham's Town - - -	160
John Carfrae, Sydney, N.S.W - - -	160
George Russell, Sydney, N.S.W. - - -	160
Francis Cadell, Auckland - - -	160
John B. Mason, Tararu - - -	160

George Watson, Tararu - - -	160
Henry W. Kurtain, Tararu - - -	160
Henry R. Jury, Tararu - - -	160
William Wilkinson, Graham's Town - - -	160
James McRae, Tararu - - -	160
Mervin H. Coates, Tararu - - -	160
William F. Hunt, Tararu - - -	160
In the hands of the directors, Com- pany's Office - - -	320

Dated this fifth day of July, 1869.

JOSEPH LYLE,
Manager.

Declared in the presence of me,

(Signed) LOWTHER BROAD,
A Justice of the Peace.

I THE undersigned, JOHN WORTH PEARSE, hereby make application to register "THE PRIDE OF KURANUI 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. That the name and style of the Company is "The Pride of Kuranui Gold Mining Company (Registered)."

2. That the place of operations is at the Kuranui Creek, at the Thames Goldfield, in the Province of Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand.

3. That the nominal capital of the Company is Ten thousand Pounds.

4. That the amount paid up is Five thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds.

5. That the name of the Manager is John Worth Pearse.

6. That the Office of the Company is in Owen-street, Grahamstown.

7. That the names and several residences of shareholders, and the number of shares held by each, at this date, are as follows, namely:—

	SHARES.
Irvine Armstrong, Grahamstown .	39
William Armstrong, Grahamstown .	33
Thomas Saunders, Grahamstown .	28
John James Woods, Grahamstown .	39
David Stewart, Grahamstown .	39
William John Young, Otahuhu .	34
Stephen Samuel Mear, Grahamstown .	89
Campbell Gardner, Grahamstown .	67
Harwood James, Grahamstown .	28
Charles William Sanders, Grahams- town .	11
John Worth Pearse, Grahamstown .	33
William Ireland, senr, Grahamstown .	44
William Cranch, Grahamstown .	44
Benjamin Brown, Grahamstown .	33
Thomas A. Cleghorn, Epsom .	44
John Bennet, Grahamstown .	22
James Forgie, Auckland .	29
John Bennet, } Grahamstown	29
John Worth Pearse, }	

Thomas Morrin, Auckland.	123
Richard McQuade, Auckland	29
John McDonald, Grahamstown	22
John Gardner, Grahamstown	22
William Margraf, Grahamstown	22
Albert Davies, Auckland	44
William Henry Hick, Grahamstown.	24
George Bennett, Grahamstown	24
John Goldsworthy, Grahamstown	34
Thomas Jones, Grahamstown	34
Duncan Garrick, Grahamstown	20
George Redpath Burnett, Auckland.	34
Joseph Sprengon, Auckland	69
Thomas Goldsworthy, Grahamstown.	34
William Goldsworthy, Grahamstown	34
Mathew Hooper, Auckland	14
John Worth Pearse, held in trust by him for the Company	732
Total	2,000

Dated this twenty-eighth day of June,
1869.

JOHN WORTH PEARSE,
Manager.

Witness to signature,

(Signed) RICHARD OLIVER,
A Justice of the Peace.

I THE undersigned, JOSEPH LYLE, hereby
make application to Register "THE GOLDEN
REEF QUARTZ MINING COMPANY (REGIS-
TERED)," 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. That the name and style of the Company
is "The Golden Reef Quartz Mining Company
Registered."

2. That the place of operations is at the
Waiotahi Creek, Thames Gold Field, in the
Province of Auckland, in the Colony of New
Zealand.

3. That the nominal capital of the Company
is £15,000, in £5,000 shares of £3 each.

4. That the amount paid up is £10,000.

5. That the name of the Manager is Joseph
Lyle.

6. That the Office of the Company is in
Owen-street, Grahamstown.

7. That the names and several residences of
the shareholders, and the number of shares
held by each at this date, are as follow,
namely:—

	SHARES.
William T. Coope, Auckland	256
Oughton and Myers, Grahamstown	192
Thomas Hunter	64
James Porter	128
Charles John Ratjen	64
Morris Hyams, Shortland	32
George Spray	64
James Buckley	192
Thomas Barry, Grahamstown	128
John Murphy, Shortland	128
Thomas Sullivan	128
William Burton, Grahamstown	64
Luke H. Holloway	96
Henry Joyner	64
John Williams, Shortland.	32
Peter Solan	32
Henry Carroll, Grahamstown	32
E. Fairman	64
Henry Thomas Ware	128
Edward Short	128
H. Rawlings	256
William Gibbons, Shortland	64
Samuel E. Pilgrim	64
Alfred Holmes	64
John Farrall	46
Emma Nelson	64
Ashburnham Bulley, Grahamstown	64
Arthur Linnell	64
Charles L. Wiggins	96
Edward Wood	192
Thomas Booth, Shortland	32
Henry Mair, Grahamstown	128
Oliver Alfred Rayson, Grahamstown.	128
J. E. Phelan	128
Thomas Berry	64
Enoch Stanton	32
William Morris	64
A. Tebbuth	64
James Williams	128
James Whitelaw	128
J. P. Martin, Shortland	128
James D. Grant	25
John M. Muir	25
Abraham Levy	64
Edwin Smith, Grahamstown	32
George Clark	32
William Ralph, Karaka	128
J. P. Hamlin, Panmure	128
In the hands of the Directors, Gra- hamstown	552

5,000

Dated this seventh day of July, 1869.

(Signed) JOSEPH LYLE,
Manager.

Declared in the presence of me,
(Signed) LOWTHER BROAD,
A Justice of the Peace.