

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY, Marine Department, to HENRY ST. JOHN CHRISTOPHERS, Esq.
 SIR,— Marine Department, Wellington, 28th March, 1888.

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister having charge of this department, to inform you that His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint you to be a member of the Westport Harbour Board, in place of Timothy Gallagher, who has been removed from his position as a member of the Board; and that a notification of your appointment will appear in the next number of the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Henry St. John Christophers, Esq.,

District Manager of Railways, Westport.

I have, &c.,

LEWIS H. B. WILSON,

Assistant Secretary.

[Similar letters sent same date to Frank Bird, Esq., Resident Magistrate Westport, appointed in place of William Mailer, removed; William James Rodgeron, Esq., Collector of Customs, Westport, appointed in place of Eugene Joseph O'Connor, removed; Robert Kaye, Esq., Postmaster, Westport, appointed in place of Jules Simon, removed; Ernest Charles Kelling, Esq., Clerk to the Court, Westport, appointed in place of John Hughes, resigned.]

The UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS to the SECRETARY, Westport Harbour Board.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 27th March, 1888.

AM directed by Premier to inform you, and to request you to inform all other officers of Board, that, pending meeting of new Board, they are to carry out their duties as hitherto.

C. Y. O'CONNOR,

Secretary, Harbour Board, Westport.

Under-Secretary, Public Works.

The Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS to the SECRETARY, Westport Harbour Board.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 28th March, 1888.

IF you or any other officer of Board in doubt as to what should be done in any case, pending meeting of new Board, please wire to Minister for Public Works, and you will be instructed in due course. The communications to come through you as Secretary.

G. F. RICHARDSON,

Secretary, Harbour Board, Westport.

For Minister for Public Works.

COPY of LETTER from the UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS to E. C. KELLING, Esq.,
re New Harbour Board for Westport.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1888.

Referring to my telegram of the 27th instant, in which I had the honour, by direction of the Minister for Public Works, to inquire if you would be willing to act as a member of the Harbour Board at Westport, as about to be reconstituted, and to your reply of same date consenting to act as requested, I am now directed to inform you that the Board is merely necessary in order to comply with the existing Act, and because it is desirable that there should be a Board of Trust, in order to hold and issue the funds for this work as distinct from any other funds over which the Government has control. The proceedings of the Board will therefore be of a purely formal nature, to pass such resolutions, &c., as may be laid before it by the Chairman, who will act directly under the instructions of the Government.

Lest there should still be any doubt in the minds of the members of the Board, however, as to the exact nature of the duties which the Government wishes them to perform, it has been arranged for Mr. Blair, the Assistant-Engineer-in-Chief, to proceed to the West Coast at once, and explain to the members before their first meeting, more fully than can be done by letter, the wishes of the Government on the subject, and Mr. Blair will leave Wellington to-day accordingly, *via* Christchurch for Greymouth, and will thence go on to Westport.

I have, &c.,

C. Y. O'CONNOR,

E. C. Kelling, Esq., Clerk of Court, Westport.

Under-Secretary, Public Works.

[Similar letters sent to Robert Kaye, Esq., Chief-Postmaster, Westport; W. J. Rodgeron, Esq., Collector of Customs, Westport; Frank Bird, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Westport.]

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