

# P A P E R S

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## APPORTIONMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

BETWEEN THE

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PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY,  
2ND SEPTEMBER, 1862.

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## No. 1.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF OTAGO TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office,  
Dunedin, October 16th, 1861.

SIR,—

In conformity with the 2nd clause of the "Otago and Southland Public Debt Apportionment Act, 1861." I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed Thomas Bannatyne Gillies, Esq., as arbitrator in behalf of this Province, and that he has consented to act on condition that the arbitration should take place at Dunedin, where all the records, maps, &c., connected with the past are kept, and I have informed him that there is every prospect of so reasonable a request being complied with.

On hearing from you in reply to this communication I will again communicate with Mr. Gillies. I have, &c.,

J. RICHARDSON,  
Superintendent.To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  
Auckland.

## No. 2.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF OTAGO.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 2nd November, 1861.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter dated 16th ultimo, stating that in conformity with 2nd clause of the "Otago and Southland Public Debt Apportionment Act, 1861," you had appointed Mr. T. B. Gillies as arbitrator on behalf of the Province of Otago under that Act, and that he had consented to Act on condition that the arbitration take place at Dunedin.

The Superintendent of Southland has not as yet notified any appointment of Arbitrator on behalf of that Province, but I will communicate with him on the subject.

The place at which the arbitration should take place seems to be properly a question for the consideration of the Arbitrators themselves and the General Government has no power to interfere.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. FOX.

His Honor the Superintendent of  
Otago.

## No. 3.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTHLAND.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 2nd November, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose for your information copies of correspondence between the Superintendent of Otago and the Government on the subject of the appointment of an arbitrator on behalf

of that Province under the Otago and "Southland Public Debt Apportionment Act, 1861;" and I have to direct your Honor's attention to the 2nd clause of that Act, a copy of which I enclose.

I have, &c.,  
W. Fox.

His Honor the Superintendent of  
Southland.

No. 4.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTHLAND TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office,  
Southland, 22nd November, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Francis Dillon Bell, Esq., M.G.A., to act as Arbitrator on behalf of the Province of Southland under the provisions of the "Otago and Southland Public Debt Apportionment Act, 1861."

I have, &c.,  
J. A. R. MENZIES,  
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  
Auckland.

*Memorandum.*

Copies of the preceeding letters, viz:—Superintendent Dunedin to Colonial Secretary, dated 16th October, 1861;

Colonial Secretary, Superintendent, Dunedin, dated 2nd November, 1861;

Colonial Secretary to Superintendent, Southland, dated 2nd November, 1861;

Superintendent, Southland, to Colonial Secretary, dated 22nd November, 1861;

were transmitted to Messrs. Bell and Gillies in a letter dated 3rd January, 1862, but in consequence of the loss of the letter book in the wreck of the "White Swan," a copy of that letter cannot be furnished.

No. 5.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTHLAND.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 31st December, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin, reporting that your Honor had appointed F. D. Bell, Esq., M.G.A., Arbitrator on behalf of the Province of Southland, under the the Otago and Southland Public Debt Apportionment Act, 1861."

22, Nov., 1861.

I have, &c.,  
HENRY SEWELL,  
In the absence of Mr. Fox.

His Honor the Superintendent of  
Southland.

No. 6.

THOMAS B. GILLIES., ESQ., TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Dunedin, 8th February, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 3rd ultimo, enclosing correspondence intimating my appointment as arbitrator on behalf of the Province of Otago under the "Otago and Southland Public Debt Apportionment Act."

I am, &c.,  
THOMAS B. GILLIES.

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  
Auckland.

## No. 7.

## A W A R D.

We, Thomas Bannatyne Gillies, and Francis Dillon Bell, the Arbitrators duly appointed under the "Otago and Southland Public Debt Apportionment Act, 1861," to apportion between the Provinces of Otago and Southland the principal of the Debts specified in the schedule to the said Act, having heard the Superintendents of the said Provinces on behalf of their respective Provinces; and having taken evidence in reference to the matter referred to us by the said Act; and having taken into consideration all the circumstances which have come or been laid before us, do hereby award and determine as follows:—

1. The principal sum of £81,000 (being part of the sum of £500,000 raised under the "New Zealand Loan Act, 1856,") charged upon the Provincial Revenue of the Province of Otago shall be apportioned and borne as follows, viz:—

By the Province of Otago .....	£63,000
By the Province of Southland.....	£18,000

Total.....	£81,000
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—which apportionment shall take effect as in the said Act provided.

2. No part of the Debenture Debt specified as number 2 in the schedule to the said Act, shall be borne by the Province of Southland but the same shall be wholly borne by the Province of Otago.

Given under our hands at Wellington the twenty eighth day of August  
one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

THOMAS B. GILLIES,  
F. D. BELL.