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(PROVINCE OF NEW MUNSTER.)

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By His Excellency's Command,
ALFRED DOMETT, Colonial Secretary.

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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency SIR GEORGE GREY, a Knight Commander of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Islands of New Zealand, and Governor of the Provinces of New Ulster and New Munster, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance enacted by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, Session 2, No. 9, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the Registration of Deeds and Instruments affecting real property, it is enacted, "that there shall be established in every County or District, as the case may be, within the Colony, an office which shall be called the "Register Office," for registering in

manner hereinafter directed, the Deeds, Wills, and Memorials thereby authorized to be registered."

AND WHEREAS, it is thereby further enacted, "that the said Ordinance shall come into operation within any County or District, at such time as his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall by Proclamation appoint.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Governor, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested, by the said in part recited Ordinance, Do Hereby with the advice of the Executive Council, appoint that the said Ordinance shall come into operation within the District of Canterbury, within the limits described in the Schedule to the Act of Parliament 13 and 14 Vict. c. 70, entitled "An Act empowering the Canterbury Association to dispose of certain lands in New Zealand,"

together with the whole of Banks' Peninsula and all the lands excepted in the Schedule aforesaid, on the first day of December next ensuing.

This Proclamation shall take effect from and after the day of the date hereof.

GIVEN under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of New Munster, in the Islands of New Zealand, at Government House, at Wellington, this Thirtieth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

G. GREY,
Governor.

By His Excellency's command,

ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen!

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 2nd November, 1852.*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has been pleased to appoint

MAJOR RICHARD BAKER,

to be Sub-Inspector of Police for the District of Wellington. The Appointment to date from the 1st instant.

By His Excellency's command,

ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st November, 1852.*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES C. DES VŒUX, ESQUIRE,

to be Clerk to the Magistrates at Wellington, *vice* John E. Smith, Esquire.

The Appointment to date from 1st October last.

By His Excellency's command,

ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 5th November, 1852*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES CLIFFORD, and

JOHN JOHNSTON, ESQUIRES,
to be Inspectors of Roman Catholic Schools for the District of Wellington,

under the provisions of the 6th clause of the Education Ordinance, Session VIII. No. 10 of 1847.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DOMETT,

Colonial Secretary.

*Civil Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 8th November, 1852.*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-in-Chief has been pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the following extracts from a Report by Major Nugent, Native Secretary at Auckland, relative to a recent discovery of Gold in the neighbourhood of Coromandel Harbor, together with the Report from the Secretary of the "Gold Reward Committee," in that settlement on the subject.

By His Excellency's command,

ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

EXTRACTS.

Auckland, October 23rd, 1852.

"I arrived at Coromandel Harbour on the evening of the 19th, and having ascertained beyond doubt that Gold had been discovered in a stream running down in a southerly direction from the high range of hills into Coromandel Harbour, I proceeded next morning to the settlement of the chief "Paora," who was stated to have the principal claim to the land in which the Gold was found."

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"From the nature of the country it would appear that Gold must be diffused along the whole range of hills extending from Cape Colville into the interior."

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. L. NUGENT,

Native Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOLD REWARD COMMITTEE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NEW ULSTER.

Auckland, Oct. 23rd, 1852.

SIR,—I have the honor, by order of the Gold Reward Committee, and pursuant to a resolution unanimously adopted, a copy of which is subjoined, to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of

the Report furnished to the Committee by the Deputation who visited the locality where it is alleged Gold has been discovered.

I have the honor, &c.,
(Signed) THOMAS S. FORSAITH,
Secretary to Committee.

Moved by Mr. Gilfillan, seconded by Mr. Hughes,

"That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the Report of the Deputation, to His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor."

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON RECENT GOLD DISCOVERY IN THE COROMANDEL DISTRICT.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the General Gold Reward Committee, to proceed to Kikawhakareri, for the purpose of making further enquiry relative to certain Gold deposits reported by Messrs. C. and F. Ring to have been discovered by them in the Coromandel District, have the honor to report:

That they sailed from Auckland accompanied by Major Nugent, Native Secretary, and Mr. Johnston of that department, in the "*Undine*" schooner, at ten o'clock on the night of Monday the 18th inst., and anchored in Coromandel Harbour at nine o'clock on Tuesday evening.

They landed at six o'clock the following morning, and proceeded to Macgregor's Bay, where they learned that the Messrs. Ring had left but a short time before for the Creek, where the Gold had been discovered.

Your Committee started at half-past eleven o'clock for the Creek, and after travelling about three miles over Ranges of fern hills, they came to the bed of a large creek which empties itself into Coromandel Harbor.

On proceeding up this Creek they found immense blocks of quartz, thickly strewn along its bed, and cropping out of its sides, and having ascended about a mile and a half, they reached a bend of the Creek, where they found Ring's party at work, sinking into the bed of it, the water having been turned off a short distance above.

Your Committee had a quantity of the stuff taken out of this hole, and washed under their inspection, and every panful of it produced a few specks of Gold.

The Creek was examined in several

other places in this locality, and portions of the soil dug up from its sides and washed, in all of which Gold in more or less minute particles was observed, convincing your Committee that the soil all along this part of the Creek is impregnated with the precious ore.

On returning in the evening, a hole was dug at a place about half a mile further down, and a quantity of the soil washed, but without any visible satisfactory result.

The vessel having been brought round during the day to Macgregor's Bay, your Committee returned on board for the night, having first made arrangements to start with Ring's party early the next morning; and accordingly they landed at six o'clock on Thursday morning, and proceeded to the Creek, accompanied by Major Nugent.

About half-way between the place of entering it, and the spot where the investigations were made the day before, a favourable indication was noticed at a bar in the creek, and a quantity of the gravel and earth removed, a panful was taken from about two feet below the surface and washed, it produced a number of scales of gold—several further portions of the soil in this neighbourhood were washed and produced Gold; and a short distance still lower down the creek, another party which had arrived, that morning from Auckland, took out, we believe, several larger grains of Gold.

In the meantime Mr. C. Ring found it necessary to abandon the first digging, owing to the obstruction offered to his reaching the bed rock by the presence of large Quartz Boulders, and he commenced a new opening at some distance from the first. This attempt also he was forced to give up, for the same reason, but a quantity of the stuff was washed by him in the presence of Major Nugent, and a number of fine specks of Gold produced. After dinner, an opening was made by Mr. Frederick Ring, assisted by some of your Committee, who succeeded after much hard labour in sinking down to depth of about four feet and a half. One or two pans of the stuff were taken out of this hole, as the work progressed and washed; but did not produce anything. Another panful was washed just before leaving for the night, and the largest and the best looking specimen yet discovered in the creek was found in the bottom of

the pan with several other smaller particles.

Your Committee had previously determined to leave for Auckland on Thursday Evening but as it was hoped that by sinking deeper into this last hole, coarser deposits of Gold might be discovered, it was resolved to give it another day's trial, especially as the result of their investigations, although to a certain extent very satisfactory, would not enable them to report so decidedly on the value of the discovery as they wished to be able to do on their return to Auckland.

The weather on Friday morning, however, was unfavourable for work, and Ring's party did not proceed to the Creek.

Your Committee landed at the Bay in the morning, and had the satisfaction to see a number of good specimens of Gold brought in during the day by several other persons, who notwithstanding the state of the weather had been at work in the Creek. One man brought in a small piece, which might be termed a nugget,

as it was the first assuming that form which had been taken out.

The weather continued bad all day on Friday, and all that night, and on Saturday Morning the vessel was got under weigh at six o'clock, and your Committee left for Auckland.

Mr. Ring had a machine for working made at Macgregor's Settlement while your Committee were there, which he intended to bring into operation as soon as he returns to work, and from all that your Committee have observed, they have no doubt but that he will in a very short time produce Gold in such quantities as will prove so satisfactory to the General Committee as will induce a fuller inspection by themselves on the ground.

(Signed) W. C. DALDY,
JAMES MACKY,
JOHN WILLIAMSON,
JOHN MACFARLINE,
PATRICK DIGNAN.

Schooner "*Undine*,"
Saturday, October 23, 1852.