

stating that the County Council have decided to make no further provision for the salaries of the Inspector of Weights and Measures and of the Cattle Inspector.

In reply, I would observe that as the salaries to be provided under the Act are to be paid out of money appropriated for the purpose by the General Assembly, in the absence of such an appropriation the salaries of these officers cannot be paid by the General Government.

I have, &c.,

The Chairman of the County Council, Westland.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 6.

The CHAIRMAN, County Council, Westland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

County Chairman's Office, Hokitika, 5th April, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 147, of 8th March, 1873, stating that as the salaries of the Inspector of Weights and Measures and of the Cattle Inspector are to be paid out of the moneys to be appropriated by the General Assembly, in the absence of such appropriations the salaries of these officers cannot be paid by the General Government. I trust, however, that at the next session of the General Assembly provision will be made for the payment of these salaries.

I have, &c.,

H. L. ROBINSON,

Chairman, County Council.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 7.

The UNDER SECRETARY to the CHAIRMAN, County Council, Westland.

(No. 251.)

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 15th April, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 224, of 5th April, in which you say that you trust provision will be made next session for the salaries of the Inspector of Weights and Measures and of the Cattle Inspector.

In reply, I have to request you to be good enough to furnish a return of salaries for which you wish the Government to bring down a vote.

I have, &c.,

(for the Colonial Secretary),

G. S. COOPER, Under Secretary.

The Chairman of the County Council,
Westland.

No. 8.

The CHAIRMAN, County Council, Westland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

County Chairman's Office, Hokitika, 25th April, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 251, of 15th April, 1873, requesting me to furnish you with a return of salaries for which I wish the Government to bring down a vote, and, in compliance therewith, to forward the enclosed return showing the offices and salaries which I wish the Government to put on their estimates.

I have, &c.,

H. L. ROBINSON,

Chairman, County Council.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 8.

RETURN of Officers and Amount of Salaries to be paid by Government.

Resident Magistrate, Grey	...	...	...	£500 per annum.
Inspector, Weights and Measures	...	...	...	£300 "
Cattle Inspector	...	...	...	£60 "

Besides these officers, there are the Bailiffs to the Resident Magistrates' Courts at Stafford and Ross and Greymouth, whom the Council propose should be paid by fees, who have hitherto been paid by the salaries, respectively, Stafford and Ross, £150 each; and Greymouth, £180.

No. 9.

The UNDER SECRETARY to the CHAIRMAN, County Council, Westland.

(No. 302.)

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 9th May, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 395, of 25th April, 1873, enclosing a return showing the officers and salaries which you wish the Government to place on the estimates, and to inform you that the matter is under consideration.

I have, &c.,

(for the Colonial Secretary),

G. S. COOPER, Under Secretary.

The Chairman of the County Council,
Westland.