

RETURN

SHOWING THE

NUMBER OF ACRES OF RURAL LAND SOLD IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO,

BETWEEN THE 4TH JANUARY AND THE 5TH APRIL, 1865,

TOGETHER WITH

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SAME.

(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 4th August, 1865.)

That there be laid on the Table of this House—"A Return of the Number of Purchasers, as well as the Acreage bought by them, in the Province of Otago, between the 4th of January and the 5th of April, 1865."

Also,—“All correspondence on the subject between the Colonial Secretary and the Superintendent of Otago, or between the Colonial Secretary and the Commissioner of Crown Lands in that Province, not already laid on the Table.”

(Mr. Wayne.)

WELLINGTON:

1865.

RETURN

SHOWING THE

NUMBER OF ACRES OF RURAL LAND SOLD IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO, ETC.

RETURN of the Number of Acres of RURAL LAND sold in the Province of OTAGO, from 4th January to 5th April, 1865;—Names of Purchasers,—Numbers of Sections and Blocks,—and Amount of each Purchase.

	A.	B.	P.	£	s.	d.
Nicol Booth and John Storry, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 4, block 12	50	0	0	50	0	0
Thomas Grimsey, Waitahuna West, sec. 2, block 4	50	0	0	50	0	0
Archibald Blue, Hawksbury, sec. 24, block 3	74	0	27	74	2	6
Henry Livingston, Glenomaru, sec. 1, block 3	150	0	0	150	0	0
W. G. Fillene, Oamaru, sec. 1, block 17	100	0	0	100	0	0
John Reid, Oamaru, sec. 1, block 16	698	0	0	698	0	0
A. B. Livingston, Glenomaru, sec. 2, block 3	100	0	0	100	0	0
George Thomson, Maungatua, sec. 0, block 4	88	3	22	88	17	6
John Reid, Papakaio, secs. 11 and 12, block 1, and 84 to 88, block 3	313	2	29	313	7	6
Francis Scott Pillans, Hillend, secs. 8, 9, 10, 1 of 11, 12 to 17, 20, 21, 36, 1 and 2 of 37, 39, 57 to 61, 63, 1 of 64, 65, 66, block 3	2,089	2	18	2,088	0	0
Elizabeth Brunton, Waikouaiti, sec. 22, block 2	40	3	28	40	17	6
Alexander Thomson, Maungatua, sec. 6, block 4	73	2	2	73	10	0
James McEwan, Glenomaru, sec. 3, block 2	95	3	21	95	17	6
Donald Campbell, Moeraki, sec. 20, block 7	58	0	14	58	0	0
Brian Blunsell, Glenomaru, sec. 7, block 8	100	0	0	100	0	0
J. Brugh, William Halliday, J. Howatt, and William Thomson, Catlins River Saw Mill Company, Glenomaru, sec. 1, block 6	100	0	0	100	0	0
Andrew Lees, Glenomaru, sec. 8, block 8	100	0	0	100	0	0
W. H. Teshemaker, Kauroo, sec. 1, block 2	637	0	0	637	0	0
J. P. G. H. and W. G. and D. Maitland, Waitahuna East, sec. 1, block 2	840	0	0	840	0	0
J. P. G. H. and W. G. and D. Maitland, Hillend, sec. 1, block 12	1,160	0	0	1,160	0	0
E. B. Atkinson, Oamaru, Pre-emptive right on Run 22	92	0	0	80	0	0
E. B. Atkinson, Oamaru, Pre-emptive right on Run 22	57	2	0	50	0	0
C. L. C. and F. and W. Fenwick, Kauroo, secs. 4, 5, 15 to 26, and 39 to 51, block 1	2,023	3	24	2,023	0	0
James and Cochrane Stenhouse, Moeraki, sec. 66, block 5	83	2	15	83	10	0
Francis Barker, Inch Clutha, remainder of sec. 5, block 6, adjoining sec. 4	9	0	0	9	0	0
C. L. C. and F. and W. Fenwick, Otepopo, sec. 28 and 33, block 7	162	0	26	162	0	0
David Thomson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 39, block 8	40	0	0	40	0	0
William Matthews, Oamaru, sec. 2, block 17	140	0	0	140	0	0
John Welsh, Glenomaru, sec. 4, block 3	60	0	0	60	0	0
Robert Fenwick, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 25, block 8	10	0	0	10	0	0
Alexander Barran, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 8, block 8	50	0	0	50	0	0
John Smith, Glenomaru, sec. 10, block 8	100	0	0	100	0	0
Edward Provost, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 2, block 12	10	0	0	10	0	0
James Hamilton, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 13, block 8	10	0	0	10	0	0
R. W. S. Grieve, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 15, block 8	15	0	0	15	0	0
Glasgow Logan, Glenomaru, sec. 12, block 8	144	0	0	144	0	0
Edward Campbell, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 12, block 8	10	0	0	10	0	0
James McIntyre, Glenomaru, sec. 14, block 8	50	0	0	50	0	0
William Skey, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 3, block 8	50	0	0	50	0	0
Paisley Woodfield, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 41, block 8	10	0	0	10	0	0
Robert Wilson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 5, block 8	20	0	0	20	0	0
Norman Prentice, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 4, block 8	20	0	0	20	0	0
A. H. Ross, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 11, block 8	20	0	0	20	0	0
A. H. Ross, Glenomaru, sec. 2 and 3, block 8	200	0	0	200	0	0
A. H. Ross, Glenomaru, sec. 1, block 8	100	0	0	100	0	0
Thomas Turnbull, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 40, block 8	52	0	0	52	0	0
J. Reay, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 9, block 8	20	0	0	20	0	0
J. McLeod Nicholson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 36, block 8	20	0	0	20	0	0
W. Oram Ball, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 42, block 8	10	0	0	10	0	0

