No. 18.

The RETURNING OFFICER, Marsden, to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Resident Magistrate's Office, Wangarei, 19th August, 1865. SIR.-In reply to your circular letter of the 2nd instant, in which you are pleased to instruct me to furnish by the first opportunity three copies of the Electoral Roll (as passed by the Revising Officer) for the years 1865-6, I have the honor to inform you that they shall be forwarded to your office as soon as I receive them from the printers; and with respect to the information called for in the second paragraph of your letter, I have the honor to state that there are seven hundred and thirty-nine (739) electors in the Rolls for the years 1865-6, being two hundred and eighty-two (282) in excess of the number on the Roll for the years 1864-5.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
H. R. AUBREY, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Marsden.

No. 19.

The UNDER SECRETARY to the RETURNING OFFICER, Lyttelton.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 18th August, 1865. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th August, 1865, and am SIR,directed by Mr. Richmond to draw your attention to the fact that in this letter you state the number of electors on the Rolls for the districts of City of Christchurch and Heathcote as 1,113 and 1,061 respectively; whereas in the Rolls for those Districts forwarded in your letter of the 14th instant the numbers of electors are for City of Christchurch 1,292, and for Heathcote 1,052. I have to request you to be good enough to explain this discrepancy.

Wm. Donald, Esq., Returning Officer, Lyttelton.

I have, &c., W. GISBORNE,

I have, &c.,

Under Secretary.

No. 20.

The RETURNING OFFICER, Lyttelton, to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Lyttelton, 27th August, 1865. SIR.-In explanation of the discrepancy referred to in your letter, in the number of electors in the Electoral Rolls, and in the numbers as given in mine of the 7th of August, I have the honor to state that not having the complete Rolls to refer to, they being at Christchurch in the printer's hands, to enable me to reply to your inquiries as requested by return of post, I forwarded the numbers as furnished by the printers. I cannot account for the extraordinary mistake by them made.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

WM. DONALD.

No. 21.

The RETURNING OFFICER, Lyttelton, to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Lyttelton, 2nd September, 1865. SIR,-I have the honor herewith to enclose three copies each of the Electoral Rolls for the Districts h of the _ I have, &c., Wm. Donald, Return of Lyttelton and Ellesmere.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

Wellington.

Returning Officer.

No. 22.

The Under Secretary to the Returning Officer, Lyttelton.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 13th September, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (2nd September, 1865,) forwarding SIR,-Electoral Rolls for the Districts of Lyttelton and Ellesmere, in which the number of Electors for the former appear as 366, and the latter 122.

In your former letter you stated the number for Lyttelton to be 367, and for Ellesmere 123, and

I am directed by Mr. Richmond to request you to explain the discrepancy.

I have, &c.,

Wm. Donald, Esq., Returning Officer, Lyttelton.

W. GISBORNE,

Under Secretary.

No. 23.

The RETURNING OFFICER, Hampden, to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Hawkesbury, 29th August, 1865. SIR,-I beg to transmit for your information the Roll of Electors for the District of Hampden for the year commencing on the first of October next, and also the original lists as signed by the Revising I have, &c., Officer.

J. W. Murdock.

To the Hon, the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Registration Officer, Hampden Electoral District.