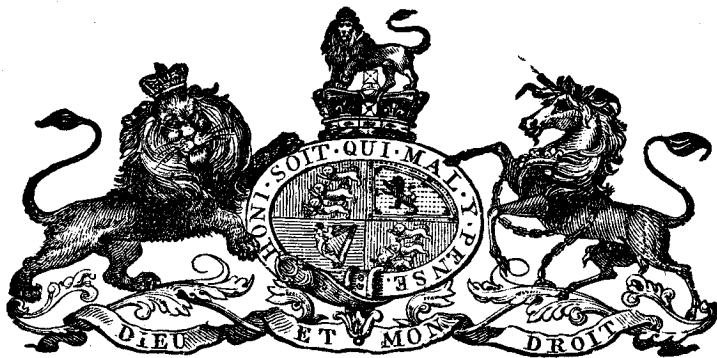


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ADDRESS OF HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, DELIVERED
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1875.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have called you together at the present time in order that I may submit for your consideration a Bill to create a Harbour Board, and endow the Board with one-fourth of our land revenue for the purpose of constructing a harbour at New Plymouth.

The making of a harbour at this place is essential for the developing of the resources of the Province, as it is necessary to have a convenient depôt where we may exchange our products for foreign supplies at the smallest possible cost for transit, and freely trade with all parts of the world; and now that the tide of immigration is about to set in to our shore and the influx of people is likely to be great, it is our bounden duty to give all possible convenience and facilities to passenger traffic. This, it is hoped, will gradually remove the exaggerated statements of the danger likely to result to persons coming to our shores, so detrimental to the advancement of the Province and the introduction of the best class of free immigrants, viz., merchants and small capitalists.

The recent acquisition of large tracts of land from the natives who but a few years since were in rebellion, indicates the great change in their feelings towards us, and the constructing of a main line of railway through our Province which will open up for sale and settlement the rich forest lands from this to Patea, warrants me in expressing my firm belief that the making of a harbour at New Plymouth is now no longer a matter of doubt. I feel assured that the very act of commencing the work in a practical manner will at once raise the market value of all our lands, and thus not only aid in furnishing funds for its construction, but will enhance the value of the waste lands beyond that which will be required for the carrying out of the work.

The Legislature of the Colony having placed at the disposal of the General Government £20,000 to cover the expenditure incidental for the opening up and locating immigrants on our waste lands, I have accepted the duty as Agent of the General Government of the administration of this money. It is advanced

on the security of the land revenue of the Province in the terms of the "Provincial Public Works Advances Act, 1874." The expenditure is subject to the approval of the General Government, and though not subject to the appropriation of the Council, the Council have virtually a voice in the expenditure, as I act with the advice of my Executive in administering it.

Owing to the unprecedented wet weather during the winter months when the survey commenced, the progress of the work was not so rapid as I desired. A block of land of 8,000 acres is now, however, declared ready for sale. A smaller size block will follow in about a month, and as soon as the bush clearing on the site of the Milton Township is burnt, the town sections will be offered for sale.

In exercise of the power vested in me by the Waste Lands Act, I have set apart about one-third of the area of the block open for selection on deferred payments.

The lands in the Moa and adjoining blocks are well adapted for working settlers, and I have reason to believe that in a very few years all those districts will be in a thriving condition.

A Board of Commissioners has already been appointed to administer the waste lands, and it is my intention to appoint two additional Commissioners at an early date.

I have to congratulate you on the success which has attended the introduction of immigrants into the Province. The class of persons introduced have on the whole proved to be very satisfactory, and I have no doubt they will become a valuable addition to our population. The great bulk of the labour has been taken up by private employers, the Government affording work to those only who could not find employment from private individuals.

The Estimates of revenue and expenditure will shortly be submitted to you, and due economy will be exercised by the Government in providing for the public service. But the increased cost of living consequent on a more prosperous state of trade, and the great advance in the price of skilled labour, compels the Government to recognise the claims of many of its officers to a more liberal scale of remuneration for their services.

You will be asked to re-vote several sums which were authorised by you to be expended on public works, the dearth of labour having rendered it unwise to push on these works except where absolutely necessary. As there is yet time to complete these works before winter, I hope that little or no public inconvenience will result from the delay.

The unsatisfactory condition of the Lunatic Asylum and Hospital claim your serious attention. It is most desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that those institutions be separated at an early date, and better accommodation provided.

The increase of the Survey Department, consequent on the rapid acquisition of native lands, necessitates the erection of larger and more convenient buildings for the efficient administration of the waste lands; you will therefore be asked to provide the necessary funds to give effect to this requirement. The reports from the heads of departments will be laid before you.

The proposal made by the House of Representatives last session to abolish the existing form of Provincial Government in this island, is a question which requires the gravest consideration. Any constitutional change of this nature which takes the administration of the waste lands out of the hands of the local authorities and vests it in officers of the General Government, requires to be carefully guarded and just provisions made.