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Peter Treseder, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 7, block 8 ...	10	0	0	10	0	0
David Henderson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 35, block 8 ...	72	0	0	72	0	0
S. B. Biss, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 28, block 8 ...	30	0	0	30	0	0
John Douglas, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 23, block 8 ...	10	0	0	10	0	0
Charles Edward Hayward, Glenomaru, sec. 13, block 8 ...	100	0	0	100	0	0
Thos. Rowley, James Hamilton, and Fred. Wayne, Moeraki, sec. 1, block 15 ...	160	0	0	160	0	0
James McKerrow, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 10, block 8 ...	20	0	0	20	0	0
John Reay, Glenomaru, sec. 11, block 8 ...	60	0	0	60	0	0
Adam Rolland, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 22, block 8 ...	28	0	0	28	0	0
Thomas Moodie, Glenomaru, sec. 3, block 6 ...	90	0	0	90	0	0
Walter Spreat, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 16, block 8 ...	30	0	0	30	0	0
Robert Short, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 29, block 8 ...	20	0	0	20	0	0
Bryan Blundell, North Harbour and Blueskin, secs. 6, 20, 26, block 8 ...	30	0	0	30	0	0
Bryan Blundell, Glenomaru, sec. 9, block 8 ...	100	0	0	100	0	0
James Smith, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 17, block 8 ...	10	0	0	10	0	0
Peter Treseder, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 37, block 8 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
H. Livingston, Glenomaru, sec. 3, block 3 ...	100	0	0	100	0	0
Robert Hunter, Moeraki, sec. 22, block 7 ...	67	2	22	67	12	6
Simon Saunders, Glenomaru, sec. 5, block 8 ...	100	0	0	105	0	0
Alexander Ford, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 53, block 11 ...	24	0	22	48	5	0
Thomas Calcutt, Awamoke, secs. 32 to 37, and 61 to 71, block 8 ...	772	3	13	901	9	0
Thomas Calcutt, Oamaru, sec. 2, block 16 ...	434	0	0	716	2	0
William Dalgleish, Warepa, sec. 1 of 11, block 1 ...	39	0	11	39	0	0
James Hassell, Awamoke, secs. 53 to 60, block 8 ...	450	0	4	449	10	0
John Bathgate, Kuriwao, sec. 1 of 12 and 13, block 1 ...	222	3	14	222	15	0
Helen Thomson, Glenomaru, sec. 6, block 8 ...	150	0	0	210	0	0
Robert Hunter, Moeraki, sec. 14, block 7 ...	33	0	31	33	2	6
John Bell, Waikouaiti, sec. 36, block 2 ...	75	1	21	75	7	6
Hugh Calder, Waikouaiti, sec. 34, block 4 ...	59	0	18	59	0	0
J. H. McLean, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 21, block 8 ...	20	0	0	20	0	0
John Hardy, Dunedin and East Taieri, sec. 2, block 15 ...	14	3	15	14	15	0
James Waddle, Clutha, secs. 5, 7, 9, and half of 6, block 42 ...	175	0	0	175	0	0
James Colman, Waitahuna West, sec. 7 and 8, block 2 ...	96	1	27	96	7	6
Edward Campbell, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 49, block 6 ...	9	1	36	9	7	6
J. H. McLean, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 30 and 32, block 8 ...	30	0	0	30	0	0
W. G. Wallace, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 14, block 8 ...	10	0	0	10	0	0
John Cunningham, Moeraki, sec. 53, block 10 ...	10	0	21	10	2	6
David Pinkerton, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 1 of 7, block 6 ...	28	2	37	28	12	6
William Whiteside, Moeraki, sec. 1 of 9 and 16, block 9 ...	116	0	26	116	0	0
Robert McNeil, Clutha, remaining half sec. 5 next 3, block 43 ...	25	0	0	25	0	0
Donald Cameron, Warepa, sec. 11, block 4 ...	74	0	4	74	0	0
Thomas Burns and E. McGlashan, Trustees for Religious and Educational uses, Clarendon, sec. 45, block 2 ...	12	2	26	12	12	6
Adam Landels, Hillend, sec. 38, block 7 ...	51	0	0	51	0	0
James Mitchell, Hawksbury, sec. 7, block 2, and 47, block 3 ...	149	3	5	149	12	6
Murdo Mackenzie, Clarendon, sec. 2 of 16, block 6 ...	49	3	0	49	15	0
William Heckler, Hawksbury, sec. 3 and 4, block 11 ...	110	0	0	110	0	0
Sinon Saunders, Glenomaru, sec. 16, block 8 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
J. H. McLean, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 33 and 34, block 8 ...	29	0	0	29	0	0
James Russell, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 15, block 8 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
Alexander Weir, Hawksbury, sec. 1, block 8 ...	150	0	0	150	0	0
James McLeod Nicolson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 3, block 12 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
John Mackay, Clarendon, sec. 2, block 10 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
George Galloway, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 4, block 3 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
William Manson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 3, block 3 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
Walter Spreat, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 18, block 8 ...	20	0	0	20	0	0
Thos. Rowley, Jas. Hamilton, and Fred. Wayne, Moeraki, sec. 3, block 15 ...	130	0	0	130	0	0
David Mann, Moeraki, sec. 17, block 9 ...	83	1	24	83	7	6
A. H. Ross, Glenomaru, sec. 5, block 6 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
Henry Livingston, Glenomaru, sec. 5, block 3 ...	60	0	0	60	0	0
Michael Barrett, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 38, block 8 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
Alexander Miller, Pomatraka, sec. 39, block 7 ...	80	0	0	80	0	0
Donald McLennan, Clarendon, sec. 15, block 6 ...	81	1	28	81	7	6
John Mackay, Maungatua, sec. 1 of 11, block 2 ...	17	1	34	17	7	6
Charles Hastings, Table Hill, sec. 3, block 6 ...	100	0	0	100	0	0
John Braithwaite, Moeraki, sec. 34, block 9 ...	112	1	28	112	7	6
Alexander and John Barron, Waikouaiti, sec. 58, block 2 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
George Riddell, Clarendon, sec. 3, block 10 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
Edward Fenwick, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 5, block 12 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
Nicol Booth, North Harbour and Blueskin, secs. 1 and 6, block 12 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
Alexander Matheson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 2, block 8 ...	10	0	0	10	0	0
John McMillan, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 19, block 8 ...	30	0	0	30	0	0

