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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, cap. LXXII. intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand,"

And whereas, by the 15th clause of the above recited Act, it is enacted that, "It shall be lawful for the Superintendent, by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, to fix such Place or Places within the Limits of the Province, and such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Provincial Council as he may think fit,"

Now therefore, I, the Superintendent of the Province of New Plymouth, do hereby proclaim and declare, that I have appointed the next Sittings of the First Session of the Provincial Council of the Province of New Plymouth, to be holden in the Building on Town Section No. 653 on the Plan of the Town of New Plymouth, in the Province of New Plymouth.

Given under my hand at New Plymouth, in the Province of New Plymouth, this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three.

CHARLES BROWN,
SUPERINTENDENT.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

New Plymouth, Oct. 15, 1853.

THE following Circular Despatches are published for general information.

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

Civil Secretary's Office, Wellington, 8th August, 1853.

SIR,—I am directed by Governor Sir GEORGE GREY to communicate to your Honor the following financial arrangements which have been provisionally and temporarily made by his Excellency, with the view

of enabling the Provincial Government efficiently to perform its duties until such time as the General Assembly shall have passed some enactment upon the subject.

It appears to His Excellency, from the nearest estimate which can be made with the means at his command, that the Revenue of the whole Colony of the Islands of New Zealand, after the costs of collection and management have been defrayed, will, for the present, amount to £62,000 per annum, and that the charges upon account of the Civil List, or those imposed by Ordinances of the General Legislature,—such, for instance, as the Interest upon Public Securities, the Expenses of Savings Banks, the charges upon account of Education, &c. &c. &c.—will amount to a sum of about £21,000 per annum, or, one-third of the Net Revenue of the Colony.

The Collector of Customs will therefore receive instructions to make up his account at the close of each week, and then, having first deducted the amount necessary to defray the expenses of that Department, to pay over two-thirds of the Balance remaining in his hands to the Provincial Treasurer, or to the Provincial Account at the Union Bank of Australia, and to remit the remaining third of such Balance to the Colonial Treasurer of New Zealand.

This mode of adjustment will not in every instance be perfectly accurate, as the Revenue of the Province will from time to time vary, as will also the proportion which the Civil List and the expenses of the General Government bear to the whole Revenue of New Zealand, which may now be expected rapidly to increase. Consequently the above arrangement cannot be considered as being final. When, therefore, the accounts of the Revenue of each quarter reach the Treasurer of New Zealand, a final Account will be made out, showing the Gross Revenue of each Province, the charges on account of Collection, the proportion of the Balance due to each Province during the quarter; any balance which may then be found due to any Province, in addition to the two-thirds of its Revenue already paid, will thereupon be paid over to the Treasurer of the Province, or to the Provincial Account at the Union Bank of Australia.

In like manner, if from the anticipated increase in the Revenue of the Colony, it should shortly be found that the proportion of the Revenue to which each Province is entitled, exceeds two-thirds of the Revenue collected therein, arrangements will immediately be made for altering the amount to be paid from two-thirds to such sum as each Province may be found entitled to.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Honor's most obedient
humble servant,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent
of the Province of New Plymouth.

Civil Secretary's Office, Wellington,
8th August, 1853.

SIR,—I am directed by Governor Sir GEORGE GREY to acquaint your Honor that, until further provision is made by the General Assembly, the Land Fund of the Province will be appropriated in the following manner.

2. One-fourth of the gross proceeds of Lands Sold or Let, in the manner stated in the 74th clause of the New Zealand Constitution Act, will be retained for the benefit of the New Zealand Company.

3. The remaining three-fourths of such gross proceeds, together with the proceeds arising from the Rents of Crown Lands, from the Fees on Crown Grants, &c. &c. &c. will be subject, in the first place, to deductions for the cost of the Land Department, Surveys, &c., as also for such proportion of the Land Fund as the Commissioners may be directed to deduct for the payments to the Aborigines for the purchase of their Lands.

4. After these deductions have been made, the Balance remaining is to be divided into two equal parts, one of which is to be retained by the Commissioner for Emigration purposes, while the other part will be paid over, at the close of each month, to the Provincial Treasurer, or to the Provincial Account at the Union Bank of Australia.

5. The General Government will, for the present, apply the proportion of the Land Fund applicable to Emigration purposes, in accordance with the terms of the Proclamation of the 4th of March, 1853. But if the Provincial Council of the Province of New Plymouth would prefer having any altera-

tion made in this arrangement, the Governor will be prepared to consider any representations which you may, in behalf of that Body, make to His Excellency upon the subject.

It must, however, be understood, that if any portion of the Province is proclaimed a Hundred, nothing contained in the foregoing paragraphs will prevent the Governor under the authority of the Royal Instructions of the 12th of August, 1850, from authorising the application of any proportion not exceeding one-third of the gross proceeds of the Sales of Crown Lands within such Hundred, to such purposes as shall be signified to him by the Wardens of that Hundred.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Honor's most obedient
humble servant,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent
of the Province of New Plymouth.

Civil Secretary's Office, Wellington,
Sept. 13, 1853.

SIR,—I am directed by Governor Sir GEO. GREY to inform your Honor that as sites for Towns and Villages, Reserves for Public Purposes, and Districts to be comprised within the Limits of Hundreds, will be frequently required in lands either recently acquired from the Natives, or which have been for some time in the possession of the Crown, it will be the duty of the Commissioner of Crown Lands to make such reserves for the above purposes as he may think necessary, reporting the same for the information of the Governor.

"It will also be in your Honor's power to request the Commissioner from time to time to make such reserves as may appear to your Honor to be desirable, and it will be the duty of the Commissioner, upon the receipt of such instructions, to set aside such lands, reporting the same as in the former case for the approval or disallowance of the Governor. He will also report to your Honor whether he has or has not recommended such reserves for approval; and, in the event of a difference of opinion, what are the reasons for such difference.

Whenever any fresh tracts of country are acquired from the Aborigines, the Commissioner has been instructed that under no circumstances whatever is he to permit such lands to be thrown open for purchase, until your Honor shall have had an opportunity of submitting for the consideration of the Provincial Council whether any, and what Reserves of the nature referred to in the first paragraph of this letter, should be made in such Districts.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Honor's most obedient
humble servant,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent
of the Province of New Plymouth.

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