

The provisions of the 15th section of the "Pastoral Districts Ordinance" being in contravention of sub-section 10 of section 19 of the Constitution Act (as affecting Waste Lands of the Crown) His Excellency's Ministers were with regret compelled to advise His Excellency to disallow that Ordinance, which, in other respects, appeared calculated to work beneficially, and the Governor has been pleased to disallow it accordingly.

His Honor the Superintendent,
Otago.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

(11.)

MR. STAFFORD TO SUPERINTENDENT, AUCKLAND.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 12th January, 1859.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that the Bill (forwarded in your Honor's letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 179) passed by the Provincial Council of Auckland, intituled "An Act to amend the City and Harbour Endowments Act, 1858," and reserved by you for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon, has been laid before His Excellency, who has been pleased to assent to the same.

Your Honor's attention is directed to the 2nd section of the Provincial Reserved Bills Act, which provides that no Bill reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure shall have any force within the Province, until the Superintendent shall signify, as therein specified, that it has been laid before the Governor and that His Excellency has assented to the same.

I herewith return to your Honor one copy of the Act in question.

With reference to the Bills intituled "The City Debenture Act, 1858," and "The Harbour Debenture Act, 1858," I have to inform you that in consequence of the intimation received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch of the 15th September, 1857, requiring that notice should be given of the intention of a Provincial Council to pass Bills for the purpose of raising money by Loan, which notice has not been given with respect to the Bills in question, His Excellency could not be advised to assent to these Bills, and his assent has been withheld accordingly.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent,
Auckland.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

(24.)

MR. STAFFORD TO SUPERINTENDENT, OTAGO.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, January 14th, 1859.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 24, of the 22nd November last, transmitting the "Loan Ordinance, 1858," passed by the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, and reserved for the Governor's pleasure thereon, authorising the Superintendent to raise an additional Loan of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds.

In reply, I have to inform you that in consequence of the intimation received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch of the 15th September, 1857, that in case of Loans to any serious amount being required, the Provincial Legislature should present Resolutions to that effect previously to the introduction of a Bill, not having been complied with, the Governor could not be advised to assent to that Bill, and His Excellency has withheld his assent accordingly.

The Ministry regret that the strict letter of the instructions contained in that Despatch, should have had this effect in the case of the Province of Otago, as they consider the security of its Provincial Revenue quite sufficient, and will be willing accordingly to give every facility to the raising of the proposed Loan, by transmitting the Bill and letter accompanying it from the Provincial Government of Otago, to the Secretary of State, with a recommendation that the proposed Loan should be approved by the Imperial Government.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent,
Otago.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

(51.)

MR. STAFFORD TO SUPERINTENDENT, CANTERBURY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 26th January, 1859.

SIR,—

With reference to your Honor's letter No. 49, of the 29th ultimo, forwarding among other Ordinances passed by the Provincial Council and assented to by your Honor, two Ordinances intituled "The Immigrant Barracks Ordinance," Session 10, No. 2, and "The Public Hospital Ordinance,"

No. 30. Pastoral Districts Ordinance, 1858.
No. 31. Leases of Jetty Reserves Ordinance, 1858.
No. 32. Jetties and Wharves Ordinance, 1858.
No. 33. Appropriation Ordinance, 1858, No. 2.