

I am advised that the whole of these Acts are open to the objection that they contain no provision authorizing the Superintendent to contract for the sale of the land to the persons named in each Act, respectively; and that without such provision the land cannot be granted. Moreover, while Provincial Councils must authorize the Superintendent to sell, &c., they need not and should not authorize the Governor to grant; the latter authority being contained in "The Highways and Water-courses Act, 1858." These objections have not, however, been thought sufficiently strong to induce the Government to advise His Excellency to disallow the Bills to which they apply.

4. I am advised that "The Members Remuneration Act" cannot be relied on as a permanent appropriation, but that the moneys will have to be appropriated annually, notwithstanding its provisions.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 3.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 29th June, 1874.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit duplicates of the under-mentioned Acts passed by the Auckland Provincial Council, to which I have assented on behalf of the Governor:—

"The Fencing Act 1855 Amendment Act, 1874;"
"The Sheep Act 1855 Amendment Act, 1874;" and
"The Arapohue Roads Act, 1874."

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

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

No. 4.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 27th July, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, transmitting duplicates of the following Acts passed by the Auckland Provincial Council, to which you have assented on behalf of the Governor, viz.,—

"The Fencing Act 1855 Amendment Act, 1874;"
"The Sheep Act 1855 Amendment Act, 1874;" and
"The Arapohue Roads Act, 1874."

2. His Excellency the Governor will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to any of these Acts.

3. I desire, however, to point out to your Honor that section 22. of the Fencing Amendment Act is of doubtful validity, inasmuch as it affects Crown lands—unless lands contracted to be sold, but not yet granted, are in law no longer Crown lands.

4. The Arapohue Road Act is open to the same objections as other similar legislation of the recent Session to which I have called your Honor's attention in former letters.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
DANIEL POLLEN.

TARANAKI.

No. 5.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Taranaki, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 14th May, 1874.

I have the honor to forward herewith parchment copies of the following Ordinances passed by the Provincial Council of Taranaki, viz.,—

"An Ordinance to empower the Town Board of New Plymouth to borrow a Sum of Two Thousand Pounds," and

"An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hawkers' Licenses within the Province of Taranaki," which I have reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon. Also,

"An Ordinance to repeal 'The Scotch Thistle Ordinance, 1863,' and

"An Ordinance to appropriate Money for the Public Service of the Province of Taranaki for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1874,"

to which I have assented on behalf of His Excellency the Governor.

I have also the honor to enclose copy of a resolution passed by the Provincial Council, together with copy of a letter from the Speaker, relative to an excess of expenditure.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
FRED. A. CARRINGTON,
Superintendent.