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JOHN L. C. RICHARDSON, Superintendent.

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PROCLAMATION.

Administration of the Government assumed by Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight, Commander of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, dated at Westminster the ninth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, Her Majesty did constitute and appoint THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Esquire, Companion of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Colonel in the Army, to be Her Majesty's Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, with all its members and appurtenances whatsoever, with all and singular the powers, authorities, privileges, and duties in the said Letters Patent mentioned or referred to. And Her Majesty did further declare it to be Her pleasure that in case of the death, incapacity, or absence of the said THOMAS GORE BROWNE from the said

Colony and its Dependencies, Her said Commission and the several powers which thereby and by certain instructions therein referred to were vested in the said THOMAS GORE BROWNE should be exercised by such person as might be appointed by Her Majesty to be the Lieutenant-Governor of the said Colony, or by such person as might be appointed by Her Majesty under Her Sign Manual and Signet to administer the Government thereof;

And whereas by a Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at Osborne House, in the Isle of Wight, the 1st day of June, 1861, Her Majesty did nominate and appoint me, the said Sir GEORGE GREY, in case of such death, incapacity, or absence as aforesaid to administer the Government of the said Colony and its Dependencies, and did direct and authorise me to exercise all such functions, powers, and authorities as by the said Letters Patent and Instructions were vested in the said THOMAS GORE BROWNE or might otherwise belong to the Officer administering the Government of the said Colony; and Her Majesty did command all and singular Her Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other inhabitants of the said Colony, and all others whom it might concern, to take due notice of Her said Warrant, and to yield to me their ready obedience as Administrator of the said Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies;

And whereas the said THOMAS GORE BROWNE sailed for Sydney, in New South Wales, on the 2nd day of October, now instant, and is now absent from the said Colony and its Dependencies :

Now, therefore, I, Sir GEORGE GREY, do hereby proclaim and declare, that I have this day taken the prescribed Oaths, and assumed the administration of the Government of the said Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies : And I hereby call upon all Officers, Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other inhabitants of the said Colony, and all other persons whom it may concern, to be aiding and assisting me herein.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this 3rd day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred sixty-one.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,

WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

(From the New Zealand Gazette, October 17, 1861.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 14th October, 1861.

IT is hereby notified that

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ST. JOHN BRANIGAN, Chief Officer of Police, in the Province of Otago, has been appointed to institute proceedings for certain offences against the "Arms Act, 1860."

This appointment bears date from 5th September, 1861.

WILLIAM FOX.

(From the New Zealand Gazette, November 6, 1861.)

CUSTOMS.

Governor's Order No. 16, appointing Port of Molyneux.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

IN exercise of the power in me for this purpose vested by the "Customs Regulation Act, 1858," I, Sir George Grey, the Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby appoint that on and from the day of the date hereof there shall be within the Province of Otago a Port to be called the Port of Molyneux, the limits whereof shall be as follows:—

"Extending from the mouth of the Puerua River along the Clutha River and the Ocean Beach, as far as the boundary between Sections 6 and 7, Block VII, South Molyneux,

and including the spaces reserved for the Township of Molyneux."

Given under my hand at the Government House, at Auckland, this second day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
READER WOOD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 4th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

JAMES WADDELL and
HUGH MCLEOD

to be Registrars of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the Districts of East Taieri, and Warepa respectively.

These appointments to bear date from the 1st January, 1862.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 4th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

JOHN HISLOP, Esq., (Otago)

to be Enumerator under the Census Acts.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 4th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

DAVID HENRY,
THOMAS COOK IRVING, and
DAVID DICKIE,

to be Pilots for the Port of Otago.

WILLIAM FOX.

General Post Office,
Auckland, 4th November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint

MR. ROBERT JOHNSON

to be a Mail Agent and Inspector of Steam Vessels carrying Her Majesty's Mails under contract with the Admiralty, dated 28th May, 1858.

This appointment to date from 9th November, instant.

CROSBIE WARD.

(From the New Zealand Gazette, November 22, 1861.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 21st November, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to direct the publication of the following return of the

results of the firing for the Government Prizes in New Zealand in the year 1861.

WILLIAM FOX.

NEW ZEALAND COLONIAL FORCES

Return of the results of the firing for the Government Prizes in New Zealand in the year 1861.

Nine rounds were fired by each Competitor.

3 rounds at 100 yards.
3 do. 200 do.
3 do. 300 do.

The six best Shots made.

Auckland, 1st prize, 22 points (three ranges.)
Wanganui, 2nd do., 21 do. do.
Auckland, 3rd do. 20 do. do.
Wanganui, 4th do. 19 do. do.
Wanganui, 5th do. 19 do. do.
Wanganui, 6th do. 19 do. do.

Average points made by the best six shots in each Province or District.

