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By His Honor's Command,

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS, Provincial Secretary.

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WHEREAS it is necessary that proper main Roads should be laid down and made in the Province of Otago: **AND WHEREAS** some of the Roads presently in use in the said Province require to be altered, and new roads formed, and thereafter maintained in proper repair, **BE IT ENACTED** by the Superintendent of the said Province of Otago, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof:

1. That it shall be lawful for the Superintendent in the manner hereinafter provided, to lay down such Roads in and through the Province as shall be judged expedient and necessary for the public advantage, either on the sites already laid down or used as roads, or on other or different sites, and to shut up and cause to be discontinued the present roads, so far as that shall be judged expedient.

2. It shall be lawful to lay down these roads either on the waste lands of the Crown, or through the lands belonging to private parties.

3. When any line of Road shall pass through the lands belonging to any private party, the owner of such lands shall be entitled to recover compensation for the injury done to his lands, as the same shall be fixed and determined by a Jury of five men, two of whom to be appointed by the Superintendent, two by the owner of land, and one by the District Road Trustees; and the appointment and determination of said Jury shall be in the form of Schedule A, hereto annexed, and shall be final and binding on all parties.

4. The parties named as Jury in any such appointment shall be bound to meet and determine the points submitted to them within one month after they receive personal intimation from the Superintendent of their appointment, unless prevented by sickness or absence from the Province, and that under a penalty of Five pounds, to be paid to the use of the Roads by the party failing. When any such appointment fails from any cause, a new appointment shall be made in the manner above set forth.

5. In laying down these Roads, the Superintendent shall employ a competent Surveyor, who shall survey the lines, and shall place square stakes at least five feet high above the ground along the one side of the whole line proposed by him, so as distinctly to point out the proposed line of road; such stakes to have one foot at the top painted three sides white, and one side black; and in placing the stakes along the line he shall always place the black painted side of the stake fronting the lands adjacent to the road, and the white painted sides fronting the road.

6. The Surveyor shall give an opportunity to all parties interested to point out any improvements on the line which they may have to suggest, and with that view he shall, after he has staked off the line of road as aforesaid, give at least ten days notice in the newspapers of his intention of being on the proposed line on a day, at an hour, and at the point to be named by him in such notice; and the Surveyor shall then and there hear all suggestions which may be offered. He shall hold such meetings within ten miles of each other along the whole line; and after hearing all parties, he shall either retain the original line proposed by him, or alter his stakes to a new line, as he may consider best.

7. Any person feeling dissatisfied with the final determination of the Surveyor may appeal from his decision to the General Board of Road Trustees after-mentioned, by delivering to the

Chairman of said Board, within one week, a distinct written statement containing the grounds of complaint; and such Chairman shall then call a meeting of the said Board; to be held within four weeks thereafter; which Board shall finally determine the points in dispute, and shall transmit a written statement of their decision therein to the Superintendent within two weeks thereafter; and the Surveyor shall alter the road lines so far as to make them conform to such decision.

8. The Superintendent shall divide the whole Province into Districts, and shall distinctly lay down the boundaries of each District by a proclamation in the Gazette, and in the newspapers; and each such district shall come under the operation of this Ordinance from the date of the notice by the Superintendent calling upon each district to elect Trustees, as after provided.

9. The Superintendent shall, previous to finally fixing the districts, give one month's notice in the newspapers, of the districts he intends to form, the boundaries of these districts, and the roads, or portions of roads, intended to be under the care of each district, as after provided; and in the said notice he shall appoint a day on which he will hear any complaint or suggestion which may be offered in regard to the extent of the boundaries of such districts, or the roads intended to be under the care of the Trustees of such districts; and thereafter he shall finally fix and determine such districts as aforesaid.

10. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent from time to time to increase the number of such districts, and to alter the boundaries both of the districts and of the lines of roads which shall be under the charge of the Trustees of each district, by Proclamation in the Gazette and in the newspaper after due notice as aforesaid.

11. The male inhabitants of each district, qualified by being above twenty-one years of age, and by having resided in the district at least three months previous to the meeting, shall meet on a day and at a place to be named by the Superintendent in a notice to be published in the Gazette, proclaiming the district to be under the operation of this Ordinance, and shall then and there nominate five of their own number to be Road Trustees for the district in which they shall reside, one of whom shall be named Convener of the district; and a majority of them shall always be a quorum; and such Trustees so elected shall be called the

District Road Trustees, and shall remain in office till a new election shall take place.