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George Mackenzie, Maungatua, sec. 3 of 24, block 1	19	3	37	19	17	6
James Colman, Waitahuna West, sec. 6, block 2	46	0	32	46	2	6
Alexander Allan, Waipahu, sec. 1, block 4	50	0	0	50	0	0
John and George Dutch, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 8, block 12	50	0	0	50	0	0
W. and G. Shand and John Kirkland, East Taieri, (irregular block) 80 irregular	85	0	28	85	2	6
Alexander Mathieson, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 46, block 8	60	0	0	60	0	0
A. D. and J. McFarlane, Glenomaru, secs. 17, 18, and 1, block 8 ...	150	0	0	150	0	0
John Leslie, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 21, block 8 ...	28	0	0	28	0	0
John McInerney, Otago Peninsula, sec. 5, block 6	44	0	32	44	2	6
J. J. Spence, Waikouaiti, sec. 9, block 2	69	2	0	69	10	0
Adam Borthwick, Clutha, secs. 10 and 12, block 59, and 9 to 12, block 66	300	0	0	300	0	0
C. L. C. and F. and W. Fenwick, Kauroo, sec. 6, block 1	127	0	24	127	2	6
Francis and Charles R. Howden, Glenomaru, sec. 4, block 8 ...	100	0	0	100	0	0
William A. Teschemaker, Kauroo, sec. 3, block 1	102	1	28	102	7	6
Francis Bowman, North Harbour and Blueskin, sec. 45, block 8 ...	60	0	0	60	0	0
W. A. Murray, Waitahuna West, sec. 2 of 27, block 3	40	0	0	40	0	0
David Robertson, Dunedin and East Taieri, sec. 44, block 1 ...	50	0	0	50	0	0
E. H. Haughton, Otepopo, sec. 36, block 8	115	0	34	115	2	6
William Hope, Clutha, sec. 12, block 42	50	0	0	50	0	0
Bunter Clapcott, Pomatraka, secs. 22, 38, 44, 48, block 8, and 18, 19, 20, 87, 88, 89, and 1 of 50, block 9	625	2	37	625	7	6
James Allen, Moeraki, secs. 44 and 45, block 9	177	2	9	177	10	0
John Muir, Moeraki, section 1, block 12	100	0	0	100	0	0
Charles Hastings, Table Hill, sec. 4, block 6	50	0	0	50	0	0
Henry Kitchener, Moeraki, secs. 23 to 27, block 7	346	2	28	346	5	0
W. H. Wayne, Moeraki, secs. 40, 41, 42, block 8	218	2	10	218	7	6
Henry Kitchener, Moeraki, 47, 48, 49, 56, and 1 of 57, block 8 ...	325	2	2	325	5	0
George Diners, Waipahu, sec. 2, block 4	50	0	0	50	0	0
James Allen, Moeraki, sec. 35, block 9	72	3	34	72	17	6
Catherine Lees, Moeraki, sec. 77, block 10	11	0	20	11	2	6
Thomas Grundy, Waitahuna West, sec. 3, block 4	50	0	0	50	0	0
James Smith, Waitahuna West, sec. 2 of 21, block 3	40	0	0	40	0	0
John McLean, Pre-emptive on Run 235	115	0	0	100	0	0
John McLean, Pre-emptive on Run 236	172	2	0	150	0	0
Allan McLean, Pre-emptive on Run 237	126	2	0	110	0	0
John and Allan McLean, pre-emptive on Run 238	103	2	0	90	0	0
E. Macdonald, Moeraki, sec. 2 of 61, block 4	41	3	31	41	17	6
Richard Moffat, Hillend, secs. 1 and 2 of 27, block 6	84	0	37	84	2	6
Robert Campbell, Warepa, secs. 28 to 31, block 2	262	2	9	262	7	6
Bunter Clapcott, Pomatraka, secs. 45 and 46, block 9	132	0	3	131	17	6
John Moffat, Waipahu, sec. 5, block 4	80	0	0	80	0	0
James Little, Otepupe, secs. 49 and 50, block 8	105	2	0	105	7	6
L. C. Holmes, Tuapeka, secs. 42 and 43, block 1	31	1	17	31	5	0
James Weatherley, Tuapeka, secs. 44 and 45, block 1	31	2	24	31	10	0
William Sheath, Tuapeka, secs. 46 to 51, block 1	46	2	32	46	7	6
James Bathgate, Kuriwae, sec. 20, block 2	67	0	39	67	2	6
J. L. Croker, Tuapeka, sec. 32, block 1	12	2	16	12	10	0
Richard E. Field, Tuapeka, secs. 57 to 60 to 91, block 2	25	1	24	25	5	0
S. F. Every, Otago Peninsula, secs. 16 and 17, block 7	14	3	16	14	15	0
Alexander Byass, Akatore, secs. 1 and 2, block 7	100	0	0	100	0	0
James Allen, Moeraki, secs. 12 to 15 and 18, block 9	457	2	9	457	7	6
Bunter Clapcott, Pomatraka, sec. 59, block 8	36	2	30	36	12	6
George Elliot, Kaitangata, sec. 27, block 2	84	3	24	84	17	6
Acres	22,092	1	39	£22,496	8	6

