No. 24.

The Under Secretary to the Returning Officer, Hawkesbury, Otago.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 13th September, 1865. SIR,-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (29th August, 1865,) forwarding Electoral Rolls for the District of Hampden, in which the number of Electors appear as 783.

In your former letter you stated the number to be 786, and I am directed by Mr. Richmond to

request you to explain the discrepancy.

John Murdock, Esq., Returning Officer, Hawkesbury, Otago.

I have, &c., W. GISBORNE, Under Secretary.

No. 25.

The RETURNING OFFICER, Hampden, to the UNDER SECRETARY.

SIR,-Hawkesbury, 22nd September, 1865. Your letter of the 13th instant, acknowledging receipt of the Electoral Roll for the District of Hampden, and requesting information as to a discrepancy in the numbers therein, I had the honor to receive by yesterday's post. In reply I beg to state that the discrepancy in the Electoral Roll as printed, and the numbers mentioned in my former letter, arose from the printer leaving out three names already on the Roll; and as I saw that his omission was in fact a correction that would have been made when the next lists were got ready, I did not consider the alteration of such importance as to make a delay for reprinting advisable, as the Electoral Roll is essentially correct.

Wm. Gisborne, Esq., Under Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c., J. W. MURDOCH,

Registration Officer, Hampden.

No. 26.

The Under Secretary to the Returning Officer, Hampden, Otago.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 29th September, 1865. SIR.-By direction of Mr. Richmond, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (22nd September, 1865), and to inform you that your explanation as to the discrepancy between the number of names on the Electoral Roll, and the number given in your former letter, is satisfactory. I have, &c.

J. W. Murdoch, Esq., Returning Officer, Hampden, Otago.

W. Gisborne,

Under Secretary.

No. 27.

The Under Secretary to the Returning Officer, Bruce.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 29th September, 1865. SIB,-I am directed by Mr. Richmond to acknowledge the receipt of the Electoral Rolls for the District of Bruce the year 1865-66, in which the number of electors is 1,172. In your former letter you stated then umber as 1,207, and I am to request you to be good enough to explain the discrepancy. I have, &c.,

John Dewe, Esq., Returning Officer, Bruce.

W. GISBORNE,

Under Secretary.

No. 28.

The RETURNING OFFICER, Bruce, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Tokomairiro, 5th October, 1865. SIR.-I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo.

Having carefully collated the present Roll of Electors for the District of Bruce with that of the preceding year, and with the Claims for Registration sent in for the present year, and finding the existing Roll correct, I can only account for the discrepancy in the numbers by my not having deducted the names struck off one of the lists by the Revising Officer, and those who have made additional claims for properties in the district. I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

JOHN DEWE, Returning Officer, Bruce.

Wellington.

No. 29.

The Under Secretary to the Returning Officer, Bruce.

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

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th October, 1865, on the SIR, subject of the discrepancy in the number of Electors on the Roll for Bruce and the number given in I have, &c., W. GISBORNE, your former letter.

John Dewe, Esq., Returning Officer,

Bruce, Otago.

Under Secretary.