12. On the second Tuesday of May, in the year 1855, at 12 o'clock noon, and on the same day, and at the same hour, in every subsequent year, the male inhabitants of each district qualified as aforesaid, shall hold a meeting in the district at such place as the Superintendent shall appoint by a notice in the newspapers, and shall then and there elect five of their number to be District Road Trustees for the ensuing year, one of whom to be named Convener, and a majority of them shall always be a quorum. In all cases the former Trustees shall be eligible to be re-elected.

13. Notice shall be given to the Superintendent by the Conveners of the respective districts of the elections made, specifying the names and designations of the persons elected. When a vacancy shall occur in course of the year, the remaining Trustees shall fill up such a vacancy, and report the same to the Superintendent

14. The whole Trustees elected by the several districts, as aforesaid, shall be a General Board of Road Trustees for the whole roads of the Province; and immediately after receiving the notices of the Elections of District Boards as aforesaid, the Superintendent shall call a meeting of the General Board of Road Trustees by a notice in the Gazette, and in the newspapers, four weeks at least before such meeting, and he shall specify the time and place where such meeting shall be held; and before the General Board proceeds to business there must be representatives present from a majority of the District Boards.

15. At the first meeting of said General Board, after every Election, they shall appoint one of their own number to be Chairman and Convener of the Board; and he shall preside at all meetings at which he is present, and shall conduct all correspondence with the Superintendent, the District Boards, and all other parties necessary.

16. It shall be the duty of the General Board of Road Trustees to fix and determine on all new lines of Roads which they shall consider necessary to be formed for the public accommodation, and all extensions of old lines into new or extended districts during the year in which they hold office; and they shall obtain specifications and take estimates for the work necessary to be performed; and they shall have the responsibility of seeing that the work is executed according to the estimates. They may appoint Committees of their own number to carry their Resolutions into effect.

17. After the General Board of Trustees have prepared their specifications, they shall obtain or make up a probable estimate of the expense at which the work proposed to be executed may be completed; and the Convener shall send a copy of these documents to the Superintendent, who shall, after taking such advice and assistance as he shall think proper and necessary, either approve or disapprove of the work being done, or shall refer the determination of the matter to the Provincial Council, if it be then sitting, or shall propose such alterations on the proposals of the General Board of Trustees as he shall deem expedient; and whatever work is finally agreed upon by both the General Board of Trustees and the Superintendent as proper to be done, shall be executed by the General Board in conformity with the plan and specification mutually agreed upon.

18. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent to cause an Assessment to be made on, and levied from the Proprietors of Land in the Province for defraying the expenses of surveying and laying down the Road lines, and of forming all new roads determined upon and agreed to by both the General Board and the Superintendent as aforesaid; such assessment to be levied in the manner after-mentioned.

19. All Public Roads shall be at least thirty feet broad; all new roads shall be formed by estimate, and a copy of the contract for forming these roads shall be transmitted by the Convener of the General Board to the Superintendent; and all payments to the contractors for the said roads shall be made by the Treasurer of the Province on warrant signed by both the Convener of the General Board and the Superintendent. No Road Trustees shall be a contractor for any work to be done on the roads, unless he resigns his office of Trustees previous to the specifications being given out for estimate.

20. All Assessments made for the purpose mentioned in section 18 hereof shall be made

on the Proprietors of all lands within the districts appointed to elect Trustees, and shall be rated on them by the acre, and shall not be more in any one year than sixpence per acre; and the sum so assessed shall be levied either from the Proprietors of the Land or the Occupiers thereof, who shall have recourse on the Proprietor.

21. The District Road Trustees shall have the charge of all the roads formed within their respective districts, and they shall be bound to keep them in proper repair.

22. They shall in the month of August in each year make up an estimate of the expense of properly repairing, and keeping in repair, all the roads within their respective districts for the ensuing year, and shall deliver a copy of said estimate to the Superintendent, who shall forthwith, if necessary, appoint an Assessor or Assessors, and a Collector, or Collectors, and shall cause the estimate expense, with the expense of assessing and collecting the same, to be assessed in manner after-mentioned.

23. The Assessment for keeping the roads in repair shall be made on the Proprietors of Land, Occupiers of Land, Stock and Sheep-owners, and Male Residents within the district, in manner following, viz. :—

PROPRIETORS OF LAND shall be rated according to the number of acres belonging to them respectively.

