

Run 251.—To be relet, as per schedule, for eight years, at £200 upset rental.

Run 132.—Resolved that it is not expedient to re-lease for depasturing purposes, and determine that it is required for sale and settlement.

Runs 257 and 177.—Resolved that it is not expedient to re-lease for depasturing purposes, and determines that the land within them is required for sale and settlement.

Run 179.—To be relet, as per schedule, for eight years, at £180 upset.

Run 212A.—To be relet in three runs—*Run 212A*, as per schedule, to be divided into two, and relet for six years, at 4d. per acre upset; *212c* to be relet for seven years, as per schedule, at £80 upset.

Runs 215 and 212B.—To be relet in one run, as per schedule; to be relet for ten years at £100 upset.

Run 137.—Resolved that it is not expedient to re-lease, for depasturing purposes, any portion, and determine it is required for sale and settlement.

Run 170.—To be relet in three runs, as per schedule—*Run 170* for nine years, upset £280; *170A* for eight years, upset £160; *170B* for seven years, upset £120.

Resolved that the foregoing resolutions passed by the Board on the 10th and 11th instant, dealing with runs therein mentioned, be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor for his approval.

J. P. MAITLAND,

11th January, 1882.

Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands.

No. 11.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 19th January, 1882.

GOVERNMENT has not yet officially decided as to proposals about runs, but will approve of Board's recommendations. Prepare advertisement and get it in type; send slips here before public issue for approval. Maps, as you know, will be published in four sheets. In the advertisement the runs should be grouped according to sheets, so that the maps and advertisement may correspond. Areas and upset prices should be stated, as well as duration of lease. Conditions of sale in terms of Land Act can be held over until day of sale. Would not Monday, 27th February, and Tuesday, the 28th, as suggested in my telegram of last evening, be better days of sale than commencing 25th? Whatever place for sale to be held in you think best will be agreed to, but, as Garrison Hall is so large, the mere selection of it might induce a crowd of onlookers who might interfere with the orderly conduct of sale. Plans will be ready for issue end of next week.

H. J. H. ELLIOTT.

No. 12.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Dunedin, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS.

Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, 20th January, 1882.

HEREWITH I forward, for approval, slips of advertisement of runs, as requested in your telegram of yesterday. Previous to receiving your telegram to-day, I had arranged for use of Watson's longroom for sale.

J. P. MAITLAND,

Commissioner Crown Lands.

No. 13.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Dunedin.

(Memorandum.)

General Crown Lands Office, Wellington, 25th January, 1882.

REFERRING to your letter of the 20th instant, transmitting copies of the draft advertisement of the Otago runs, I now return the advertisement which has been recast here, so as to show the runs, arranged in the order in which they will be placed on the lithographic plans.

This amended advertisement—which must be strictly adhered to—should be inserted by you in the *Herald*, which is the provincial *Gazette* of Otago, every day; in the *Otago Daily Times* every Tuesday and Thursday; and in the *Witness* every Saturday. A general advertisement has been prepared, which will be forwarded from this office to the papers throughout New Zealand and the Australian Colonies in which general land-sale advertisements usually appear.

Copies of two sheets of the lithographed plans will be sent to the Chief Surveyor by to-day's mail, and copies of the other two sheets will be forwarded by next Friday's mail. Further supplies of the plans will be sent from time to time, as they can be worked off. When you receive them you should distribute them *gratis* to the public in such manner as you may think best.

I forward for your information a copy of the rough notes which were made when comparing the draft advertisement which was sent with the resolutions of the Board, as communicated in your letter of the 13th January.

All the alterations and amendments which appear in these notes have been made in the amended advertisements, and I must again impress upon you the necessity of adhering implicitly to the form of the advertisement as it is now sent to you, as any alteration, no matter how slight, will upset the arrangement of the plans and advertisements.