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PROCLAMATION

By **JAMES A. R. MENZIES, Esq.**,
Superintendent of the Province
of Southland.

IN pursuance of the power vested in me in that behalf, I do hereby fix and proclaim that the Second Session of the Provincial Council of the Province of Southland shall be holden within the Court House, Invercargill, in the said Province, and shall commence upon **FRIDAY**, the seventeenth day of January 1862, at twelve o'clock noon; and the Members of the said Council are hereby warned to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Southland, this twenty-first day of December eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

PROCLAMATION

By **JAMES A. R. MENZIES, Esq.**,
Superintendent of the Province
of Southland.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the "Provincial Reserved Bills Act, 1859," Section 2, I hereby notify that the Ordinance passed by the Provincial Legislature of the Province of Southland, entitled the "Appropriation Ordinance, 1861," has been laid

before His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency has assented to the same.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Southland, this twenty-first day of December eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 16th December 1861.

IT is hereby notified that a Writ issued for the election of one member of the Provincial Council of the Province of Southland for the electoral district of Mataura, has been returned with a certificate to the effect that

NATHANIEL CHAMBERS
has been duly elected.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 16th December 1861.

IT is hereby notified that I have appointed **NATHANIEL CHAMBERS, Esq.** to be a member of the Executive Council of the Province of Southland.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 21st December 1861.

IT is hereby notified that I have appointed
HAROLD FENTON, Esq.,
to be Assistant Surveyor in the Province of
Southland.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 16th December 1861.

IT is hereby notified that I have appointed
Mr JAMES DUNCAN M'ARTHUR
to be a Sub-Assistant Surveyor in the Pro-
vince of Southland; the appointment to date
from the 2nd instant.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 17th December 1861.

IT is hereby notified that I have suspended
Mr WILLIAM M'TAGGART
from the office of Harbour Master for the
ports of the Bluff and New River, pending an
enquiry into the circumstances attending the
loss of the s.s. *Oscar*, this day, within the
entrance of the New River.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 18th December 1861.

IT is hereby notified that I have appointed
Mr JOHN CHEYNE
to be Acting Pilot for the Port of New River,
in the absence of Mr M'Taggart.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 21st December 1861.

IT is hereby notified that Mr **PATRICK
HOWARD** has been appointed to rank as a
Sergeant in the Police Force in the Province
of Southland.

J. A. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

(From the *New Zealand Gazette*, December 7.)

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

THE following Bill passed by the Pro-
vincial Council of the Province of South-
land, intitled—

"Appropriation 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.

THE following Bills passed by the
Provincial Council of the Province of
Southland, intitled—

"Provincial Government Ordinance, 1861,"
"Diseased Cattle Ordinance, 1861,"
"The Loan Ordinance, 1861,"

which Bills were reserved for the signification
of the Governor's pleasure thereon, having
been laid before the Governor, His Excel-
lency has been pleased to withhold his assent
to the same.

WILLIAM FOX.

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

HIS Excellency the Administrator of the
Government has been pleased to appoint
ANDREW JAMIESON ELLES, Esq.,

to be Registration Officer for the Province of
Southland, to form Electoral Rolls for the
Election of Members of the Provincial
Council of that Province.

WILLIAM FOX

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

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'S 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, 10
November last, when passing the South east
extreme of South or Stewart's Island, dis-
covered a dangerous Reef which is not laid
down in the Admiralty or any other Charts,
or noticed in the New Zealand Pilot or Sail-
ing Directions.

This danger, which is described as two low
rocks, from 3 to 6 feet high, and close to-
gether, on which the sea breaks heavily, lies
in the direct track of vessels closely rounding
Stewart's Island in proceeding to or 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. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. from Owen
Island, off Lord's River.

5 1-10th miles E. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. from the
extreme of the Break Sea Isles.

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

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. from East, Head, north
of Port Adventure.

Or, in latitude 47° 7' 35" S., and longitude
168° 21' 35" E.

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

Caution.—It is creditable to Captain Meikle-
john 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 in 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 little doubt of its existence; Masters of vessels are therefore warned to keep a good look out in this neighbourhood. 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° 20' E. 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; and New Zealand Pilot, p. 224.

THE following Tenders are published for general information:—

	Work.	Tenders Accepted.	Refused.
Waihopai Bridge	...	Corbett & Broad, £650	R. Clayton, £1070; J. S. Aldred £1000; Kirkwood & Co. £1100
Steam Tug	...	Cheyne & Co., £900	None.
Government Offices Customs, and Post Office)	...	R. M'Gregor, £700	...
Customs and Post Office
Government Offices	Fairmaid, £250; Laidlaw & Co., £254; Watson & Wilson, £250
Forming Road from Waihopai to Long Bush	...	Robinson & Henderson, 19s	Fairmaid, £510; Laidlaw & Co., £565; Watson & Wilson £584 J. M'Naughton, 28s.; Ellem, 27s 6d D. M'Naughton & Co., 26s; Birss & Fitzgerald, 40s; Russell & Co., 29s 6d; Asker and Grant, 24s; Micheal Batter, 20s; F. Prosnell, 25s; Terence Brady, 25s; John Soutter, Fitzedward, & Donovan 50s; M'Lennan, 28s; Ford & Co., 27s; Ketch, Jones & Co., 20s; per chain.
Gravelling Road beyond Cemetery	...	Jabez Hay, £11 per chain	George Brown, £13 10s.
Forming and filling up at Waimatua Creek	...	Smith & Frisken, £3 5s per chain	...
Gravelling, do	...	£4	...
Gravelling Main Road commencing 15 chains past Cemetery	...	George Brown, £11 per chain	Jabez Hay £14 10s; James Jamieson, £14 18s.
Forming Makerewa Road	...	John Clark, 22s per chain	G. Funnell, 27s; W. Grant, £1 13 Fitzgerald & Birss, 30s; Beaty & Co., 27s; Murdoch & Co., 26s.
Piles for Jetty	...	Smith, M'Kenzie, & M'Farlane... Piles 12s each	None.

By order,

H. A. GILLER,
Clerk to Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 21st December 1861.

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