

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO DISALLOWANCE OF PROVINCIAL BILLS.

AUCKLAND.

No. 1.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, AUCKLAND, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY. (No. 44.)

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, 15th April, 1862.

Manukau Harbour En-
dowment Act, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the purpose of being laid before the Governor, the Act, noted in the margin, which has been passed by the Auckland Provincial Council, and which I have reserved for the signification of His Excellency's assent.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter (circular) of date July 27th, 1857, with reference to Bills reserved, this Act is transmitted in duplicate, and is authenticated by the signature of the Speaker of the Provincial Council and by my own.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

I have, &c.,
J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

No. 2.

MR. FOX TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, AUCKLAND. (No. 428)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 17th April, 1862.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter No. 44, dated the 15th inst., transmitting a Bill entitled the "Manukau Harbour Endowments Act, 1862," reserved by your Honor for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon.

The "Public Reserves Act, 1854" (passed by the General Assembly) under which the Reserves affected by this Bill have been granted, provides that all proceeds of such Reserves shall be appropriated by Act of the Superintendent and Provincial Council.

The proposed Bill purports to divest the Superintendent and Provincial Council of this power of appropriation and to vest it in a Board constituted in the manner provided in that Bill.

As such an enactment is in contravention of the provisions of the "Public Reserves Act," the Governor's responsible Ministers regret that they have been unable to advise His Excellency to assent to this Bill. They however propose to introduce in the next session of the General Assembly a general measure for regulating Harbours and for enabling improvements therein to be effected under local management.

His Honor the Superintendent,
Auckland.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX.

TARANAKI.

No. 3.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, TARANAKI, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY. (No. 25.)

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 24th April, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose authenticated copies of the undermentioned Ordinances passed by the Provincial Council and assented to by me on behalf of his Excellency the Governor.

No. 8. Public Reserves Ordinance.....1861.

No. 9. Cattle Ownership Ordinance.....1862.

No. 10. Scotch Thistle Ordinance.....1862.

No. 12. Weights and Measures Ordinance.....1862.

—I have to express my regret at the delay that has taken place in transmitting some of the above Ordinances; the excuse I have to offer is, that all the officers of the Provincial Government with the exception of the Harbor Master, have been changed in the past twelve months, that most of the changes took place in December and January, and that the new officers have consequently not been used to their duties.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.