No. 30.

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

Invercargill, 2nd September, 1865. SIR,-In accordance with the 35th section of "The Regulations of Elections Act, 1858," I have the honor to enclose the original List of Voters for this district, together with a signed triplicate copy of the new Roll for the year 1865-6, and three of the copies prepared for sale.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

JOHN HARE, Returning Officer, District of Wallace.

No. 31.

The Under Secretary to the Returning Officer, Invercargill.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 13th September, 1865. SIR,-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd September, 1865, forwarding Electoral Rolls for the District of Wallace in which the number of electors appear as 1,048.

In your former letter you stated the number to be 1,129, and I am directed by Mr. Richmond to request you to explain the discrepancy. I have, &c.,

John Hare, Esq., Returning Officer,

Invercargill.

W. Ġisborne,

Under Secretary.

No. 32.

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

Invercargill, 20th September, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13th instant, requesting me to SIR.-

explain a discrepancy between the number of names on the Electoral Roll for this district, and the number stated by me in a former letter.

I have the honor to state that when I received your circular of 3rd August, requesting me to furnish by return of post the number of names on the new Roll, the Roll had not been prepared. Your circular only reached me an hour before the return mail closed, and I had little time to make up the number accurately.

The discrepancy arose from the fact that many of the names in the list of new claims were already on the Roll, and I added the whole number of new claims to the number on the Roll, without taking this circumstance into account. I discovered the error too late to correct it; I trust, however, that it has not led to any serious result.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c., JOHN HARE, Returning Officer, District of Wallace.

No. 33.

The Under Secretary to the Returning Officer, Wallace.

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 of the 20th 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.

John Hare, Esq., Returning Officer, Wallace.

I have, &c., W. Gisborne,

Under Secretary.