The appropriation of the waste lands revenue to works of great local necessity, such as harbours, railways, roads and bridges, and inter-communication generally, must be provided for, otherwise the prosperity which is now dawning on the Province and which has been so long and patiently waited for by the people, will, to a great extent, be lost to us.

Gentlemen, knowing as I do the great value of your time at this season of the year, I beg to thank you for your punctual attendance, and I cannot but express my hope that by our united efforts we may be permitted to contribute to the advancement and prosperity of our Province.

I now declare this Council open for the despatch of business.

FRED. A. CARRINGTON,
Superintendent

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, February 6, 1875.

I HEREBY appoint

ARTHUR STANDISH, Esq.,

Acting Provincial Treasurer for the Province of Taranaki during the absence of Theophilus White, Esq., from the Province.

FRED. A. CARRINGTON,
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 19th Feb., 1875.

I HEREBY appoint

WILLIAM CONNOLLY,

to be Collector of Dog Tax for
24th (Hawera) District
25th (Patea West) District
26th (Patea East) District.

FRED. A. CARRINGTON,
Superintendent.

Treasury, New Plymouth,
4th February, 1875.

I HEREBY appoint

JOHN BLACK

to take proceedings during my absence from the Province for the recovery of Road Rates imposed in Districts numbered 1 to 23, remaining unpaid.

T. WHITE,
Provincial Treasurer.

Treasury, New Plymouth,
12th January, 1875.

IN accordance with the 26th clause of the "Roads and Bridges Ordinance, 1858," I hereby appoint the under mentioned persons to take proceedings for the recovery of Road Rates remaining unpaid in the 24th, 25th, and 26th Districts, viz. :—

In the 24th and 26th Districts,
WILLIAM COWERN, of Carlyle.

In the 25th District, JAMES HIRST,
of Carlyle.

T. WHITE,
Provincial Treasurer.

N O T I C E.

Waste Lands Board Office,
Taranaki, February 16, 1875.

There having been more than one applicant on the same day for each of the following allotments of Rural Land offered for selection on deferred pay-

ment, Notice is hereby given that the said allotments will be offered for sale by Public Auction, in the terms of the "Taranaki Waste Lands Act, 1874," at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on SATURDAY, 20th February, at 10 a.m.

By order of the Board,

C. D. WHITCOMBE,
Chief Commissioner.

No. of Section.	Area. Acres.	Upset price per acre.		
		£	s.	d.
6	43	1	10	0
7	37	1	10	0
15	54	1	0	0
16	50	1	0	0
20	95	1	7	6
22	95	1	5	0
32	60	1	7	6
33	140	1	7	6
54	72	1	15	0
55	50	1	15	0
60	76	1	7	6
61	100	1	7	6
81	53	1	7	6
82	53	1	7	6
90	109	1	7	6

N O T I C E.

SALE OF ALLOTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF INGLEWOOD.

Waste Lands Board Office,
Taranaki February 16, 1875.

The following TOWN SECTIONS in the Township of Inglewood, on the line of the Waitara and Wanganui Railway, will be offered for sale by auction at 10 a.m. on SATURDAY, the 20th day of March, 1875, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, at the upset price opposite the number of each respective Allotment.

A map of the Township showing the Allotments, may be seen at this office during office hours.

By order of the Board,

C. D. WHITCOMBE,
Chief Commissioner.

No. of Section.	Upset Price.		
	£	s.	d.
126	7	10	0
127	10	0	0
128	10	0	0
129	15	0	0
131	5	0	0
132	5	0	0
139	5	0	0

No. of Section.	Upset Price		
	£	s.	d.
140	7	10	0
141	7	10	0
142	10	0	0
144	5	0	0
145	5	0	0
153	5	0	0
154	7	10	0
155	7	10	0
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280	7	10	0
281	7	10	0
287	12	10	0
288	12	10	0
289	7	10	0
290	5	0	0
291	5	0	0
300	15	0	0

N O T I C E.

Waste Lands Board Office,
Taranaki, February 16, 1875.

The following Allotments of Land in the Township of Inglewood, as shown on the plan in the Office of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Taranaki, are hereby declared Town Lands within the meaning of the "Taranaki Waste Lands Act, 1874."

By order of the Board,
C. D. WHITCOMBE,
Chief Commissioner.

SCHEDULE.

All those Allotments in the Township of Inglewood numbered consecutively 1 to 383, both numbers inclusive.

F I X I N G S I T T I N G S O F D I S T R I C T C O U R T A T C A R L Y L E.

NORMANBY, Governor.

In pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in this behalf enabling me, I, GEORGE AUGUSTUS CONSTANTINE, Marquis of Normanby, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby fix and appoint that sittings of the District Court of Taranaki shall be held as follows:—

In the Resident Magistrate's Court House at Carlyle, for the despatch of criminal and civil business, on the last Wednesday in March next, on the last Wednesday in June next, and the first Wednesday in November next.

Provided that in case any of the days so fixed as aforesaid shall happen to be a holiday, then the Court appointed for that day shall be holden on the first day thereafter, not being a holiday.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

EDWARD RICHARDSON.