



# OTAGO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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JOHN L. C. RICHARDSON, Superintendent.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OTAGO GOLD FIELDS, ALTERED AND AMENDED.

WHEREAS by warrant, under the hand of THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand, dated at Auckland the Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and issued under the seal of the said Colony by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in exercise of the power and authority for that purpose in him vested, Did thereby delegate absolutely and without restriction unto me, John Larkins Cheese Richardson, as Superintendent of the Province of Otago, all the powers vested in him under or by virtue of "the Goldfields' Act, 1858," except the powers contained in sections seven, eight, fifteen, twenty seven, and forty of the said Act, to have, hold, and exercise the powers within the Province of Otago thereby given.

Now, therefore, I, John Larkins Cheese Richardson, by virtue of the powers so delegated to me as aforesaid do hereby alter and amend the Rules and Regulations of the Otago Goldfields issued by me on the 7th day of October, 1861, as follows:

### *Issue of "Miners' Rights."*

The second Rule, respecting the loss of a "Miner's Right" is cancelled.

### *Extent and Position of Claims.*

The Third Rule is cancelled, and the following is substituted:—

The extent of ground that may be occupied in alluvial workings by a Miner, holding a Miner's Right, shall be:

For surface diggings, an area of ...	64 yards
For surface digging, exceeding 12 feet in depth ...	80 yards

For ground where sinking and driving are necessary ...	80 yards
For ground where the sinking exceeds 50 feet ...	90 yards
For ground where the sinking exceeds 100 feet ...	128 yards

The Commissioner may grant a claim, not exceeding treble the area of a primary claim, on land that has been worked and abandoned.

The Fourth Rule is thus altered:—

Between each claim and the next there shall be a partition of three feet in width, which shall be left in its natural state. On special application any number of Claims may be united, half in front and half in rear; and in such a case the partition between such united Claims and the next shall be six feet in width.

### *Beds of Streams may be laid bare.*

The Ninth Rule is cancelled, and the following is substituted:—Any Company formed for the purpose of laying bare and working a River Bed, shall be entitled to occupy, and use, with the consent of the Commissioner, for each holder of a Miner's Right in the Company, sixteen yards in length of the river's bed, and also the race or cut made for the conveyance of the water from the point where the claim shall commence, to that where the water is re-delivered into the natural bed of the river; and shall further be protected in the surface occupation during the formation of a sufficient bank for retaining the water in the race, and also in the surface occupation of a track, twenty-four feet in width along one bank of the river.

### PROSPECTING.

### *Additional Claims as a Reward for Prospecting.*

The Fourteenth Rule is thus amended:—  
For the encouragement of Prospecting Parties, persons discovering New Gold Work-

ings and reporting the same to the proper authorities without delay, may have allotted to them, on special sanction, an extent of ground equal to treble the area of an ordinary surface claim. The increased grant shall not be given to more than four miners composing such party. For the purpose of this regulation, a New Gold Working shall mean, "ground previously unworked and capable of affording employment to not less than fifty miners."

*Discontinuing Working of Claims, the same shall be forfeited.*

The Fifteenth Rule is thus added to:— But the Commissioner may, at his discretion, suspend for seven days the operation of this regulation, as regards the period during which a Claim may remain unworked, or in reserve; but in such cases the suspension shall be given in writing.

*Auriferous Quartz Reefs.*

Rule Fifteen (A.)—The successful prospector of an Auriferous Quartz Reef shall be entitled to an area, described by a measurement of 160 feet in the direction of the Reef, and 150 feet on each side of its centre. And each Miner working a Reef, and holding a Miner's Right, shall be entitled to a Claim of 25 feet by 300 feet, measured in the same manner.

Rule Twenty-Third.—The following words are cancelled in Rule 23:—"Such license to remain in force for the period of twelve months from the date of issue."

*Wet Sinking.*

Applications for Claims for Wet Sinking will be entertained by the Commissioner, and decided on by him in communication with the Government, at the rate of not more than four miners' ordinary claims to one-horse power.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Otago, at Dunedin, this twenty-sixth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.)

J. RICHARDSON,  
Superintendent.

By order,  
JOHN HARDY,  
Provincial Secretary.

**WARRANT**

*Appointing Auditor of Public Accounts 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., &c.

WHEREAS it is enacted by the "Provincial Audit Act, 1861," that the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any Province in New Zealand, within one month after the commencement of the Session of such Council which shall ensue next after the passing of the said Act shall concur in the nomination of some fit and proper person to be Auditor of the Public Accounts: Provided that in default of such appointment within the

time aforesaid, the Governor shall nominate a fit and proper person for such office, and the person so nominated by the Governor for such office shall thereupon be appointed to the same by Warrant under the hand of the Speaker of such Council.

And whereas the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Otago did not concur in the nomination of such person to be such Officer as aforesaid within the time before mentioned:

Now therefore I, George Grey, the Governor of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the said power and authority, do hereby nominate

CHARLES HENRY KETTLE, Esquire,  
of Dunedin, to be Auditor of the Public Accounts of the said Province of Otago.

Given under my hand at the Government House, at Auckland, this seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,  
HENRY SEWELL.

**WARRANT APPOINTING AUDITOR FOR THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO.**

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO.**

WHEREAS it is enacted by the "Provincial Audit Act, 1861," that the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any Province in New Zealand, within one month after the commencement of the Session of such Council which shall ensue next after the passing of the said Act, shall concur in the nomination of some fit and proper person to be Auditor of the Public Accounts, provided that in default of such appointment within the time aforesaid, the Governor shall nominate a fit and proper person for such office, and the person so nominated by the Governor for such office shall thereupon be appointed to the same by warrant under the hand of the Speaker of such Council.

And whereas the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Otago did not concur in the nomination of such person to be such officer as aforesaid within the time before mentioned.

And whereas His Excellency the Governor has nominated Charles Henry Kettle, Esq., to be such Auditor;

Now, therefore, I, Alexander Rennie Speaker of the Provincial Council of the said Province, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority vested in me by the said Act, do, by this my warrant, appoint

CHARLES HENRY KETTLE, Esquire, of Dunedin, to be the Auditor of the Public Accounts of the said Province of Otago.

Given under my hand, at Dunedin, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

ALEX. RENNIE,  
Speaker of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago.