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By His Honor's command,

JOSEPH BRITTAN,

Provincial Secretary.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1856.

[No. XVII

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Companion of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Waste Lands Act, 1854," it is provided that if the Superintendent and Provincial Council, of any Province, shall recommend to the Governor any Regulations for the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown within such Province, it shall be lawful for the Governor, if he shall think fit, with the advice of his Executive Council, by Proclamation, in the New Zealand "Government Gazette," to issue and put in force such Regulations within such Province, on a day to be named in the Gazette in which the same shall be published, not being less than one calendar month from the publication thereof.

AND WHEREAS the Superintendent and the Provincial Council of the Province of Canterbury, have recom-

mended to me the following Regulations numbered respectively 67 and 68, in substitution for the Clauses bearing the same numbers in the Regulations now in force within the said Province, for the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the said Province.

Now therefore I, the Governor, pursuant to the authority vested in me in that behalf by the said recited Act, do hereby, with the advice of the Executive Council, *proclaim* and *issue* the said Regulations numbered respectively 67 and 68 in substitution as aforesaid, and I do hereby *declare* that the same shall come into force on the 15th day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Islands of New Zealand, at Auckland, in the Islands aforesaid, this 14th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

By His Excellency's command,
C. W. RICHMOND,
Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen.

AMENDED REGULATIONS

For the Disposal, Sale, Letting, and Occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the Province of Canterbury.

67. Pasturage Licenses with pre-emptive right in connexion with purchased lands, whether under the Canterbury Association or the Crown, shall, from and after the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, be taken and deemed to be pasturage licenses over the lands included therein upon the terms of these Regulations with a pre-emptive right over all such land, to be exercised subject to these Regulations as regards notice of application, payment of deposit, purchase money, price of land, and size and shape of blocks. If the land covered by such pre-emptive right shall be included within the limits of a run held by license under clauses 50 and 53, the holder thereof in paying rent for the same may take credit for the amount paid by him in respect of lands covered by such pre-emptive right.

68. Holders of pasturage licenses without pre-emptive right shall be entitled to hold such licenses or to have them renewed upon the terms of their contract with the Canterbury Association or the Crown, as the case may be, but if any person holding a license under the Canterbury Association or the Crown shall voluntarily resign the same, he shall be entitled to receive a license under these Regulations, and shall from the date of such exchange hold his run at the rate and on the conditions specified in these Regulations.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 4th August, 1856.*

WHEREAS a definitive Treaty of Peace between Her Majesty and Her Allies, and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, was concluded at Paris, on the 30th day of March last, and the ratifications thereof have been duly exchanged: His Excellency the Governor, in order to afford the inhabitants an opportunity of commemorating so opportunist an event, has been pleased to direct that throughout the Province of Auckland, Wednesday the 13th instant shall be observed as a Public Holiday, and that throughout each of the other Provinces of this Colony, such day as the Super-

intendent of such Province may appoint after the receipt of this Gazette shall be observed in like manner.

By his Excellency's command,
C. W. RICHMOND,
Colonial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, August 30, 1856.*

IN pursuance of the foregoing direction of His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, his Honor the Superintendent has been pleased to appoint Monday, the 8th September next, to be observed as a Public Holiday.

JOSEPH BRITTAN,
Provincial Secretary

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 4th July, 1856.*

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the name of the undermentioned gentleman should be added to the Commission of the Peace for the Province of Canterbury.

JOSEPH BRITTAN, ESQ.
By His Excellency's command,
C. W. RICHMOND,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th July, 1856.*

THE Governor directs it to be notified for general information that RICHARD WESTENRA, ESQ., having requested that his name should be removed from the Commission of the Peace for the Province of Canterbury, His Excellency has complied with his request.

By His Excellency's command,
C. W. RICHMOND,
Colonial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, Aug. 30, 1856.*

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication for general information of the "Customs Duties Act," 1856.

JOSEPH BRITTAN,
Provincial Secretary.

*An Act to Alter the Duties of Customs.
(Assented to 11th August, 1856).*

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the Duties of Customs payable on the importation of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, into the Colony of New Zealand:

Be it therefore enacted by the Gene-

Assembly of New Zealand as follows:—

1.—Any Duties of Customs chargeable upon the goods, wares, and merchandize next hereafter mentioned imported into the Colony of New Zealand shall cease and determine from and after the fifth day of August, 1856—viz. :—

1. All articles for the supply of Her Majesty's land and sea forces.
 2. Animals, living.
 3. Bricks, Slates, and Stones for building purposes, and Mill Stones.
 4. Boats.
 5. Books, printed, not being account books.
 6. Bottles, full of an article subject to duty.
 7. Bullion and coin.
 8. Casks, empty.
 9. Coal.
 10. Corn, Grain, Meal, Flour, Bread, and Biscuit.
 11. Gunpowder, fit only for blasting purposes.
 12. Iron, pig.
 13. Machinery, viz. :—Brick and Tile Making, Draining, Flax, Hay, and Wool Pressing, Straw, and Turnip Cutting, Reaping, Thrashing, and Winnowing Machines, Steam Engines, and Apparatus for ditto, and Machinery for Mills, including Hand Flour Mills.
 14. Manure.
 15. Oil, Blubber, and Bone, being the produce of fish or marine animals.
 16. Plants, Bulbs, Trees, and Seeds.
 17. Passengers' personal Baggage.
 18. Ploughs, and Harrows.
 19. Specimens Illustrative of Natural History.
 20. Tobacco, for sheep wash, subject to its being rendered unfit for human consumption, and to such regulations as the Governor shall from time to time prescribe in that behalf.
- 2.—The Duties of Customs now chargeable on the importation of goods, wares, and merchandize next hereafter specified shall cease and determine and in lieu thereof the following duties shall be charged on all such goods, wares, and merchandize imported into the Colony of New Zealand or cleared from any warehouse for home con-

sumption from and after the 5th day of August, 1856, viz. :—

	£	s	d
1. Ale, Beer, Cider, and Perry, in wood the gallon	0	0	6
Ale, Beer, Cider, and Perry in bottle the gallon	0	1	0
2. Cigars, and Snuff the lb.	0	3	0
3. Coffee, Chicory, Cocoa, and Chocolate the lb.	0	0	2
4. Iron, rod, bar, bolt, hoop, and sheet, not otherwise manufactured per cwt.	0	1	0
5. Salt, per cwt.	0	1	0
6. Spirits, and Strong Waters of every kind, sweetened, or otherwise, of any strength not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes's hydrometer, and so on in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, the gallon	0	8	0
7. Sugar, raw, and refined, of all kinds, and Treacle and Molasses, the lb.	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. Tea, the lb.	0	0	$\frac{3}{4}$
9. Tobacco, the lb.	0	1	3
10. Wine, in wood and bottle, containing less than 25 per cent of alcohol of a specific gravity of .825 at the temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit's thermometer, the gallon	0	3	0
11. Wood, of all kinds, not manufactured into furniture, the cubic foot	0	0	2
12. Boots and Shoes, Hats, Apparel of all kinds, and all material for making apparel, Jewellery, Cutlery, Clocks, Watches, and Plated Ware, and all Silk, Woollen, Cotton, and Linen Manufactures, (except corn and gunny bags and Woolpacks,) Sperm, Stearine, and Wax Candles, (measuring outside the packages,) the cubic foot	0	3	0
13. All other goods, Wares, and Merchandize, (measuring outside the packages,) the cubic foot	0	1	0
Or at the option of the principal Officer of Customs at the port of entry at which the same shall be imported, the cwt.	0	2	0

3.—A drawback of the whole of such duties shall be allowed for Wines in-

tended for the consumption of the Officers of Her Majesty's troops serving in the Colony of New Zealand, and of the Officers of Her Majesty's Navy, serving on board any of Her Majesty's ships in the seas adjoining thereto or such Wines may be landed on first importation, or delivered out of bond free of duty, subject in all cases to such regulations as the Governor shall from time to time prescribe: Provided always, if any such Wines shall be subsequently sold in the said Colony, except for the use or consumption of any of Her Majesty's Military or Naval Officers serving as aforesaid, the same shall be forfeited and liable to seizure accordingly.

4.—All duties of Customs under this Act shall be charged and paid according to the Standard Imperial Weights and Measures, and where such duties are charged according to any specified quantity, weight, or size, the same shall be chargeable in proportion on any greater or less quantity, weight, or size.

5.—The Duties of Customs imposed by this Act shall be raised, levied, collected and paid in like manner as if the said duties had been imposed by the Ordinance, Session I, No. 3, to provide for the collection of duties imposed on goods imported into and for the general regulation of the Revenue of Customs, in the Colony of New Zealand and its dependencies, and subject also to all such provisions and regulations as may for the time being be in force under or by virtue of any local Act or Ordinance for the collection and for the general regulation of the Revenue of Customs in the Colony of New Zealand.

6.—And whereas contracts or agreements may have been made for the sale or delivery of some of the goods or commodities on which increased or additional duties of customs are by this Act imposed, which contracts or agreements may have been made with no reference to such additional duties, and thereby the several contractors may be materially affected: For Remedy thereof, be it enacted that every person who shall have made or entered into any such contract or agreement shall be, and is hereby authorised and empowered in the case of any such contract or agreement to add so much money as will be equivalent to the increased or additional duty hereby granted on any such goods or commodities respectively to the price thereof, and shall be entitled by virtue of this

Act to be paid and to sue for, and recover the same accordingly.

7.—The term "Governor" shall mean the person for the time being lawfully administering the Government of the Colony of New Zealand.

8.—This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Customs' Duties Act, 1856."

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, Sept. 3, 1856.*

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs it to be notified for public information that

MR. SAMUEL MANSON,
has been elected Waywarden under the "Road Ordinance," Session VI, No. 2, for the Port Victoria District.

JOSEPH BRITTAN,
Provincial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, Sept. 3, 1856.*

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication, for general information, of the following correspondence.

JOSEPH BRITTAN,
Provincial Secretary.

Auckland, 1st August, 1856.

SIR,

I applied some years ago to have some Magistrates added to the list in the Province of Canterbury. I was given to understand that none would be appointed until the new Governor arrived.

His Excellency the present Governor some months ago requested me to recommend to him some gentlemen for the purpose of placing them on the Commission of the Peace.

Upon this, I asked several gentlemen by His Excellency's desire, if they would wish their names to be added to the Commission.

My despatch on this subject has remained for several months unanswered, and the gentlemen referred to have not been gazetted as Magistrates.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)—

JAMES EDWARD FITZ GERALD,
Superintendent of Canterbury.

To the Honorable,
the Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, August 4, 1856.*

SIR,

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant respecting the appointment of

gentlemen to the Commission of the Peace for the Province of Canterbury, and in which you state that your communication on this subject has remained unanswered for several months, I have the honor to inform you, that assuming the despatch to which you allude is one addressed to this office by the Provincial Secretary of Canterbury dated the 12th of May last, and which was received at this office on the 1st ultimo, I beg to refer your Honor to the answer addressed to you on the 3rd of last month. As it is possible however, that this communication was sent directly to Canterbury without having been seen by your Honor, I beg to enclose herewith a copy for your information.

I have further to inform you that it is not the intention of the Government to take any action with respect to the issue of fresh Commissions of the Peace for any of the Provinces during the present Session of the General Assembly,

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) C. W. RICHMOND,
Colonial Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent
of Canterbury.

[Enclosure referred to.]

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, July 3, 1856.

SIR,

With reference to the letters quoted in the Margin (12 & 13 May, 1856) which I have received from the Provincial Secretary of Canterbury recommending by desire of your Honor that Mr. Joseph Brittan and other gentlemen should be placed in the Commission of the Peace for that Province and respecting that it would be for the benefit of the Public Service if Mr. Brittan's appointment were at once made, I have the honor by the direction of his Excellency the Governor to inform you that a Commission of the Peace has been issued to Mr. J. Brittan.

The name of the other gentlemen recommended will be taken into consideration in connection with the general subject of the issue of New Commissions of the Peace, on which the Government has not yet come to a determination.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. W. RICHMOND,
Colonial Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent
of Canterbury.

Superintendent's Office,
Christchurch, Aug. 30, 1856.

SIR,

In reply to your despatch of the 4th August on the subject of the appointment of additional Magistrates for the Province of Canterbury, I can only remark, that as I had, in obedience to his Excellency's instructions, asked several gentlemen referred to in my former letter, whether they were willing to act as Magistrates, it will be my duty to publish this correspondence.