OCCUPIERS OF LAND, whether Proprietors or Tenants, shall be rated at half the number of acres they possess.

STOCKOWNERS shall be rated as having one acre of land for each three head of cattle above one year old which they possess.

FLOCKOWNERS shall be rated as having one acre of land for every twenty sheep in their flock, not including lambs.

EVERY MALE RESIDENT in the district above twenty-one years of age, and not rated as Proprietor, or as an Occupier of Land, shall be rated as a possessor of five acres of land.

24. In all cases, both for forming the roads and keeping them in repair, the Proprietors of Lands wholly unoccupied shall be rated at double the number of acres belonging to them.

25. In order to save expense, the assessments shall be made in the following manner :—At the request of the Superintendent the Convener of the district shall call a meeting of the District Trustees, to be held on a day, at an hour, and at the place within the district to be fixed and named by the Superintendent, at which meeting the Assessor appointed by the Superintendent shall attend. Notice of this meeting shall also be given by the Convener of the District Road Trustees to the whole inhabitants of the district, both in the newspapers and otherwise, as to him shall appear necessary; and every person in the district shall be bound to attend this meeting, and give all necessary information to the Assessor, to enable him to make a just and proper assessment; which information he shall enter in a book, and the person giving the information shall subscribe the same. The Servants of Stock and Flock-owners not resident in the district shall be bound to attend and give the necessary information in behalf of their masters.

26. With regard to those parties who shall neither attend themselves, nor depute any other person to appear on their behalf, and give the necessary information at the said meeting, the Assessor shall assess according to such information as he can obtain, and there shall be afterwards no appeal from the assessment so made, unless it can be shewn that the assess-

ment made is more than double what it ought to have been.

27. If any person gives false information on any point, he shall be assessed double the amount he would otherwise be liable to.

28. When the assessment is made, notice shall be given by the Assessor to each individual assessed of the amount assessed upon him, and the particulars or grounds of the assessment; such notice shall state a day upon which appeals shall be heard and discussed in presence of the District Trustees, any three of whom attending shall decide on the merits of all appeals, and their decision shall be final; and the assessment shall be corrected in terms of such decision. The same notice shall also specify a day upon which, and a place at which, the Collector shall attend to receive payment of the assessment.

29. On the day of collection, or previous thereto, any person assessed shall be entitled to give written intimation to the Collector that he intends to give work on the roads in lieu of his assessment, and the Collector shall immediately after the close of the collection give to the Convener of the district a List of all the parties who require work; and he, the Convener, shall be entitled to call out such parties to work on any road within the district at any time and place he, the Convener, shall appoint; and such parties shall be bound to give such work at any time they are so called upon, except during the months of February and March, upon receiving one week's notice to perform such work.

30. The District Trustees shall always fix, at the meeting to be held in terms of section 25, the rate of wages to be allowed to persons assessed and desiring work; and they shall give work in proportion to said rate, and the sum assessed upon them.

31. If any person fails to attend and work on the roads, when required as aforesaid, or to send a proper person to work in his room, intimation shall be immediately given of such failure to the Assessor and Collector, who shall thereupon add fifty per cent. to the amount assessed, and shall give notice to the party assessed that the same must be paid within one month thereafter.

32. After the expiry of one week after the day of collection twenty-five per cent. shall be added by the Collector to every assessment unpaid, except on the parties requiring work as aforesaid, and intimation thereof shall be given by publishing a list of the defaulters specifying the sums due by each of them, including the additional per centage, and requiring payment within one month from the date of publishing the same; and it shall not be lawful for the Collector to receive payment of the assessments without payment being made at the same time of the additional per centage.

33. If the assessment, with the additional per centage, is not paid within the month allowed for such payments as aforesaid, the Collector shall make out a list of all such defaulters, with the amount due by them respectively, and he shall certify the same to be correct, and shall obtain from any one or more Justices of the Peace a warrant for levying the same by arrestment, distress, and sale; which warrant must be at once granted by any Justice or Justices of the Peace to whom such certified list is presented, by his writing thereon the words, "I grant warrant of Arrestment, Distress, and Sale," and dating and signing the same; and such warrant shall immediately be put in the hands of a Constable to recover the amount. All future warrant shall be obtained in like

manner against those parties who may or shall fail in giving work as aforesaid, so soon as the time specified for their respectively making payment of the assessment and additional per centage hath expired.

