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*Election of Wardens Ohariu District.*

Provincial Secretary's Office,  
November 20, 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given, that it has been duly notified to this office by the Chairman that a meeting of the rate payers of the (enlarged) Ohariu district was held on the 27th inst., when the following persons were elected as a Board of Wardens for the said district.

Frederick E. Darbey  
Solomon Levy  
Michael Tuohy  
Thomas Gilbert  
George Beech  
James Wallace, Chairman  
J. WOODWARD,  
Acting Provincial Secretary.

*Election of Wardens Tunahaere District.*

Provincial Secretary's Office,  
November 30, 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given, that it has been duly notified to this office by the Chairman (under date November 25, 1863), that a meeting of the rate payers of the Tunahaere district was held on the 18th day of July, 1862 when the following persons were elected as a Board of Wardens for the said district.

Francis Watts  
James Thurston  
Samuel Austin  
Charles Smith  
William Charles Hylton, Chairman,  
J. WOODWARD,  
Acting Provincial Secretary.

*Wharfage dues to be paid to Mr. Spinks.*

Provincial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, Decr., 2nd 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given that all payments for Wharfage, or use of wharf, whether by ships or otherwise, are to be made to Mr. William Spinks, the Wharfinger in charge, who alone is empowered to give receipts for the same.

J. WOODWARD,  
Acting Provincial Secretary.

*Appointment of Bonding Warehouse at Wellington.*

THE Bonded Warehouse situated in Willis-street, and known as "Smith's Warehouse," having become the property of W. W Taylor, Esq., Merchant, will, from and after this date be known as "Taylor's Warehouse."

S. CARKEK,  
Deputy Commissioner.  
Custom House, Wellington,  
29th October, 1863.

Provincial Secretary's Office,  
1st December, 1863.

THE following notification, relative to Acclimatisation is republished from the New Zealand Gazette, at the request of the Colonial Secretary.

J. WOODWARD,  
Acting Provincial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Auckland, 3rd November, 1863.

THE following Despatch, with its enclosure, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies is published for general information.

WILLIAM FOX.

Downing Street,  
7th August, 1863.

SIR,—With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 29th July, 1861, I transmit to you herewith a series of enquiries which I have received from the Acclimatisation Society, and which at their request, I communicate to you with the hope that you will return such answers as you may be able to give on the various points of enquiry submitted so far as relates to the Colony under your Government.

I transmit at the same time, at the request of the Society, a copy of their Third Annual Report, together with a copy of the First Annual Report of the Acclimatisation Society of Victoria.

I have, &c.,  
NEWCASTLE.

Governor Sir George Grey,  
K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.,

ACCLIMATISATION.

*Enquiries addressed to Her Majesty's Minister, Governor, or Consul at.*

The Gentlemen to whom these questions are addressed, are earnestly requested to consider the high importance which will be attached to the answers which they may return, and the service which they will render to the cause of Acclimatisation by endeavouring to the utmost of their knowledge to make those answers as full and otherwise as satisfactory as possible.

The main purposes of Acclimatisation are to introduce, acclimatise, and propagate in the United Kingdom and its Dependencies such Animals, Birds, Fishes, Insects, and Vegetables as are likely to be of use or ornament, whether for domestication or for varying the common food of the people, or for manufacturing, or for any other useful purpose; and whose constitution and habits offer a reasonable prospect of successful cultivation. It is obvious that in India, Australia, Canada, the Cape, and other important Dependencies, unlimited scope is afforded for almost any variety of experiment.

It is confidently expected that the answers returned to these questions by Her Majesty's Ministers, Governors, and Consuls in different parts of the world, will bring together a mass of information on this interesting and highly important branch of knowledge such as never has been collected before, and the benefit which these Gentlemen will thus confer upon their fellow-countrymen will be in proportion to the fullness and exactness with which those answers are drawn up.

In replying to questions 1, 2, 3, and 8, it is particularly requested that those special qualities which recommend the Quadrupeds, Birds, Fishes, and Vegetables as fit for food or domestic utility may be described. As regards Quadrupeds, Birds, and Fishes, it will be very desirable to collect all the information which can be got as to the best modes of feeding, keeping, and rearing the same, and, as regards Vegetables, any information as to the best mode of cultivation.

A copy of the last Annual Report of the Acclimatisation Society of Great Britain accompanies this, and will serve to explain more completely the action and purposes of the Society.

1. Question:—Is there any Quadruped, indigenous or introduced to the Country in which you reside, which (having regard to the above definition of the objects in view) merits attention with a view to acclimatisation in Great Britain or any of its Dependencies? If there be any such, state whether it is attainable at a reasonable rate, and whether it is likely to bear the risk of transport?

Answer:—

2. Question:—Is there any such Bird?

Answer:—

3. Question:—Is there any such Fish?

Answer:—

4. Question:—Is there any such Insect?

Answer:—

5. Question:—Is there any such Timber Tree?

Answer:—

6. Question:—Is there any such Medicinal Plant?

Answer:—

7. Question:—Is there any Fibrous Plant likely to be useful for manufacturing purposes?

Answer:—

8. Question:—Is there any Vegetable suitable for the food of man, or for forage or for any other useful purpose?

Answer:—

9. Question:—Do you know any Quadruped, Bird, Fish, Insect, Tree or Plant, existing elsewhere, the introduction of which to the Country in which you reside would be likely to be beneficial; one of the objects of the Acclimatisation Society being to reciprocate the benefits which it receives from other countries?

Answer:—

10. Question:—Does any organization exist, or could it be easily called into existence, capable of undertaking the task of introduction?

Answer:—

Any Remarks founded upon special knowledge or local information, capable of being made useful to the progress of Acclimatisation will be desirable.

*Militia and Volunteers.*

Colonial Defence Office,  
Auckland, 27 Nov., 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

*In the Wellington Militia.*

Lieutenant Charles Daniel De Castro to be Captain. Date of Commission, 13th Nov. 1863.

Ensign David Brown to be Lieutenant, *vice* De Castro, promoted. Date of Commission, 13th Nov., 1863.

Walter L. Martin to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission, 14 Nov., 1863.

Ensign Godfrey Holdsworth to be Lieutenant, *vice* Deighton, resigned. Date of Commission, 20th Nov., 1863.

James Kirwan to be Ensign. Date of Commission, 13th Nov., 1863.

*In the "Castle Point" Militia District.*

Major Edward Gorton to be Major Commanding the Militia and Volunteers. Date of Commission, 23rd Nov., 1863.

T. RUSSELL.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Auckland, 27th, Nov. 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Colonial Defence Force under the "Colonial Defence Force Act 1862":—

Sub-Inspector Maillard Noake to be Inspector. Date of Commission, 12th Nov., 1863.

T. RUSSELL.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Auckland, 27th Nov., 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the following resignations, viz:—

Lieutenant George Ross, Wanganui Militia.

Cornet H. St. G. Southey, Rangitikei Cavalry Volunteers.

T. RUSSELL.

*Tenders.*

Provincial Secretary's Office,  
4th December, 1863.

TENDERS received and accepted or declined by the Board of Wardens, Turakina Valley, for the making of certain portions of the Turakina Valley road.

*Section No. 1*

J. Waters and H. McMahon	...	...	...	19s. 6d. per chain	Accepted.
J. W. Leigh and W. Stuart	...	...	...	£1 7s. 9d.	Declined.

*Section No. 2.*

J. Waters and H. McMahon	...	...	...	£ 1 4 9	per chain	Accepted.
J. Waters and H. McMahon	...	...	...	15 3		Accepted.
for side cutting if such side cutting be required						
J. M. Leigh and W. Stuart	...	...	...	1 11 9	per chain	Accepted.
J. M. Leigh and W. Stuart	...	...	...	14 0	per. chain for side cutting, if required.	

*Section No. 3*

H. Coombe and G. Perry	...	...	...	£ 1 0 0	per chain	Accepted.
J. Waters and H. McMahon	...	...	...	3 9 6		Declined.

*Section No. 4*

Archd. Cameron	...	...	...	£ 1 13 0	per chain	Accepted.
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*Section No. 5*

Archd. Cameron	...	...	...	£ 1 7 6	per chain	Accepted.
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*Five Bridges and Culverts on said line.*

Archd. Cameron, and Alexr. Cree	...	...	...	£ 320 0 0		Accepted.
J. McDonald	...	...	...	410 0 0		Declined.

**TENDERS** accepted by the Board of Wardens, Western Hutt District.

34 chains, 14 links of road, No. 2

G. McEwen	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	Accepted.
T. Dowling	...	...	...	...	...	176	10	0	Declined.
						174	0	0	(the security offered being deemed insufficient.)

Widening Portion No. 1

T. Dowling	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	Accepted.
						12	0	0	

Widening portion No. 2 (repairs)

W. Golder	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	
T. Dowling	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	0	
						8	0	0	

Widening portion No. 3

W. Golder	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	
T. Dowling	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	0	
						6	0	0	

For the above three portions together.

G. Scrimshaw	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	d.	Accepted.
						28	0	0	

J. WOODWARD,  
Acting Provincial Secretary.

*November Customs—Wanganui.*

**S**TATEMENT of all Moneys received by JAS G. WOOD, Esquire, Acting Collector of Customs for the Port of Wanganui, New Zealand, from the first to the thirtieth day of November, 1863, both days inclusive.

HEAD OF RECEIPT.						TOTAL.		
						£	s.	d.
Spirits	...	...	...	513 12-0	gallons	231	0	5
Tobacco	...	...	...	621	lbs. at 1s. 6d.	46	11	6
Cigars and Snuff	...	...	...	85	lbs. at 3s.	12	15	0
Wine	...	...	...	540	gallons at 3s.	27	9	0
Ale and Beer	...	...	...	171	gallons at 1s.	8	11	0
Sugar, Raw, Refined, and Molasses	...	...	...	6185	lbs. at 1d.	25	15	4
Tea	...	...	...	252	lbs. at 4d	4	4	0
Measurement Duties	...	...	...	113	ft. 3 in. at 4s. per cubic foot	22	13	0
Goods	...	...	...	4	cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs. at 3s. per cwt.	0	13	4
Total amount of Duties ..						£379	12	7

**SETTLEMENT OF THE FOREGOING COLLECTIONS.**

1863				£	s.	d.
November	30	By Salaries of the Department	...	35	8	4
"	"	" Balance paid Sub-Treasurer General Government	...	344	4	3
Total as above				£379	12	7

I, JAMES G. WOON, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing is a true and faithful statement of my account as Acting Collector of Customs for the period herein mentioned, and that the sum of £379 12s. 7d., sterling, paid by me, JAMES G. WOON, is the whole amount so received by me from the first to the thirtieth day of November, 1863, both days inclusive, and I do make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

JAMES G. WOON,  
Acting Collector.

Declared before me this thirtieth  
day of November, 1863.

THOS. WATERS, J.P.