

APPENDIX.

CANTERBURY.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, CANTERBURY, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.*

No. 80.

Superintendent's Office,
Christchurch, April 30, 1862.

SIR,—

With reference to your letter of the 7th ultimo, on the subject of the Lyttelton Municipal Reserves Ordinance, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Provincial Solicitor's opinion on the subject.

I should be glad to know whether, if I cause draft Crown Grants for these properties to be forwarded, you will recommend His Excellency the Governor to execute them.

I have, &c.,

W. S. MOOREHOUSE,
Superintendent.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

Opinion.

I am of opinion that it is advisable to obtain further powers from the General Assembly to enable the Superintendent and Provincial Council to hand over to Boards the management of certain Reserves.

I cannot find any trace of a Crown Grant having been issued, which of itself is fatal to this Ordinance. Additional powers should be obtained next sitting of the General Assembly, and this Ordinance again passed by the Provincial Council after Crown Grant is obtained.

THOS. S. DUNCAN,
Provincial Solicitor.

20th March, 1862.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, CANTERBURY, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. 79.

Superintendent's Office,
April 30th, 1862.

SIR,—

With reference to your letter of the 7th ultimo, on the subject of the Railway Severance Ordinance, I have to inform you that I have been advised for the present to reserve to myself the opinion as to whether the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act provides for the disposal of severances and other lands taken for railway purposes, but not now wanted for the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, and to retire upon the suggestion contained in your letter, to obtain power from the Legislature hereafter to cover any defect of title that may arise.

I have, &c.,

W. S. MOOREHOUSE.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

* These letters, referred to in page 12 of this paper, were not at hand to be inserted in their proper place.