	Points.	Average.
Auckland	107	17.83
Taranaki	101	16.83
Wanganui	114	19.0
Wellington	79	13.16.
Nelson	97	16.16.
Canterbury	83	13.83.
Otago	34	5.66.

Average of points made by all competitors in each Province or District.

	No. fired.	Points.	Average.
Auckland	307	2375	7.73
Taranaki	182	1315	7.22
Wanganui	150	1575	10.50
Wellington*	73	465	6.35
Nelson	101	866	8.57
Canterbury	66	466	7.0
Otago	6	34	5.66
Totals	885	7096	8.01

*No return received from the Hutt.

The following circumstances are to be taken into consideration in connection with the average of firing in 1861.

That it was the first time there was any prize firing on a large scale in New Zealand.

That the arrangements were unavoidably somewhat irregular.

That a large proportion of the Militia had never fired before.

That no proper firing ground was used, except in a few Districts.

That in most instances, the practice ammunition was given out and fired without proper supervision.

That the period of the year (May) was about the worst season in New Zealand for firing, being winter.

Being in command of the "Auckland" Rifle Volunteers, and having kept a very correct list of the firing, I compared it with that of a Meeting at Montrose in Scotland in August last, at which Meeting, each Company of Volunteers was allowed to send ten competitors, who I conclude were the best shots. They fired five rounds at each range of 100, 200, and 300 yards, total 15 rounds.

The "Auckland" Rifle Volunteers fired three rounds at each range of 100, 200, and 300 yards, total 9 rounds.

I took the firing of the first 46 Scotch Volunteers, and the first 46 "Auckland" Rifle Volunteers from the four different companies, and, after making the proper deductions between 9 and 15 rounds, the result was as follows:—

	100 yards.	200 yards.	300 yards.	Total points.
Auckland R.V.	251	141	76	468
Scotch Volunteers	214	107	111	432

Points in favor of Auckland R.V. 36

The "Auckland" Rifle Volunteers have been taken for comparison, having (as an individual corps) made the largest average in New Zealand, although Wanganui, as a district, fired best.

H. C. BALNEAVIS,
Dep-Adj. Gen.
of Militia and Volunteers.

Auckland, 15th November, 1861.

General Post Office,
Auckland, 21st November, 1861.

THE following appointments in the Postal Service of the Colony, made since the 12th July, 1861, are published for general information.

CROSBIE WARD.

Province of Otago.

6th August, 1861—Robert Telford to be Postmaster at Waiwero Bridge.

30th September, 1861—William Young to be Postmaster at Warepa.

1st November, 1861—William Henning Mansford to be Postmaster at Tokomairiro. (Appointment to date from 1st October.)

1st November—William Ellison Burke to be Postmaster at Waitahuna. (Appointment to date from 15th October.)

(From the New Zealand Gazette, November 29, 1861.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 29th November, 1861.

THE following "Notice to Mariners" is published for general information.

WILLIAM FOX.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

REEF OFF STEWART ISLE, NEW ZEALAND.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty,
London, 15th August, 1861.

It appears from an examination of the Weather book of the ship *Bruce*, Thomas Meiklejohn, Commander, in her passage from Otago by the South of New Zealand to Calcutta, in November last, when passing the South-east extreme of South or Stewart island, discovered a dangerous Reef which is not laid down in the Admiralty or any other Charts, or noticed in the New Zealand Pilot or Sailing Directions.

This danger which is described as two low rocks from 3 to 6 feet high, and close together, on which the sea breaks heavily, lies in the direct track of vessels closely rounding

Stewart island in proceeding to and from the Southern settlements of New Zealand.

Its position, which appears to have been determined with some accuracy, is as follows:—
7 1-10th miles, E. by N. $\frac{3}{4}$ N. from Owen Island, off Lord's River.

5 1-10th miles E. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. from the extreme of the Break Sea Isles.

$3\frac{1}{4}$ miles, E. by S. 2-3rds S. from Wreck Reef off Port Adventure.

$7\frac{1}{4}$ miles, S.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. from East Head, north of Port Adventure.

Or, in latitude $47^{\circ} 7' 35''$ S., and long. $168^{\circ} 21' 35''$ E.

Soundings, though tried for, were not obtained in its neighborhood, from the rapid rate of sailing of the ship in passing the danger.

Caution.—It is creditable to Captain Meiklejohn to have entered the discovery of this Reef in his Weather book; but it is greatly to be regretted that he did not take some steps immediately on his arrival at Calcutta or England to make public the existence of this very serious danger which lies but little out of the sailing track of ships bound to the Southern settlements of New Zealand.

Had not the remark been seen by Rear-Admiral Fitz Roy (who was searching this book for Meteorological facts, and at once transmitted it to the Admiralty for publication) this reef might not have been heard of until it had caused the wreck of a vessel. On being applied to for further information, Captain Meiklejohn readily sent up his original Chart on which the reef was marked at the time, and there can be but little doubt of its existence; Masters of vessels are therefore warned to keep a good look out in this neighborhood. They are further requested, on the discovery of any danger, to report the same immediately on arriving at the first port, in order that other vessels may be put on their guard, and for the general benefit of the Mariner.

[All bearings are Magnetic. Variation, $16^{\circ} 20'$ East in 1861.]

By command of their Lordships,
JOHN WASHINGTON,
Hydrographer.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—New Zealand, General, No. 1212; Foveaux Strait and South Island, No. 2533; New Zealand Plans No. 2542; Pacific Ocean, General, No. 2683, and Sheet 10, No. 2468; New Zealand Pilot, p. 224.

(From the New Zealand Gazette, Dec. 7.)

A PROCLAMATION

Disallowing certain Ordinances of the Province of Otago.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act made and enacted in the Imperial Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign

of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things enacted that whenever any Bill shall have been assented to by the Superintendent as in the said Act provided, the Superintendent shall forthwith transmit to the Governor an authentic copy thereof, and it shall be lawful for the Governor at any time within three months after any such Bill shall have been received by him to declare by Proclamation his disallowance of such Bill and that any such disallowance shall make void and annul the same from and after the day of the date of such Proclamation or any subsequent day to be named therein:

And whereas the Ordinances hereinafter specified have been enacted by the Superintendent of the Province of Otago with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, and the said Ordinances were received by the Administrator of the Government on the thirty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Ordinances should be disallowed:

Now therefore I, George Grey, the Governor of the said Colony, in pursuance of the authority vested in me in that behalf by the said recited Act of Parliament, do hereby proclaim and declare my disallowance of the following Ordinances passed by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, viz:—

"The Diseased Cattle Ordinance, 1861."

"The Education Ordinance, 1861."

"The Roads Ordinance, 1861."

Given under my hand, at the Government House at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A PROCLAMATION

Constituting Hundreds in the Province of Otago.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS it is enacted by the "Definition of Districts Act, 1858," that it shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, by Proclamation in the New Zealand Gazette, to divide the Colony into Counties, Hundreds, Parishes, or such other divisions as he may deem expedient, which shall have such limits, and shall have and be

known by such names or designations as in and by the Proclamation constituting the same shall be prescribed :

Now therefore I, George Grey, the Governor aforesaid, in exercise of the Power in this behalf vested by the said recited Act, do hereby Proclaim and Declare as follows:—

There shall be within the Province of Otago in the said Colony the several Hundreds, bounded by the limits and known by the names or designations hereunder written; that is to say,

Waitahuna Hundred.

Comprises all that area estimated to contain 39,040 acres, bounded to the North East by a straight line drawn from Hill End to the junction of the scrub burn with the Clutha, to the South East by North Tokomairiro Hundred, and to the South and West by the Clutha River.

Pomahaka Hundred.

Comprises all that area estimated to contain 46,080 acres, bounded on the North East by Black Cleugh burn and the Clutha River, on the East by the West Clutha Hundred, on the South by the Pomahaka River, and on the West by the Rankle burn and Mount Valpy summits.

Popotuna Hundred.

Comprises all that area estimated to contain 60,160 acres, bounded on the North by the Pomahaka River, on the East by West Clutha Hundred, on the South by the Kaihiku, Waiwero, Kuriwau, and Wairuna Ranges, and on the West by the Wairuna Creek.

And I do also proclaim and declare that the first day of January next shall be the day from and after which any Licenses issued under the Otago Land Regulations at present in force, shall cease and determine as to so much of the land comprised therein as may be included within the boundaries of the Hundreds herein-described respectively.

Given under my hand, at the Government House, at Auckland, and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, this 7th day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
WILLIAM FOX.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 6th Dec., 1861.

THE following Bills passed by the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, intituled—

- "Appropriation Ordinance, 1861, (No. 2),"
- "The Executive Council Ordinance, 1861,"
- "Trigonometrical Station Ordinance, 1861,"
- "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1861,"
- "An Ordinance to prevent the increase of the American Blight,"

having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has been pleased to leave the same to their operation.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 6th Dec., 1861.

THE following Bill passed by the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, intituled—

- "Otago Loan Ordinance, 1861,"

which Bill was reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon, having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has been pleased to assent to the same.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 6th December, 1861.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

EDWARD WITT DURDEN

to be the Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages, and of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of Waikauaiti.

WILLIAM FOX.

(From the New Zealand Gazette, December 19, 1861.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 18th December, 1861

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

GEORGE CAMPBELL

to be pilot at the Port of Otago.

WILLIAM FOX.

