

that the following resolution was unanimously agreed to—namely, “That this meeting thanks Mr. Stout for his very full statement of the Government’s views, and for the assurance expressed therein.”

On my own part, allow me to thank you for your prompt and frank acting in this matter, particularly as I thought it desirable to advise my friends in Dunedin to decline to join in the telegram referred to, because I did not anticipate the “disastrous results” of any action likely to be taken by the Government; and, secondly, I did not sympathize with the wording of telegram, or the way it was brought under the notice of members of Parliament.

Hon. Robert Stout, Minister of Lands,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
HENRY DRIVER.

No. 4.

The Hon. Mr. STOUT to Mr. HENRY DRIVER.

Re Cancellation of Runs in Otago.

SIR,—

Wellington, 17th October, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th October, conveying a resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of the Otago members, approving of the action I have taken or intend to take in providing land for settlement in the interior of Otago.

I can assure you that I am glad to find that in this matter the Otago members are so unanimous in the support of the Government’s action.

Henry Driver, Esq., H.M.R., Wellington.

I have, &c.,
ROBERT STOUT.

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1878.