

## PAPERS RELATING TO

## Enclosure 6 in No. 61.

MEMORANDUM BY SUPERINTENDENT.

That the administration of the affairs of the Province shall be conducted by the Superintendent, acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, in all matters which are under the control of the Provincial Council, when such a course is prescribed by the authority conferring the power of administration.

23rd July, 1864.

## Enclosure 7 in No. 61.

MEMORANDUM BY MR. PEARSON.

The Executive to have the entire control in all matters relating to the expenditure of moneys, and otherwise relating to finance.

To call for all tenders and decide on their acceptance or otherwise.

To appoint and dismiss all servants of the Government.

To see all correspondence prior to its being answered, and decide on the terms of reply.

To have the entire control of carrying into effect any financial scheme which may be resolved upon, and have generally all the powers stated in the Memorandum first submitted.

W. H. PEARSON.

23rd July, 1864.

## Enclosure 8 in No. 61.

MEMORANDUM BY SUPERINTENDENT.

The entire control of the Provincial Government would, under such provision, be given over to the Executive.

The position of the Superintendent would be little else than that of Chairman of the Executive, having little or no power in the administration. Such a fundamental alteration in the constitution of a Provincial Government as this arrangement would amount to, should be effected only after due deliberation and by legislation.

23rd July, 1864.

## Enclosure 9 in No. 61.

MEMORANDUM BY SUPERINTENDENT.

The gentleman who are willing to form an Executive demand that the *entire control* of the Government should be given over to the Executive. If this demand was acceded to, a radical change would be effected in the constitution of the Provincial Government. In support of this view the Message of February 17th, 1864, to the Council, may be referred to, as published in the *Southland Gazette* of 24th March, No. 11, where this point is considered at pages 453-4-5: the remarks made there have not been controverted.

The Superintendent thinks that such an alteration should be made by legislation; it is of a character too important to be concluded as a private arrangement between the Superintendent and the Executive Council, which would not necessarily bind the next Superintendent, as an Ordinance would. Judging from the expressions of opinion which reach him, the Superintendent infers that he is supposed to desire to dispense with an Executive Council; such a supposition, if it exists, is absolutely untrue. The Superintendent is now, and, as a rule, always has been, willing to be guided by the decision of the majority of the Members of the Executive Council in all matters in which legislation gives them a consultative power, and he is quite willing to consult with them in other matters in respect of which he may possess authority to decide without such consultation.

26th July, 1864.

## Enclosure 10 in No. 61.

Invercargill, 26th July, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's Memorandum of to-day's date.

In answer I have to state that the gentlemen with whom I have been acting agree with me in the determination to take office only on the terms previously submitted to your Honor by me.

I have, &amp;c.,

WALTER H. PEARSON.

His Honor the Superintendent,  
Southland.