

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington, this Twenty-eighth day of March,
1870.

Present:

The Honorable Wm. Fox, the Premier, presiding;
and Members of the Executive Council.

WHEREAS by "The Supreme Court Act, 1860," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time, to divide the Colony into Judicial Districts, for the purposes of the said Act, and the limits of such districts, from time to time to alter as occasion may require; and that there shall be held Circuit Courts for the despatch of Criminal and Civil business of the Court before one of the Judges thereof, at such places and times as the Governor in Council may from time to time appoint: And whereas by a Proclamation bearing date the twenty-sixth day of February, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the Colony of New Zealand was divided into three districts, called respectively the Northern, Southern, and Middle Districts; and it was thereby appointed that Circuit Courts should be holden for the said districts respectively, and on certain days and at certain places in the said Proclamation mentioned:

And whereas on the twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, the Governor in Council divided the said Southern District into two districts, called respectively the Canterbury District and the Otago and Southland Districts, and appointed Circuit Courts to be holden for the said districts on certain days and at certain places:

And whereas on the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, the Governor in Council constituted three districts, called respectively the Westland District, the Canterbury District, and the Middle District, and appointed Circuit Courts to be holden for the said districts on certain days and at certain places:

And whereas on the eleventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, the Governor in Council appointed that Circuit Courts should be held at New Plymouth, in the Province of Taranaki, in the Northern District, on certain days:

And whereas on the eleventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, the Governor in Council appointed Circuit Courts to be holden for the Middle District at the Town of Napier, on certain days:

And whereas on the twenty-sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, the said Middle District was divided into two districts, called respectively the Wellington District and the Nelson District, and Circuit Courts were appointed to be holden for the said districts on certain days and at certain places:

And whereas on the twenty-second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, it was appointed that a Circuit Court should be held at the Town of Invercargill on certain days:

And whereas on the second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the limits of the Canterbury District, the Nelson District, and the Westland District were altered, but the times for holding Circuit Courts therein remain unchanged:

And whereas on the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the limits of the Northern District and the Wellington District were altered, but the time and places for holding Circuit Courts therein remain unchanged:

And whereas it is expedient to revoke the several appointments of the times and places for the holding of the Circuit Courts so made as aforesaid, and to appoint other times and places in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now therefore His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony, in exercise and pursuance of the power and authority vested in him by "The Supreme Court Act, 1868," doth hereby declare that on and after the Fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, the several appointments hereinbefore recited, so far as the same relate to the times and places for holding Circuit Courts, shall be revoked; and with the like advice and consent, doth hereby appoint that Circuit Courts of the Supreme Court, for the despatch of Criminal and Civil business of the Court, shall, after the said Fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, be holden at the several times and places hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

In the Northern District:—At the Supreme Court-house, Auckland, on the First Monday in each of the months of March, June, September, and December, in each and every year; and at New Plymouth, at the Supreme Court-house, on the First Monday that shall happen after the Eighteenth day in each of the months of January, and July, in each and every year.

In the Wellington District:—At the Supreme Court-house, Wellington, on the First Monday in each of the months of March, June, September, and December, in each and every year; and at Napier, at the Provincial Council Chambers, on the Second Tuesday in each of the months of May, and November, in each and every year.

In the Nelson District:—At the Provincial Council Hall, at Nelson, on the First Monday in the month of March; and on the Third Monday in each of the months of July, and November, in each and every year.

In the Westland District:—At the Supreme Court-house, at Hokitika, on the Second Monday in each of the months of January, May, and September, in each and every year.

In the Canterbury District:—At the Supreme Court-house, at Christchurch, on the First Monday in each of the months of March, June, September, and December, in each and every year.

In the Otago and Southland District:—At the Supreme Court-house, at Dunedin, on the First Monday in each of the months of March, June, September, and December, on each and every year; and at the Provincial Council Chamber, at Invercargill, on the Third Monday in each of the months of January, and July, in each and every year.

Provided always, that if and whenever any of the days hereby appointed for holding a Circuit Court shall happen to be a holiday at the Supreme Court, then the Circuit Court appointed to be holden on such day shall be holden on the first day thereafter which shall not be such holiday. And with the like advice and consent doth hereby proclaim and declare that this Order in Council shall not take effect till the Fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

WILLIAM FOX,
Presiding.

FOSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.