## 1885.

## NEW ZEALAND.

## REMISSION OF SHEEP FINES

(PARTICULARS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 2nd July, 1885.

Ordered, "That there be laid upon the table a return of all particulars and correspondence relating to the remission of sheep fines, amounting to the sum of £1,161 12s., mentioned in the Superintending Inspector's Report."—(Mr. W. C. BUCHANAN.)

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Date of Fine.	Name.	Sheep District.	Section of Act.	Amount of Fine.	Amount of Remission.	Date of Remission.
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Note.—Correspondence attached.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 30th July, 1885. G. S. Cooper, Under-Secretary.

Re Roose, Gunson, and McDonald, Farmers, of Auckland.

Sir,— Pukekohe, Auckland, 2nd February, 1882.
We, the undersigned, being settlers residing in the Pukekohe District, having been recently fined for a breach of "The Sheep Act, 1878," beg respectfully to submit our cases for your consideration.

We have to state that the Chief Inspector, after a minute and careful inquiry, stated that he did not believe we were aware of the nature of the disease; and, also, that ever since he took the case in hand we have done our utmost to carry out his instructions as fully and faithfully as possible. We have had heavy expenses entailed upon us by the erection of the necessary apparatus, the purchase of dipping materials, and through the operation of the stringent prohibitory clauses of the Act in relation to the breeding and sale of sheep. We therefore trust that, in consideration of our ignorance and the almost ruinous outlay we have had to meet, you will be pleased to exercise your prerogative, and grant us the remission of the fine. There were three of us who joined in getting up this memorial, but now, when it comes to signing, one (Elijah Roose) has unfortunately lost his reason under the pressure of the anxiety and worry he has undergone. Perhaps you will kindly include him in any arrangement you may think proper to make.

We have, &c.,

GEORGE GUNSON,

A. McDonald.

The Hon. J. Hall.

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