

RETURNS OF LANDS SOLD IN THE COLONY.

No. 1.

The SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

General Crown Lands Office,
Wellington, 18th August, 1870.

SIR,—

Mr. Hall, M.H.R., complained to me lately that no complete Annual Returns of Lands sold, &c., in the Colony were to be found in the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives since 1866, the Appendix for which year contains the Return for 1865.

The Return was discontinued in 1867 by the late Colonial Secretary's instructions, as the Statistics published by the Registrar-General contained these yearly Returns down to December 31st in each year, while the House of Representatives desired to have the Return of these lands down to the 30th of June of the year in which it was actually sitting.

In order that the hiatus remarked on by Mr. Hall may be supplied, I have the honor to forward the accompanying Returns, in order that, if thought desirable, they may continue to be published in the Appendices for the complete years, as was done up to 1867.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED DOMETT,

Secretary for Crown Lands.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.