W. H. CUTTEN,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

29th April, 1865.

No. 1.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Province of Otago, New Zealand,

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 13th June, 1865.

SIR,— I have the honor to forward the enclosed Ordinances, passed at the last session of the Provincial Council, to which I have assented on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, namely—

"Appropriation Ordinance, 1865;"

"Superintendent's Indemnity Ordinance, 1865;"

"Impounding Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1865;"

also the following, which I have reserved for the signification of His Excellency's pleasure thereon namely—

- “ Otago Public Buildings Loan Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, 1865 ;”
- “ Otago Harbour Loan Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, 1865 ;”
- “ Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1865 ;”
- “ Medical Practitioners Ordinance, 1864, Amendment Bill, 1865 ;”
- “ Port Chalmers Municipal Estate Reserves Bill, 1865 ;”
- “ Roads Diversion Bill, 1865 ;”
- “ Acclimatization Reserves Bill, 1865 ;”
- “ Cemeteries Bill, 1865 ;”
- “ Otago Harbour Trust Lands Bill (No. 2), 1865.”

I have the honor to request that I may receive an intimation of His Excellency's pleasure at as early a date as possible.

I have, &c.,

J. HYDE HARRIS,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 2.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 3rd July, 1865.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the late Superintendent's letter of the 13th ultimo, transmitting three Ordinances passed at the last Session of the Provincial Council of Otago, which his Honor had assented to on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and also transmitting nine reserved Bills for the signification of His Excellency's pleasure thereon.

His Excellency has been advised to leave to its operation “ The Appropriation Ordinance, 1865.”

The other two Ordinances which have been assented to by the Superintendent (“ The Superintendent's Indemnity Ordinance, 1865,” and “ The Impounding Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1865,”) are still under the consideration of the Government.

His Excellency has further been advised to assent to the undermentioned six reserved Bills, and I have to return to your Honor a copy of each of such Bills with His Excellency's assent duly noted thereon :—

- “ Medical Practitioners Ordinance, 1864, Amendment Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Port Chalmers Municipal Estate Reserves Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Roads' Diversion Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Acclimatization Reserves Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Cemeteries Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Otago Harbour Trust Lands Ordinance (No. 2), 1865.”

“ The Appropriation Ordinance (No. 2), 1865,” purports to authorize the refund in pursuance of the Superintendent's Proclamation of 20th December, 1864, of certain sums of money paid as purchase money, and imposed by the Act of the General Assembly entitled “ Otago Waste Lands Act (No. 2), 1863.” As this Bill would, if it became law, be in contravention of the Act of the General Assembly above referred to, Ministers have been compelled to advise His Excellency to withhold his assent to this Bill.

The two remaining Bills (“ Otago Public Buildings Loan Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Ordinance, 1865,” and “ Otago Harbour Loan Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Ordinance, 1865”), are under the consideration of the Government.

I have, &c.,

J. C. RICHMOND.

His Honor the Acting Superintendent, Otago.

No. 3.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Province of Otago, New Zealand,

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 15th July, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, intimating that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to assent to the following Ordinances, viz.—

- “ Medical Practitioners Ordinance, 1864, Amendment Ordinance Act, 1865 ;”
- “ Port Chalmers Municipal Estate Reserves Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Acclimatization Reserve Ordinance, 1865 ;”
- “ Cemeteries Ordinance, 1865 ;” and the
- “ Otago Harbour Trust Lands Ordinance, No. 2, 1865.”

That the “ Appropriation Ordinance, 1865,” has been left to its operation ; and that the “ Otago Public Buildings Loan Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, 1865 ;” the “ Otago Harbour Loan Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, 1865 ;” the “ Superintendent's Indemnity Ordinance, 1865 ;” and the “ Impounding Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1865 ;” are still under consideration.

You further state that as “ The Appropriation Ordinance (No. 2,) 1865,” would, if it became law, be in contravention of the Act of the General Assembly, Ministers have been compelled to advise His Excellency to withhold his assent to it.

The Provincial Council, after much consideration, thought that the best way of dealing with the matter would be to vote sufficient funds to enable the Government to regain possession of the lands which had been sold. It now appears, however, that His Excellency cannot be advised to assent to the Bill which was passed in accordance with this resolution.

It further appears, by reference to the correspondence which passed between the General Government and the late Superintendent on the subject, that in your letter of the 16th February, it is stated that any Appropriation Act of the Province of Otago, purporting to give effect to the Proclamation of the 20th December, 1864, issued by His Honor the Superintendent, would have in the opinion of the Attorney General to be disallowed.

The Council would not therefore, if they had desired it, have voted the sum needed to pay the tax with any hope of obtaining His Excellency's assent to the vote, and I have now the honor therefore to request that you will inform me what action, if any, would receive the sanction of the General Government in connection with the undertaking of the late Government. I have, &c.,

J. RICHARDSON,
Acting Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 4.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 24th July, 1865.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter, No. 4548-4, of the 15th instant, on the subject of the withholding of His Excellency's assent to the Appropriation Bill, No. 2, passed by the Provincial Council of Otago, and reserved by the Superintendent for the signification of His Excellency's pleasure thereon.

In reply, I have to inform your Honor that if a measure is introduced into the General Assembly equalizing the Bill in question, the Government will not, under the circumstances of the case, oppose such measure.

I have, &c.,

J. C. RICHMOND.

His Honor the Acting Superintendent, Dunedin.

No. 5.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,— Province of Otago, New Zealand,
Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 1st August, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 311, of 24th July, 1865, and in reply have to thank you for the assurance that if a measure is introduced into the General Assembly legalizing "The Otago Appropriation Bill (No. 2), 1865," the Government will not oppose it.

I have, &c.,

J. RICHARDSON,
Acting Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

