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NOTICE.—For instructions as to the manner in which reports are required to be furnished for the compilation of the *Police Gazette*, see *Gazette* No. 1 of this year.

The arrest of offenders described in the *Police Gazette*, or respecting whom crime reports have been forwarded for insertion in the *Gazette*, should be promptly notified.

When notifying the arrest of persons charged with larceny, or suspected of larceny, it should be stated whether the property stolen, or any portion of it, has been recovered.

A description of property, supposed to be stolen, found in the possession of offenders, for which owners cannot be found, should be furnished for insertion in the *Gazette*.

Communications for this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Constabulary, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*."

Attempted Murder.

On the 28th ultimo, at Punakitere, Auckland District, a fight with arms took place between the Natives of Otatau and Punakitere, owing to a dispute about land, when Aperahama Komene, of the Punakitere party, was wounded with a bullet in both thighs. He says that Ngamaka was one of three Natives who fired at him and his party from behind a bush at a distance of about 12 yards. Komene Puskatahu led the Punakitere party, and Te Kuri the Otatau party.

Incendiarism.

£50 REWARD.

WHEREAS on the night of the 11th instant a 21-ton ketch, called the "XXX," the property of Mr. Alexander Munro, was destroyed by fire in Corsair Bay, Lyttelton Harbour; And whereas there is reason to believe the said fire was wilfully done: Notice is hereby given that a reward of £50 will be paid by the Government for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who caused the fire aforesaid.

H. E. READER,
Commissioner.

Wellington, 20th August, 1881.

BETWEEN 5 p.m. on the 11th and 4 a.m. on the 12th instant, at Corsair's Bay, near Lyttelton, the ketch "XXX," the property of Alexander Munro, valued about £100, and a shipwrights' shed, 30 by 18 feet, containing a quantity of tar, pitch, oakum, shipwrights' tools, &c., the property of Malcolm Miller, valued £150, were maliciously destroyed by fire. It is believed that the ketch, which was on Mr. Miller's slip for repairs, was first set on fire, and that the fire extended to the shed, which was only a few yards from the vessel. The ketch formerly belonged to George Taylor Clark, a master mariner, residing at Lyttelton, who, the day preceding the fire, was ordered by an injunction from the Supreme Court to hand the vessel over to Alexander Munro. The property was not insured. A reward of £20 is offered by Messrs. Miller and Munro for information that will lead to the conviction of the person who set fire to the ketch.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 81.)

BURNING of two ricks of oats at Fen Court, the property of Every Maclean.—Daniel O'Brien, a tramp, has been arrested by Detective Richard Doolan, Cambridge Police, on suspicion for this offence, and has been remanded for medical examination, as he is believed to be insane.

On the morning of the 12th instant, at Oxford West, a blacksmiths' and carpenters' shop, the property of James Cluttbuck, value £160, was, with contents, maliciously destroyed by fire. The shop, tools, stock, &c., were insured in the London and Lancashire Office for £210.

On the morning of the 13th ultimo, at Makarewa River, Forest Hill, Southland, an old four-roomed wooden house, four stacks of oats, a stack of barley, and a cow-shed, the property of Findlay McDonald, were maliciously destroyed by fire. Mr. McDonald, who was alone in the house, says that he found the house, cow-shed, and stacks all on fire at the same time, although several chains apart. The property was insured in the New Zealand Office in excess of its value.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

A MAN who gave his name as John Baker, which is believed to be fictitious, is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with obtaining, on the 27th April last, from James Word, sen., at Christchurch, by false representations, a horse-collar, a pair of cart-winkers, and a set of leading-chains; value £2 16s. 6d. Identifiable. Description: Between thirty and thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, medium build, darkish hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache; active appearance, dressed like a labourer. Identifiable. He falsely represented that he was sent for the articles by Mr. Tancred, of Grass Lee, in whose employment he said he was.

FRENCHY, alias Georgia Tulieri, is charged, on warrant issued by the New Plymouth Bench, with having, about the 9th ultimo, at Inglewood, obtained from William Carter goods valued £31 18s. 6d., and cheques valued £4 14s. 8d., by means of a valueless cheque. Description: A native of France, a musician, thirty-two years of age, 5 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high, sallow complexion, grey eyes, black hair. (See *Police Gazette*, 1880, page 215.) He is supposed to have gone to Wanganui.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 123.)

THE man, name unknown, charged on warrant with being illegally on the premises of Colonel Edward Pearce, at Wellington, is identical with Andreas Thorson, alias Andrew Torson. (For his description, &c., see *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 78.)

WILLIAM MCGEE is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with embezzling, between the 13th and 15th instant, on board the barque "Berwickshire," at Wellington, four cases of whiskey, two since recovered; the property of Edward James Stuart; value £14. Description: Irish, a seaman, twenty-four years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, sandy moustache and imperial, cheeks shaven; wore blue guernsey under his coat, and a sealskin cap.