ENCLOSURE TO MESSAGE No. 29.

Crown Land Office, Wellington, February 10th, 1855.

I have the honor in compliance with your instructions, to enclose herewith a Rehave a record of them.

I beg leave to observe however that there are, so far as I can remember, some other grants made, before there was a Crown Lands Department at Wellington. These will be found in the "Book of Public Grants," among the late Civil Secretary's records sent up to Auckland at the end of 1853. It continually happened that Grants were drafted in that Officer's department without any reference to me, orders being merely sent down to the Surveyor to put the plan on the deed. It was the intention to have communicated to me a correct copy of all the registered Grants made out from the begining, but constant press of business prevented Mr. Domett from doing it, for that reason I am obliged to refer you to the Book above mentioned for the conditions on which the public Grants were made.

I am afforded an opportunity at the same time of renewing to yourself my application that at the leisure of some officer, I may be furnished with copies of the Grants from the Civil Secretary's Book, and I would even suggest that some person be specially desired to make such copies and be paid for doing so, out of the contingencies of my

department.

I have &c., (Signed) F. D. BELL

The Honorable, The Colonial Secretary.

ENCLOSURE TO MESSAGE No. 29.

Land Office, Nelson, January 15th, 1855.

Sir, -I do myself the honor to forward the Returns noted in the margin, called for by your letters of the 26th October and 26th November, 1854.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

M. RICHMOND, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Honorable The Colonial Secretary, Auckland.

ENCLOSURE TO MESSAGE No. 29.

Crown Land Office, Otago, 8th December, 1854.

In reply to your letter of the 26th October, ulto. No. 349, calling for a Return of lands granted without payment for Religious, educational, or other public purposes, &c., I have the honor to reply that I know of no instance in this Province, in which a grant of land for such purposes has been issued. I have had the honor to forward information bearing upon this subject, in my returns of 20th March and 25th July, ulto. I have, &c.,

(Signed)

WALTER MANTELL, Commissioner.

The Honorable The Colonial Secretary, Auckland.