

## No. 27.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 13th June, 1870.

I have the honor to transmit the under-mentioned Acts in duplicate, and trust you will advise His Excellency the Governor to assent to the same:—

- "Odd Fellows Hall Bill." No. 1.
- "Diversion of Roads Act." No. 2.
- "Sheep and Scab Act, 1870." No. 3.
- "Clyde Public Hall Bill." No. 4.
- "Impounding Act Amendment Act." No. 5.
- "Police Act Amendment Act." No. 6.
- "Credit Act, 1870." No. 7.
- "Licensing Act, 1870." No. 8.
- "Appropriation Act, 1870." No. 9.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. D. ORMOND,  
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

## No. 28.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

(No. 184.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 29th July, 1870.

Adverting to my letter of this day's date, I have to inform your Honor that the Government are advised that "The Odd Fellows Hall Act, 1870," and "The Clyde Public Hall Act, 1870," are invalid for the following reasons, namely:—

The purpose of "The Odd Fellows Hall Act, 1870," is not in law a purpose of public utility, but one of a purely private nature. The land cannot be given away, but may be sold even for a nominal sum, although such disposal would not be proper.

In the case of "The Clyde Public Hall Act, 1870," the land has not been granted; and if it had been, it is invalid for the same reason as that stated in the case of "The Odd Fellows Hall Act, 1870."

His Excellency the Governor has therefore been advised to withhold his assent to these Bills.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.