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By His Honor's command,

RICHARD PACKER,
Provincial Secretary.

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HIS Honor the Superintendent directs the publication of the following Proclamation for general information.

R. PACKER,
Provincial Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor of the Colony of New Zealand &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, Sess. 6, No. 1, intitled "An Ordinance to empower the Governor of New Zealand to regulate the Importation and Sale of Arms, Gunpowder, and other Warlike Stores," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for his Excellency the Governor from time to time by proclamation to prohibit, and also to make provision for regulating and restricting throughout the Colony of New Zealand the importation or sale, or both the importation and

sale, of arms, gunpowder, and other warlike stores: And whereas it is expedient that the several regulations now in force in different parts of the said Colony should be superseded, and other provisions to be in force throughout the said Colony substituted for the same: Now, therefore, I, the Governor, in exercise of the powers vested in me in that behalf, do hereby prohibit throughout the said colony the importation and sale of arms, gunpowder, and other warlike stores, except in conformity with the regulations and restrictions following, that is to say:—

1. On and after the days on which this proclamation shall come into operation as hereinafter provided, no person shall import into or land in, the said Colony, or shall sell, or otherwise dispose of therein, any arms, gunpowder, or other warlike stores, without having first obtained a license for the purpose from the Governor, or some person authorised by him to grant the same, as hereinafter provided. Every warrant of appointment to grant such licenses, may contain such restrictions and conditions as the Governor may think fit.

Arms, &c.

2. If there do not appear to be any sufficient objections, a license specially applicable to each particular case will be granted by the Governor or other person authorised to grant such licenses, for the importation, landing, sale, or disposal of any arms, and other warlike stores not hereinafter specifically mentioned, subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed in such license. A fee of 2s. 6d. will be charged for each license for the importation, landing, sale, or disposal of any arms.

Gunpowder, Shot, and Percussion Caps.

3. Persons will from time to time be appointed by the Governor at convenient places throughout the Colony with authority to grant general licenses (to the effect of the Form A. in the Schedule hereunto annexed) to import, land, sell, and dispose of gunpowder, shot fit for sporting purposes, and percussion caps. A fee of £2 will be charged for every such license, and the same will continue in force for twelve calendar months from the date thereof.

4. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Governor, or any person authorized by him in that behalf, at any time to revoke any such license by notice to that effect to be left at the usual, or last known place of abode or business of the licensee in the Colony, and in such case the amount received for the license so revoked shall be returned to the person who paid the same.

5. Special licenses may be granted by any person authorized to grant a general license on payment of a fee of 5s., authorizing one importation, landing, sale, or other disposal to be particularly described in every such license.

6. Every person to whom any such license shall be granted shall, on the 1st days of January, April, July, and October, or within fifteen days after every such day, make a return, in writing, to some one of the persons who shall have been empowered to grant general licenses as aforesaid stating the particulars in respect of all the gunpowder, shot, and percussion caps sold or disposed of by such person during the three calendar months immediately preceding such days respectively, according to the Form B. in the Schedule hereunto annexed, and

every license-holder who shall neglect to make such return, or who shall wilfully make a false return, shall in addition to any penalties he may incur for want of compliance with the terms of this proclamation, be deemed to have forfeited his license, which shall thenceforth be null and void; and no license shall be again granted to him without the special authority of the Governor first obtained.

Arms and Ammunition for Personal Defence, &c.

7. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any person coming into the Colony from landing such arms and ammunition as he may carry for personal defence, or for purposes of sporting, or shall apply to the importation and landing of supplies for the use of Her Majesty's Land or Sea Forces.

Half Penalties to Persons procuring Convictions.

8. And I do hereby proclaim and declare, that for the more effectually detecting and preventing the unlawful importation, landing, sale, and disposal of arms, gunpowder, and other warlike stores, I will cause to be awarded to any person or persons who shall have been active in or towards the procuring of any conviction under the provisions of the said recited Ordinance, one half of the penalty which may be recovered by virtue thereof.

9. This proclamation shall come into force in the Provinces of Auckland and New Plymouth on the 1st day of August next, and in the other four Provinces of the Colony on the 1st day of October next.

Given under my hand and issued under the Public Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, at Government House, at Auckland this twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

By his Excellency's command,
E. W. STAFFORD.

God save the Queen!

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.
FORM A.

License to Import and Sell.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me in that behalf by the Governor of

