

B.—FRANLLIN NORTH ELECTION.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand.

In the matter of "The Election Petitions Act, 1880," and the Petition of *William Francis Buckland*, against the return of *Benjamin Harris*, for the Electoral District of *Franklin North*.

WE, the Judges, appointed to try the election petition of *William Francis Buckland*, against the return of *Benjamin Harris*, as member for the Electoral District of *Franklin North*, do hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of "The Elections Petitions Act, 1880," that we have determined that the said election of the said *Benjamin Harris* was void, and we do further report—

1. That no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at such election.

2. That one *Robert Hattaway*, an elector of the said district, was proved to have been guilty of the corrupt practice of intimidation.

3. That there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the said election.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of March, 1882.

JAMES PRENDERGAST,
THOMAS B. GILLIES.

C.—LYTTTELTON ELECTION.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In the matter of "The Election Petitions Act, 1880," and in the matter of the Petition of *William Hollis*, of *Lyttelton*, Builder, in respect of an Election for the Electoral District of *Lyttelton*, holden at *Lyttelton*, on Friday, the 9th day of December, 1881, a copy of which said Petition is hereunto annexed.

WE, the undersigned, two of the Judges of the Supreme Court, duly appointed to try the above mentioned petition, having tried the same in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, do hereby respectfully certify our determination that *Harry Allwright*, whose return and election is complained of in the said petition, was duly elected and returned as member for the Electoral District of *Lyttelton*.

Witness our hands this 23rd day of February, 1882.

ALEXANDER J. JOHNSTON,
JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS.

D.—GLADSTONE ELECTION.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In the matter of "The Electoral Petitions Act, 1880," and in the matter of the Petition of *Robert Rutherford*, in respect of an Election for the Electoral District of *Gladstone*, holden on the 9th day of December, 1881, a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

WE, the undersigned, two of the Judges of the Supreme Court, duly appointed to try the above-mentioned petition, respectfully report that the said petition was withdrawn, with our leave, upon an application to withdraw the same duly made to us; and that, in our opinion, the withdrawal of such petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, nor was it in consideration of the withdrawal of any other petitions.

Witness our hands this 4th day of March, 1882.

ALEXANDER J. JOHNSTON,
JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS.

E.—WALLACE ELECTION.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In the matter of the Petition of *Henry Hirst*, of *Orepuki*, Farmer, in respect of an Election for the Electoral District of *Wallace*, holden on Friday, the 9th day of December, 1881, a copy of which said Petition is hereunto annexed.

WE, the undersigned, two of the Judges of the Supreme Court, duly appointed to try the above-mentioned petitions, having tried the same in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, do hereby respectfully certify our determination that *Theophilus Daniel*, whose return and election is complained of in the said petition, was duly elected and returned as member for the Electoral District of *Wallace*.

Witness our hands this 2nd day of March, 1882.

ALEXANDER J. JOHNSTON,
JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS.