

RETURN OF ELECTORS IN

No. 13.

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

SIR,— Resident Magistrate's Office, Collingwood, 23rd September, 1865.
I have the honor to transmit herewith the Revised List of Voters for the Electoral District of Collingwood, together with a certified copy of the Electoral Roll for the year 1865-6, also three copies of the same as prepared for sale.

I have, &c.,
H. W. TURNELL,
Returning Officer.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

No. 14.

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

SIR,— Nelson, 25th September, 1865.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 14th instant, transmitting Electoral Roll, and requesting me to explain the discrepancy between the numbers as shown in the said Rolls, and the numbers stated in previous letter of the 11th August last; and in reply I have the honor to state, that as regards the members for the City of Nelson, the mistake arose from a numerical error of the printer, not discovered till afterwards when revising the proof sheet.

The apparent discrepancy in the "Suburbs" and "Waimea" is the difference between the names, as shown numerically on the Roll, of those persons whose claims are allowed to stand in the revision, and the number of actual electors,—many persons' names, especially in the Waimea, appearing as separate claims through really the same persons making them; and as your letter of the 5th of August requested the number of electors to be furnished, I gave the number of actual electors only, and therefore such as could poll at an election.

I have, &c.,
JOHN SHARP.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 15.

The UNDER SECRETARY to the RETURNING OFFICER, Nelson.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 6th October, 1865.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date 25th September, 1865, and in reply am directed by Mr. Richmond to inform you that your explanation as to the discrepancy in the number of electors on the Rolls and the number given in your former letter is satisfactory.

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

John Sharp, Esq., Returning Officer, Nelson.

No. 16.

The UNDER SECRETARY to the RETURNING OFFICER, Collingwood.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 6th October, 1865.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd September, 1865, forwarding Electoral Rolls for the District of Collingwood for the year 1865-6, in which the number of electors appears as 181.

In your former letter you stated the number as 178, and I am directed by Mr. Richmond to request you to explain the discrepancy.

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

The Returning Officer, Collingwood.

No. 17.

The RETURNING OFFICER, Motueka, to the UNDER SECRETARY.

SIR,— Motueka, 12th October, 1865.
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 6th instant, and have to state in answer thereto, that the number of electors on the Motueka revised Electoral Roll was furnished by Mr. Sharp, and not by myself; the revised Roll being at the time in the printer's hands at Nelson.

By referring to the Roll for this district, you will see that it is sub-divided into three parts, each part being the Provincial Roll for that Provincial district. Consequently, as there are a number of electors holding qualifications in two or all three districts their names are inserted and numbered accordingly.

For instance, the first elector on the Motueka Roll heads the other two also, having a property qualification in each. This will account for the discrepancy.

I have, &c.,
A. L. G. CAMPBELL,
Returning Officer, Motueka.

The Under Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington.