

No. 22.

The DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT of OTAGO to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

(7,797-15.)

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 24th August, 1868.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted 388.
in the margin, intimating the disallowance by His Excellency the Governor of "The Inflammable Oil 17th Aug. 1868.
Ordinance, 1868," and "The Fencing Ordinance, 1868."

I have, &c.,

J. FRASER,

Deputy Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 23.

The Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

(405.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 26th August, 1868.

SIR,—

I have the honor to state, with reference to the reserved Bill entitled "Education Reserves Abandonment Ordinance, 1868," a transcript of which accompanied your Honor's letter No. 7797-11, of the 4th instant, that the Government are advised that the Provincial Council of Otago have no power to pass such a Bill, the power of the Superintendent being confined to making reserves on the recommendation of the Council, and the power of the Council being confined to making such recommendation; and that neither the one nor the other has, jointly or severally, any authority to undo what has been done in respect of such reserves, even though no Crown Grant of them has been made. The provisions of the Bill can only be made by the General Assembly.

His Excellency has accordingly been advised to disallow this Ordinance.

I have, &c.,

E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.