

MESSAGE No. 27.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government forwards to the House of Representatives the information required in a former part of a Resolution, dated 22nd June, (No. 8,) requesting that the House might be furnished with a "Return of all Lands sold by the Government in the Province of Otago since the retirement of the New Zealand Company, the amount received for such Lands, and in what manner such moneys have been expended."

With reference to the latter portion of the same Resolution, requesting to be furnished with a Return "of the number of acres of Waste Lands still remaining to which the Native Title has been extinguished; also, the number of acres selected during the same period by virtue of land orders issued by Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners and the New Zealand Company respectively;" as such a Return could not be furnished without a reference to Otago, His Excellency has caused a communication to be addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands in that Province, requiring him to supply the Government with the information necessary for its preparation as early as possible.

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Government House,
Auckland, 9th August, 1854.