

Excellency the Governor and the Seal of the Colony, disallowing "The Road Boards Ordinance, 1870," passed by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

No. 26.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,— Province of Otago, New Zealand,
Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 7th November, 1870.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th October, No. 340, enclosing copy of *New Zealand Gazette*, containing a Proclamation under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and the Seal of the Colony, disallowing "The Road Boards Ordinance, 1870," passed by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago.

I have, &c.,
J. MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 27.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,— Province of Otago, New Zealand,
Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 23rd December, 1870.

I do myself 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, viz. :—

- "Otago Representation Ordinance, No. 2, 1870."
- "Jetties and Wharves Ordinance, 1870."
- "Road Ordinances (Southland) Repeal Ordinance, 1870."
- "Dunedin Athenæum and Mechanics Institute Ordinance, 1870."
- "Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Ordinance, 1870."
- "Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance Extension Ordinance, 1870."
- "Education Ordinance (Southland) Repeal Ordinance, 1870."
- "Licensed Theatres Ordinance (Southland) Repeal Ordinance, 1870."
- "Licensing Ordinances Repeal Ordinance, 1870."
- "Auction Ordinance 1862 (Southland) Repeal Ordinance, 1870."
- "Licensed Hawkers Ordinance (Southland) Repeal Ordinance, 1870."
- "Otago Roads Ordinance 1865 Amendment Ordinance, 1870."

And the following Bills, which have been reserved for the signification of His Excellency the Governor's pleasure thereon :—

- "Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1870."
- "Port Chalmers Reserves Management Ordinance, 1870."
- "Invercargill Park Reserve Management and Leasing Ordinance, 1870."
- "The Racecourse Reserve Leasing Ordinance, 1870."

I have, &c.,
J. MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 28.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 10th January, 1871.

I have the honor to inform your Honor that His Excellency has been advised to disallow "The Southern Trunk Guaranteed Interest Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1870," on the following legal grounds :—

The Government is advised that this Bill is *ultra vires*, inasmuch as it contravenes the prohibition contained in "The Consolidated Loan Act, 1867," by affecting to extend the period of a guarantee authorized by a previous Ordinance (passed previously to "The Consolidated Loan Act, 1867") from fifteen years to thirty-five years; that is to say, it empowers the creation of an additional guarantee for a period of twenty years.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.