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J. WOODWARD,
ACTING PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

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Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 28th November, 1861.

HIS HONOR the Superintendent has been pleased to appoint
THOMAS HARPER, Esq., J.P.
THOMAS WATERS, Esq., J.P., and
THOMAS BALLARDIE TAYLOR, Esq., J.P.
to be Visting Justices of the Gaol at Wangahui.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office.
Wellington, 1st December, 1861.

HIS HONOR the Superintendent has been pleased to appoint
WILLIAM HODGSON DONALD, Esq.,
to be Sheep Inspector for the Wairarapa and East Coast Districts. The appointment to take effect from this date.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

Crown Land's Office,
Wellington, 11th December, 1861.

NOTICE is hereby given that, Alexander Sutherland having complied with the conditions under which he was permitted by the Crown Lands Commissioner, Mr. Domett, to throw up 720 acres of Rural Land which had been selected by him in 1853 and 1854, on Mr. Kelham's run in the East Coast District, and were comprised in the several applications registered in this office and numbered 181, 299, 300, 301 and 1612, and having now reselected elsewhere, the same will be open for selection, at this Office, under the Land Regulations of the Province of Wellington, on and after the 21st day of February, 1862.

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, December 17, 1861.

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication of the following Notice, for general information.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.
REEF OFF STEWART ISLE, NEW ZEALAND.

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 notices 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, lies in the direct track of vessels closely bound for the southern settlements of New Zealand.

Its position, which appears to have been determined with some accuracy, is as follows:—

- 10 E. 10 N.—from Owen Island or Lord's River.
- 5 1-10—E. by N. 1 N.—the extreme of the Break Sea Isles.
- E. by S. 1 S.—Wreck Reef off Port Adventure.
- S. E. 1 E.—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.

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 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 Fitzroy (who was searching this book for Meteorological facts,

and at one 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 deg. 20 min. east in 1861.]

By command of their Lordships,
JOHN WASHINGTON,
Hydrographer.

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

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—New Zealand, General, No. 1212; Foveaux Strait, and South Island, No. 2533; New Zealand Plans, No. 2549; Pacific Ocean, General No. 2033, and Sheet No. 16, and New Zealand Pilot, p. 224.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 4th December, 1861.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office until Monday the 30th inst., at 2 o'clock, from persons desirous of executing by contract, either of the undermentioned services for the Provincial Government for the 12 months ending 31st December 1862.

Printing.
Printing the Provincial Government Gazette, and inserting the same in one of the local newspapers.

Printing Official Forms.
Further particulars may be obtained at this Office.

Firewood.
Bata or Manukau, in two feet lengths, delivered and stacked at the office or building requiring the supply. Separate tenders will be required for supplying the Wellington Gaol.

The Government or the Contractors will be at liberty to terminate any of the above Contracts, by giving three months' notice of their desire to do so.

J. WOODWARD,
Acting Provincial Secretary.