

amount at the debit of the Province on the above date. In reply I have to transmit to you herewith the requisite return.

I have, &c.,

JOHN R. NICHOLSON,
Provincial Secretary.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 4.

RETURN showing AMOUNT of OVERDRAFTS by the PROVINCE of AUCKLAND, from 3rd Sept., 1869, to 30th June, 1870, and the total amount at the debit of the Province on 30th June, 1870. From the 5th to the 18th October, 1869, the Provincial Account with the Bank of New Zealand was overdrawn £4,500. Previous to or subsequent to that date the account does not appear to have been overdrawn. On 30th June, 1870, no overdraft.

R. B. Lusk,
Provincial Accountant.

Provincial Treasury, Auckland, 18th July, 1870.

No. 5.

Mr. C. Hoos to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

County Chairman's Office, Hokitika, 25th July, 1870.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 372, of 6th July, 1870, enclosing an Order of the House of Representatives for a return of Provincial and County overdrafts.

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the overdraft at the Bank of New Zealand on the 31st December, 1869, was £5,329; deficiency bills, £5,000; and outstanding accounts unpaid, £3,000; making a total of £13,329. On the 30th June, 1870, the overdraft amounted to £5,952 4s. 10d.; and the outstanding accounts unpaid, £3,019 3s.; showing a decrease in the liability of £4,357 12s. 2d., as the deficiency bills have been liquidated during the past six months. The overdraft varies, but it is on no account to exceed £5,000.

I have also the honor to forward herewith an extract from the *West Coast Times*, containing a statement made by me in the County Council, showing the financial position of the County, which will perhaps give you more information on the subject.

I have, &c.,
C. Hoos,
Chairman of the County Council.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 6.

His Honor A. P. SEYMOUR to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 26th July, 1870.

I have the honor to inform you that the Province of Marlborough has contracted no overdraft under the provisions of "The Provincial Audit Act Amendment Act, 1869."

I have, &c.,
A. P. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 7.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 15th August, 1870.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular of the 6th July, enclosing copy of an Order of the House of Representatives, No. 19-70, calling for a return of Provincial and County overdrafts, and in reply beg to enclose a return from the Provincial Treasury. There has been no overdraft in the Province of Hawke's Bay during the period from 3rd September, 1869, to 30th June, 1870.

I have, &c.,
J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 7.

RETURN showing the AMOUNT of OVERDRAFT by the PROVINCE of HAWKE'S BAY, from the Bank or any other Person, during the period from 3rd September, 1869, to the 30th June, 1870.

Nil.

J. T. TYLER
(for Provincial Treasurer).

Provincial Treasury, Napier, 14th July, 1870.