I must respectfully decline to offer any advice to the General Government in future on the subject of such appointments,

I have, &c.,

(Signed)—

JAMES EDWARD FITZ GERALD,
Superintendent of Canterbury.

To the Honorable,
the Colonial Secretary.

AMOUNT OF NOTES IN CIRCULATION AT THE OFFICE OF THE COLONIAL BANK OF ISSUE, AT WELLINGTON, THE 14TH JUNE, 1856.

Amount of Notes in Circulation on the 14th June, 1856, being the close of the preceding four weeks, viz. :—

	£	S	D
£5, and upwards...	19,555	0	0
Under £5.....	22,591	0	0
	£42,146	0	0

Total amount of Coin held by the same Office, on the same day, viz. :—

	£	S	D
Gold	16,543	0	0
Silver	603	0	0
	£17,146	0	0

I, HENRY ST. HILL, Manager of the said Bank, Do Hereby Certify that the above is a true account of the Notes in circulation, and of the Coin held by the said Office, as required under Ordinances No. 16, Session VIII, and No. 14, Session XI.

HENRY ST. HILL,
Manager.

Colonial Bank of Issue,
Wellington, 14th June, 1856.

The sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, (£25,000) Sterling has been invested under the Warrant of His

Excellency the Governor, in the Public Funds in England, through the Commissariat Department by arrangements made through the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

HENRY ST. HILL.

AMOUNT OF NOTES IN CIRCULATION AT THE OFFICE OF THE COLONIAL BANK OF ISSUE, AT WELLINGTON, THE 12TH JULY, 1856.

Amount of Notes in Circulation on the 12th July, 1856, being the close of the preceding four weeks, viz. :—

	£	s	d
£5, and upwards...	19,235	0	0
Under £5.....	20,113	0	0
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	£39,348	0	0

Total amount of Coin held by the same Office, on the same day, viz. :—

	£	s	d
Gold	13,745	0	0
Silver.....	603	0	0
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	£14,348	0	0

I, HENRY ST. HILL, Manager of the said Bank, Do Hereby Certify that the above is a true account of the Notes in circulation, and of the Coin held by the said Office, as required under Ordinances No. 16, Session VIII, and No. 14, Session XI.

HENRY ST. HILL,
Manager.

Colonial Bank of Issue,
Wellington, 12th July, 1856.

The sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds (£25,000) Sterling has been invested, under the Warrant of His Excellency the Governor, in the Public Funds in England, through the Commissariat Department, by arrangements made through the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

HENRY ST. HILL.

New Zealand to wit,—Province of
Canterbury.

WHEREAS a Writ, under the hand of Thomas Gore Browne, Esquire, Companion of the most honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in Chief, in and over the islands of New Zealand, &c., &c., bearing date the Eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, hath been directed to me, Charles Christopher Bowen, Esquire, as Returning officer for the Christchurch Country District, requiring and commanding me to cause to be elected, by and from amongst the voters duly qualified for that purpose, freely and indifferently and in manner and form by law prescribed, *One Person* to serve as a member of the House of Representatives, for the Christchurch Country District, in the Room of Dingley Askham Brittin, Esquire, resigned: Now therefore I, the said Charles Christopher Bowen, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Christchurch Country District, do hereby, in pursuance of the said recited writ, give notice that a public meeting of the Electors of the Christchurch Country District will be holden at the Offices of the Provincial Government, in the town of Christchurch, on Monday, the 13th day of October next, at noon, for the purpose of nominating *One Person* to serve as a member of the House of Representatives, for the Christchurch Country District, and in the event of a poll being demanded for the candidates or any of them, such polling shall take place on Tuesday, the 14th day of October next, in the lobby of the Provincial Council Chamber, at Christchurch; in the Police office at Lyttelton; and at Mr. Black's Store Kaiapoi: the voting to commence at any time after nine o'clock, a.m. of the said day, and to close at four o'clock p.m., of the same day.

CHARLES CHRISTOPHER BOWEN,
Returning Officer.

Government Offices, Lyttelton,
August 29th, 1856.