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*Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, May 5th, 1854.*

NO TENDERS having been received for the works Nos. 2, 3, and 4, advertised in a notice of the 12th April—the time for receiving Tenders for the same is extended to the 1st June.

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

*Crown Lands' Office,
New Plymouth, 5th May, 1854.*

TENDERS will be received at this Office until 2 p. m. of Saturday the 20th instant for the repair of the Land and Survey Offices.

Specifications of the work to be done can be seen on application at this Office on and after Wednesday the 10th instant.

W. HALSE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS,
DEATHS, &c.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the hours of attendance for the Registration of Births, Deaths, &c., at the Office in Devon Street, New Plymouth, are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., daily (Sundays and holidays excepted).

JOSIAH FLIGHT,
Registrar-General.
Registrar-General's Office,
May 6, 1854.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 28th February, 1854.*

THERE being reason to apprehend that the requirements of the Laws relating to the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages are not sufficiently known, and that the importance of compliance with them is not adequately appreciated, the following Summary of certain of the provisions which relate to cases of most usual occurrence, has been compiled from the Registration Ordinance, Session 8, No. 9, and the Marriage Ordinance, Session 8, No. 7, and is published for general information. Considering the advantages which—in future years, and under circumstances likely to arise frequently—individuals and families may derive from the existence of a legally authenticated record of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; and, moreover, the benefit to statistical science which may be anticipated from a regular and complete system of registration in this and other countries, it is earnestly hoped that not only the persons who are bound to make the several entries and returns will strictly attend to the requirements of the Ordinances, but also that Ministers, Magistrates, and the intelligent Settlers generally will aid in extending a

knowledge of the Law, and explaining the value of the system in their respective neighbourhoods.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

BIRTHS.

Clause 9 of the *Registration Ordinance* provides that the father or mother of any child born, or the occupier of every house or tenement in the colony of New Zealand in which any Birth shall happen, shall, under a penalty not exceeding £10, within 42 days give notice of such Birth to the Deputy Registrar of the district. In case of any new-born child found exposed, a constable of the district shall forthwith give information to the Deputy Registrar.

After the expiration of 42 days, at any time within six calendar months following the day of the Birth of a child, the Birth may be registered, provided that the father or mother, or some person present at the birth of the child, shall make a solemn declaration of the particulars required to be known. In this case a fee of 10s. 6d. is to be paid. After six months from the day of birth, no registration can be lawfully made. (Clauses 12, 13, 15, 16.)

DEATHS.

The occupier of every house or tenement in which any Death shall happen, is required, under a penalty not exceeding £10 to give notice within ten days to the Deputy Registrar of the district. In case of a dead body being found exposed, the Coroner shall forthwith inform the Deputy Registrar; and in every case in which an inquest is held, the Jury shall inquire into the particulars required to be registered, and the Coroner shall inform the Deputy Registrar of the finding of the Jury. (Clauses 9, 18.)

The undertaker, or other person having charge of a funeral, is to deliver to the Officiating Person or Minister who shall be required to bury, or to perform any religious service for the burial of any dead body, a certificate from the Deputy Registrar that the death has been duly registered. If a dead body be buried without such certificate, the person who buries or otherwise disposes of the body, shall forthwith give notice to the Deputy Registrar, (An excepted case is, when the Coroner, upon holding an inquest, may think fit to give an order in writing that the body shall be buried before registry of the death.) Any person who shall bury, or perform any funeral or religious service for the burial of a dead body, without a certificate from either the Deputy Registrar or the Coroner, and who shall not within one month give notice thereof to the Deputy Registrar, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding £10

for every such offence, to be recovered in a summary way. (Clauses 21, 22.)

As respects both Births and Deaths, Clause 10 of the *Registration Ordinance* provides that the master or keeper of every Gaol, Prison, House of Correction or Hospital, or Lunatic Asylum, or Public or Charitable Institution, shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, be deemed the occupier thereof;—and clause 20 provides that every person by whom information of a Birth or Death is given, must sign and attest his name, description, and place of abode in the Register.

MARRIAGES.

According to the *Marriage Ordinance*, "Officiating Ministers" for the purposes of the Ordinance are those Ministers of religion whose names have been sent to the Registrar-General certified under the hands of the Head or reputed Head, within the colony, of one of the Religious Bodies named in Schedule E. annexed to the Ordinance. These bodies are, the United Church of England and Ireland; the Church of Scotland; the Free Church of Scotland; all Presbyterian Congregations; the Roman Catholic Church; and the Wesleyan Methodist Society. The several Heads of these Bodies shall, upon the suspension or deprivation of any Minister, forthwith certify such suspension or deprivation to the Registrar-General. (Clauses 39—41.)

The *Registration Ordinance* provides that every Officiating Minister, or person acting as such, and every Deputy Registrar, immediately after a Marriage solemnised by him, or which may have taken place in his presence, shall register in a book to be kept for that purpose the several particulars relating to such Marriage, according to the form in Schedule C. annexed to the Ordinance. Refusal or omission without reasonable cause, to make such registration, is punishable by penalty not exceeding £50 for every such offence. (Clauses 23, 33.)

Every Officiating Minister, or Person, or Deputy Registrar, before whom any Marriage is solemnised or hath taken place, shall in the months of January, April, July and October, respectively, make and deliver to the Registrar-General a true copy, certified under his hand, of all the entries of Marriages in the Register Books kept by him since the last certificate. If there be no Marriage entered therein since the last certificate he shall certify the fact under his hand. (Clause 25.) Every person required to make and deliver such a certified copy or certificate to the Registrar-General, and who, after being duly required, shall refuse, or, during one calendar month, neglect to do so, shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding £10.

NEW ZEALAND, PROVINCE OF NEW PLYMOUTH.

A RETURN of the SALE of CROWN LANDS in New Plymouth, being Town Lands, from the 1st to the 30th of April, 1854, inclusive.

TOWN LAND.

Section.	Lot.	Contents.	Upset Price	Sold at per Lot.	When offered by Auction.	Purchaser.	Amount.
				Public	Auction.		
				Private	Nil. Sale. Nil.		

(Signed) W. HALSE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NEW ZEALAND, PROVINCE OF NEW PLYMOUTH.

A RETURN of the Sale of CROWN LANDS in New Plymouth, being Rural Lands, from the 1st to the 30th of April, 1854, inclusive.

RURAL LAND.

No. of Appl.	Locality. District	Contents A. R. P.	Fixed price per acre	Purchaser.	Amount in cash received.
58	Omata	50 0 0	10s	Abraham Kescel	25 0 0
59	Omata	75 0 0	10s	Frederic Norris	37 10 0
Total..					£62 10 0

I certify that the above is a true Return of the sale of Crown Lands in New Plymouth, being Rural Lands, during the month of April, 1854.

(Signed) W. HALSE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands