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F. A. CARRINGTON, Esq., M.H.R., to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Wellington, 3rd November, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, enclosing two warrants under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, appointing me, within the Provincial District of Taranaki, to do all the acts and exercise all the powers which might be done or exercised by the Superintendent, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Treasurer, or other officer in the Province prior to Abolition. Also a warrant, similarly executed, under "The Provincial Appropriations Extension Act, 1876," empowering me to sign all instruments, warrants, &c., necessary to carry out such Act.

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In reply, I beg leave to thank the Government for the confidence reposed in me, and, in accordance with the request made, I beg to nominate T. White, Esq., the late Provincial Treasurer, to sign cheques, and T. Kelly, Esq., to countersign cheques, on the Provincial Branch of the Public Account.

The Hon. Dr. Pollen, Wellington.

I have, &c., Fred. A. Carrington.

No. 9.

The Hon. J. A. Bonar, M.L.C., to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

Hokitika, 6th November, 1876.

ONLY returned Saturday night. Your telegram therefore was not replied to early. Re payments, I think cheques should continue to be countersigned by myself, and will nominate Joseph Henry Greville, Treasury Clerk, to sign.

The Hon. Major Atkinson, Wellington.

JAS. A. BONAR.

No. 10.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary to the Hon. J. A. Bonar, M.L.C.

Sir,—
Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 10th November, 1876.
With reference to your telegram of the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Bank has been instructed to honor cheques upon the Provincial Branch of the Public Account signed by Mr. Joseph Henry Greville and countersigned by yourself.

The Hon. J. A. Bonar, M.L.C., Hokitika.

I have, &c., Daniel Pollen.

No. 11.

READER WOOD, Esq., M.H.R., to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Sir,—
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 7th instant, No. 346, transmitting warrants under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, appointing me to exercise the powers of the Superintendent, Provincial Secretary, and Treasurer, and also authorizing me to sign warrants under the Provincial Appropriations Extension Act.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c., READER WOOD.

No. 12.

The Hon. J. A. Bonar, M.L.C., to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Government Buildings, Hokitika, 16th November, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 514, 7th November, enclosing warrants under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, appointing me, within the Provincial District of Westland, to do all the acts and exercise all the powers which might be done or exercised by the Superintendent, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Treasurer, or other officer, in the Province of Westland, prior to Abolition.

I have, &c.,

Jas. A. Bonar,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

(Officer Administering the Government).

No. 13.

The Hon. the Premier to Reader Wood, Esq., M.H.R.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 29th December, 1876. Re your office under Abolition Act, section 12: If you have not already forwarded to His Excellency your resignation, it is desirable you should immediately do so, and thus comply with section 36 of Financial Arrangements Act. It will be enough if, in writing, you tender resignation, as from 31st instant, of the office, together with all profits and advantages thereof. Telegraph Colonial Secretary if resignation forwarded, or as soon as you have written it, and His Excellency will be advised to accept at once. Government will be happy to learn that you can continue to give assistance after end of