34. In all cases where any assessment imposed under the provisions of this Ordinance shall not be paid to the Collector within six months after the day of collection as aforesaid, interest shall be charged thereon from the day of collection aforesaid till paid, at the rate of Ten pounds per centum per annum.

35. All assessments made on lands under the provisions of this Ordinance, with interest thereon as aforesaid, shall be, and shall remain, a real burden on such lands from the date of assessing the same till paid.

36. In the event of any lands being sold after the date when any assessment is laid on such lands under the provisions of this Ordinance, the Collector may levy such assessment, with all interest due thereon, either from the Seller or the Purchaser of such lands.

37. The Treasurer of the Province may be the Collector of all assessments under this Ordinance; and when any other person is appointed Collector, he shall pay the amount collected by him to the Treasurer, according to instructions to be given to him by the Superintendent.

38. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer for forming the roads of the Province, except on warrants signed by the Convener of the General Board of Road Trustees and the Superintendent; nor for repairing the roads of any district, except on warrants signed by the Convener of such district and the Superintendent.

39. Accounts shall be published in the month of April annually, shewing the amount assessed—the amount added by way of per centage—the sums expended—the number of parties who paid their assessments in work, and the amount of their assessments—the sum in arrear, with the names of the parties who owe these arrears—and the balance in hand. A separate account shall be published for each district, and for the general purposes under the charge of the General Board.

40. If any person, by himself or his servants allow or permit his Sledge, Cart, or Dray, or the Horses or Bullocks dragging the same, or any Riding-horse, to get into any ditch or drain along the side of any road, or crossing any road formed pursuant to this Ordinance; or shall do any other act or deed by which any such Road or any Bridge crossing the same is injured, such person shall be bound to repair the whole damage done to such Road or Bridge, and also to pay a penalty of not more than Twenty shillings, nor less than Five Shillings, besides the expenses of conviction, for each offence, upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace, at the instance of the Convener of the Road Trustees for the district; such penalty to be applied to the use of the Roads for the district, and the complaint and conviction shall be in the form of Schedule B hereto annexed.

41. The Provincial Council may at any time apply any part of the Public Revenue of the Province to any of the purposes of this Ordinance, in lieu or in aid of the assessments herein provided.

42. Any change of Trustees, Assessor, Collector, Treasurer, or Superintendent, during the progress of any matter or thing required by this Ordinance shall not affect any Contract or Deed done by the person or persons retiring from office, but the successors of such officers shall take up the whole matters at the point

where they stood at the time of such change, and any misnomer of any person assessed, or improper description of the lands or others assessed, shall not invalidate the assessment; and such errors may be corrected at any time by authority of the Trustees of the district in which any mistake shall occur, or by authority of the Superintendent.

43. This Ordinance shall not extend to the Town of Dunedin, as laid down on the New Zealand Company's maps of that Town; and it shall be in force from the day of the passing thereof, and may be altered, amended, or repealed, during the present Session.

W. CARGILL, Superintendent.

Passed the Provincial Council this nineteenth day of April, and assented to by His Honor the Superintendent this twenty-fifth day April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

ROBT. CHAPMAN,
Clerk of Council.

SCHEDULE A.

We appoint you (here name and design the Jury mutually appointed) a Jury to ascertain and fix the compensation due to (here name and design the party) for lands belonging to him, situated in (here name the District) Section No. , which have been taken possession of for the purpose of forming a Public Road, and we request you to fill up your determination in the annexed form, and deliver a copy thereof, duly signed by you, to each of us.

Superintendent.

_____ } Owner of Land or Agent.
_____ }
_____ } Convener of Trustees.

DETERMINATION OF JURY.

We (unanimously, or by a majority, as the case may be,) value the compensation due to the above-named _____ at _____

SCHEDULE B.

The Convener of the Road Trustees for the District of _____ complains—
That (here name and design the defendant) has been guilty of a breach of the 40th section of the Ordinance, Session I., No. 10, of the Provincial Council of Otago, by (here state the complaint.)

Signed _____ Convener.

(Date.) _____

WARRANT.

I ordain both parties to appear before me upon the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock, at _____, to answer to the before written complaint.
Signed _____ J.P.

