

## OTAGO RESERVES COMMITTEE.

No Proclamation, however, appears to have been published on the subject nor has any Crown Grant been issued up to the present time.

After a careful consideration of the above facts, as to the equity of the case, your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that the land forming the Dunedin Reserves, having been reserved from sale for a specific public purpose, was wrongfully set aside for the use of the Natives, and therefore recommend that a Crown Grant be issued in favour of the Municipality of Dunedin, as trustees and representatives of the local public, as was evidently the intention of the New Zealand Company, conveyed in the instructions of Mr. T. C. Harington to Colonel Wakefield.

In reference to the Reserve at Port Chalmers, your Committee were unable to obtain any evidence to show that any portion of the land comprised therein had been previously set aside for public purposes, and therefore see no reason to alter the present arrangement for the disposal of it.

Wellington, 25th August, 1865.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1865.

Present :—Mr. Reynolds, Dr. Featherston, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Wilkin, Mr. R. Graham, and Mr. Taylor.

On motion of Mr. Richmond, seconded by Dr. Featherston,—Mr. Reynolds was appointed Chairman.

Committee then adjourned to 5th August, at half-past Ten a.m.

SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1865.

Present :—Mr. Reynolds, Chairman ; Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Graham, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Richmond.

*Papers read*—Letter from Mr. Mantell to Attorney-General, date 3rd January, 1865. Letter from Mr. Sewell to Colonial Secretary, date 29th June, 1865. Memorandum from Postmaster-General to the Cabinet, date 15th June, 1865. Memorandum from Mr. Mantell to the Cabinet, date 19th June, 1865. Letter from Postmaster-General to Superintendent of Otago, date 14th April, 1865. Letter from Superintendent of Otago to Postmaster-General, date 13th April, 1865. Letter from Colonial Secretary to Superintendent of Otago, date 28th March, 1865. Letter from Superintendent of Otago to Colonial Secretary, date 13th April, 1865. Letter from Mr. Kettle to Mr. Mantell, date 11th January, 1854. Letter from Mr. Kettle to Colonel Wakefield, date 18th June, 1847. Letter from Mr. Harington to Captain Cargill, dated 25th November, 1847. Letter from the Superintendent of Otago to Postmaster-General, date 20th April, 1865. Report of Select Committee of Provincial Council of Otago upon Message No. 4, date 17th May, 1865. Letter from Acting Superintendent of Otago to Colonial Secretary, date 14th July, 1865. Letter from Major Richardson to Colonial Secretary, date 13th July, 1865.

Committee adjourned to Monday, 7th August, at Ten a.m.

MONDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1865.

Present :—Mr. Reynolds, Chairman ; Mr. Taylor, Mr. R. Graham, Mr. Richmond, and Mr. Wilkin. Committee adjourned to Wednesday, 9th August, after examining Mr. Mantell.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1865.

Present :—Mr. Reynolds, Chairman ; Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. R. Graham.

Committee adjourned without fixing any time for next meeting.

SATURDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1865.

Present :—Mr. Reynolds, Chairman ; Mr. Wilkin, Mr. R. Graham, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Richmond.

Letters from Mr. Harington, Secretary of the New Zealand Company to Colonel W. Wakefield, the Company's principal Agent in New Zealand, dated the 20th and 21st October, 1846, were read by the Chairman.

A letter from Captain W. Cargill to H. Harington, Esq., dated 21st October, 1846, and referred to in the preceding letter, was read by the Chairman.

A conversational discussion took place, and it was ultimately resolved that the meeting should adjourn until Ten o'clock, a.m., Tuesday, 15th August, and that in the meantime James Macandrew, Esq., should be summoned to attend the Committee.