A Constable will serve a copy of the Complaint and Warrant on the defendant, certifying them to be a true copy; and after the Warrant he will subscribe the following Certificate:—

I certify that upon the _____ day of _____ I served a true copy of the above complaint and Warrant on _____, by (delivering it to him personally) or (by leaving it with his wife,

servant, son, or daughter, as the case may be), in his dwelling-house, because I could not find himself personally.

If the service has been personal, the Justice of Peace may proceed to take the necessary evidence in absence of the defendant. If the service was not personal, he shall appoint a new day for hearing the case, not farther distant than 20 days, nor sooner than 10 days; and which appointment the Constable will again intimate in the same way as before. On the second day of appearance the Justice will proceed to hear the case, whether the defendant be absent or not, and shall, on the evidence of one or more witnesses, award his judgment; and which judgment shall be given in the following form:—

FORM OF CONVICTION.

I, _____, Justice of Peace for Otago, having heard the before-written complaint (in absence or presence, of the Defendant) find the aforesaid defendant guilty and award him to pay £ _____ to repair the damage done to the Roads and Bridges, and £ _____ of Penalty, and £ _____ of costs, and grant Warrant to recover the same by Arrestment, Distress, and Sale.

Signed _____ J.P.

FORM OF ABSOLVITOR.

I, _____, Justice of Peace for Otago, (in presence, or in absence, of the defendant) find the complaint not proven, and award £ _____ of costs against the plaintiff, and grant warrant to recover the same by Arrestment, Distress, and Sale.

Signed _____ J.P.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS by the Public Roads Ordinance, passed in the First Session of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, No. 10, it is inter alia enacted, that the Superintendent shall divide the whole Province into districts for the purposes of the said Ordinance, and shall, previous to finally fixing the Districts, give one month's notice in the newspapers, of the Districts he intends to form, their boundaries, and the Roads, or portions of Roads, intended to be under the care of the Trustees of each District; and in the said notice shall appoint a day on which he will hear any complaint or suggestion which may be offered in regard to the extent of the boundaries, or the Roads intended to be under the care of the Trustees of such Districts; and thereafter shall finally fix and determine such Districts as aforesaid.

Now, THEREFORE I, the Superintendent of the said Province, hereby give Notice that, subject to any alterations to be made upon complaint or suggestion offered time and place after-mentioned, I intend to form the Districts hereinafter named and described and delineated on a map open for inspection in the office of Mr. Proudfoot, Surveyor of Roads and Public Works, Dunedin; and thereafter to declare the Roads within the boundaries of said several Districts to be under the care of the Road Trustees of each district respectively, who shall be appointed in pursuance of the said Ordinance.

AND I DO HEREBY appoint Tuesday, the 11th day of July, 1854, at 12 o'clock noon, within the Mechanics' Hall, in Dunedin, for hearing any complaint or suggestion which may be offered in terms of the above recited clause of the said Ordinance, and for finally determining such Districts.

No. 1.—NORTH-EAST VALLEY DISTRICT.

This District comprises the District of the same name, as delineated on the public map.

No. 2—WAKARI DISTRICT.

This District comprises the District of the same name, as delineated on the Suburban selection maps of the Settlement—the Upper Kaikorai District; Sections Nos. 1 to 17 inclusive of the Lower Kaikorai District, and from thence in a straight line, being the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 50, Block VI. Town District, until it joins the Road line at Section No. 75, Block VI. Town District; and from thence along the south-western boundary line of Nos. 76, 77, 78, and 79, to No. 80; and from thence again to the Town Belt of Dunedin, so as to include the Sections numbered 80 to 90 inclusive, Block VI. Town District. From No. 21 Lower Kaikorai District, in a straight line running through the Trigonometrical Station on the Kaikorai hill until it joins Abbot's Creek, then following that stream to its source; and from thence again in a straight line to the south-western corner of Section No. 155, Wakari District.

No. 3—TOWN DISTRICT.

This District comprises the remainder of the District of the same name, which is not included in the Wakari District No. 2, together with Sections numbered 13 to 33 inclusive of the Lower Kaikorai District, and the Sections numbered 1 to 32 of the Ocean Beach District.

No. 4—ANDERSON'S BAY DISTRICT.

This District comprises the District of the same name, together with that of the Tomahawk Valley District.

No. 5—GREEN ISLAND DISTRICT.

This District comprises the south-western part of the Lower Kaikorai District, from Section No. 33 to Abbot's Creek, together with the unsurveyed lands to the west and north-west to Abbot's Creek, not included in the Wakari District No. 2; the Green Island Bush District to the Kaikorai River, and the remainder of the Ocean Beach District not included in the Town District No. 3.

No. 6—EAST TAIERI DISTRICT.

This District comprises the entire tract of country to the west and south-west of the Green Island Bush and Wakari Districts, commencing at the south-western extremity of Section No. 66 Wakari District, and taking from thence in a straight line running through the Trigonometrical Station on Flagstaff (Wakari hills) to the boundary of the Otago Block, then along the boundary of the Block to the Taieri River; from thence, making that river the boundary, to the Ocean, excluding the Taieri Native Reserve; from thence again, taking the Ocean as the boundary, to the Kaikorai River, and from this point, keeping the boundaries of the Green Island and Wakari Districts, to No. 66 Wakari.

No. 7—WEST TAIERI DISTRICT.

This District comprises the tract of country to the eastward of the Maunga-atua Mountains and Otago Block boundary, and extending to the Taieri, Waihola, and Waipori Rivers.

No. 8—TOKOMAIRIRO DISTRICT.

This District comprises the tract of country within the Otago Block, from the boundaries of the East and West Taieri, Nos. 6 and 7, to the Clutha River.

No. 9—CLUTHA DISTRICT.

This District comprises the tract of country from the Clutha River to the boundary of the Otago Block.

W. CARGILL,
Superintendent.

BYE-LAWS adopted by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS for the Management of the Public Lands in Dunedin, on the 12th day of May 1854, pursuant to the provisions of the 8th Section of the Ordinance of the Provincial Council at Otago, Session 1, No. 5, entitled "An Ordinance for Protecting, Leasing, and Improving the Lands in and about Dunedin, reserved for Public Purposes, and promoting those purposes."

MEETINGS. &c.

1. All meetings, and adjourned meetings of the Board, shall be convened by Public Notice, signed by the Clerk, in a local newspaper; such meetings, where not otherwise notified, shall be held in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institution in Dunedin.

2. Upon a written Requisition by three Members of the Board, the Clerk shall call a Special Meeting for the despatch of business specified in that Requisition.

3. At the first meeting after every annual election of Commissioners, the Board shall elect a Chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and sign the minutes; and if he shall not be present within a quarter of an hour after the hour appointed for any meeting, the members present, (if a quorum) shall appoint an Interim Chairman for that meeting.

4. If a quorum be not present within half an hour after the hour of meeting, the Chairman, or in his absence, the Clerk, may adjourn the meeting to a future day to be notified in a local newspaper, or otherwise; and the Clerk shall record the same in the Minute Book.

5. All meetings of the Board shall commence at 3 o'clock afternoon, unless otherwise notified.

6. When a meeting is constituted, the minute of last meeting shall be read, and after it is approved of, before proceeding to business, the Clerk shall read over the order of business for the day.

MEMBERS' DUTIES.

7. Every Member shall stand while speaking, and shall address the Chairman.

8. The Chairman's decision as to points of order, and as to who is in possession of the chair, shall rule every member.

9. Every member presenting a petition shall be responsible for its being respectfully expressed; and after it has been read, either by himself or the Clerk, he may shortly support the prayer thereof, but notice must be given of every motion to be founded thereon.

10. The Chairman shall have the power of deferring the consideration of any motion (of which notice had not been given at the preceding meeting of the Board) to a future meeting.

11. Every notice of motion shall be made in writing, and after being read it shall be handed to the Chairman to be recorded by the Clerk.

12. No rejected motion shall be again introduced for the space of six months, without the consent of a majority of the whole Board.

13. All Committees shall be private, except to members of the Board; and their proceedings shall be private till they make their Report to the Board.

CLERK'S DUTIES.

14. The Clerk shall enter in the minute of every day's sederunt the names of the members present at the commencement of the business, and on the margin of the minute he shall insert the name of every member thereafter taking his seat, at the stage of the business when he entered.

15. He shall shortly minute all the proceedings of the meetings, and thereafter record the same in the Minute Book.

16. He shall keep a book wherein he shall, previous to each meeting, note the business falling to be brought before the Board for that day, which book shall guide the Chairman in bringing the business before the Board.

17. He shall be the custodian of the books, and all documents belonging to the Board.

GENERAL.

18. All Lettings of Public Lands shall be by Public Auction after at least four weeks' advertisement in a local newspaper, of the day, place, and hour, when the Lettings are to take place.

19. The Articles and Conditions of Letting must be approved by at least two meetings of the Board, a lapse of at least one week occurring between each meeting; and these Articles

must be advertised to be seen in the hands of the Clerk, at least one week before the day of Letting.

20. All Documents to become binding on the Board must be first approved by two meetings of the Board, and the date of these meetings must be inserted in such Documents. They must be signed by the Chairman and Clerk in name, and in presence of, the Board; and this fact must be stated both in the Document so signed, and in the Minutes of the sederunt; and every such document must be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose by the Clerk.

Adopted by the Board, 12th May, 1854.

ROBT. CHAPMAN,
Clerk to the Board.

Dunedin, 23rd May, 1854.—Approved by me in Council.

W. CARGILL, Superintendent.

Crown Land Office, Otago, 28th March, 1854.

SIR,—I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, to apply to your Honor "for the publication of the enclosed Return in the Government Gazette, or in case there should be no Gazette, in the local newspaper."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Honor's most obedient Servant,

WALTER MANTELL,

Commissioner.

To His Honor the Superintendent, Dunedin.

RETURN of all Sums received in payment for Crown Lands under the Regulations of 4th March, 1853, by Walter Mantell, Commissioner for the Province of Otago—from the 1st July to the 30th September, 1853, inclusive.

No. of Application.	Date of Receipt.	Purchaser's Name.	Class of Land.	No. of Acres.	Locality.	Amount paid in Cash.
	1853.					£ s. d.
19	July . . . 8	Meiville, F. L.	Unproclaimed uncertified Rural, at fixed price of 10s. per acre.	100	Goodwood	50 0 0
20	" 16	Strode, A. Chetham		80	Winterbourne	40 0 0
21	" 21	Mansford, W. H.		80	Motuamounu	40 0 0
22	August 1	Fraser, A. and T.		80	Bluff	40 0 0
23	" 2	Bailey, Benjamin		80	Otepopo	40 0 0
24	" 3	Lemon, John		80	Do.	40 0 0
25	" 4	Jones, William		80	Lavant	40 0 0
26	" 4	Jones, J. Richard		80	Puketapu	40 0 0
27	" 4	Frazer, A. and T.		80	Bluff	40 0 0
28	" 8	Suisted, J. F. B.		80	Otepopo	40 0 0
29	" 8	Suisted, C. E. A.		80	Do.	40 0 0
30	" 8	Suisted, C.		25	Do. (Homestead)	12 10 0
31	" 8	Suisted, C.		80	Do.	40 0 0
Total Amount Received £						502 10 0

(Signed) WALTER MANTELL,
Commissioner.

A MOUNT of the Notes in Circulation at the Office of the Colonial Bank of Issue, at Wellington, on the 4th day of March, 1854:—

Amount of Notes in circulation on the 4th day of March, 1854, being the close of the preceding four weeks, viz. :—

£5 and upwards..... £18,655

Under £5..... 17,602

£31,257

Total Amount of Coin held by the same office on the same day, viz. :—

Gold..... £15,700

Silver..... 557

£16,257

I, Henry St. Hill, being the Acting Manager of the said Bank, do hereby certify that the above is a true account, as required by the Ordinance, No. 16, Session VIII.

HENRY ST. HILL,
Acting Manager.

Colonial Bank of Issue,
Wellington, 4th March, 1854.

The sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds 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.—H. St. H.

A MOUNT of the Notes in Circulation at the Office of the Colonial Bank of Issue, at Wellington, on the 1st day of April, 1854:—

Amount of Notes in circulation on the 1st day of April, 1854, being the close of the preceding four weeks, viz. :—

£5 and upwards..... £18,820

Under £5..... 18,481

£32,301

Total Amount of Coin held by the same office on the same day, viz. :—

Gold..... £16,752

Silver..... 549

£17,301

I, Henry St. Hill, being the Acting Manager of the said Bank, do hereby certify that the above is a true account, as required by the Ordinance, No. 16, Session VIII.

HENRY ST. HILL,
Acting Manager.

Colonial Bank of Issue,
Wellington, 1st April, 1854.

The Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds 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.—H. St. H.