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# PROPOSALS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL F. J. FOX, R.A.

(PRÉCIS OF), AS TO RETIREMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF OFFICERS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
AS TO FORMATION OF FOUR CENTRAL DISTRICTS.

*Laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament, by leave.*

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## OFFICERS FOR WHOM THERE IS NO FURTHER WORK UNDER MY PROPOSALS.

Lieutenant-Colonel Baillie (The Hon.), Marlborough.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Bonar, Westland.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Sumpter, Oamaru.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Bailey, South Canterbury.  
Major Wood, East Coast District.  
Major Hannah, Southland.

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Staff-Sergeant-Instructor Benning should go from Westland to Nelson.  
Staff-Sergeant McPherson, at Oamaru, should be retired.  
Staff-Sergeant Jones, at Timaru, should be retired.  
Staff-Sergeant Huddleston, at Napier, should be retired.  
Staff-Sergeant Blackmore, at Invercargill, should be retained temporarily.  
Staff-Sergeant Castles, at Dunedin, should be retained temporarily.  
Staff-Sergeant Purves, at Christchurch, should be retained temporarily.  
Staff-Sergeant McMillan, at Wanganni, should be retained temporarily.  
Staff-Sergeant Scully, at Auckland, should be retained temporarily.  
Staff-Sergeant Finn, at Wellington, should be retained permanently.  
Staff-Sergeant Barrett, at Christchurch, should be retained permanently.  
Staff-Sergeant Towler, at Dunedin, should be retained permanently.  
Sergeant-Major Howard, at Blenheim, should be retired.  
Mr. Baillie (clerk), at Blenheim, should be retired.

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Four central districts should be formed:—

1. At Wellington, with Lieutenant-Colonel Newall in command, assisted by an Adjutant (Captain Coleman), who is also Instructor of Cavalry and Mounted Rifles, and three Staff-Sergeant-Instructors (Sergeant-Major Finn, and two Instructors brought out from the Imperial Service).
2. At Auckland, with Lieutenant-Colonel Goring in command, assisted by an Adjutant (Lieutenant Grant) and a Staff-Sergeant-Instructor (brought out from the Imperial Service).
3. At Christchurch, Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon in command, with two Sergeant-Instructors (Sergeant-Major Barrett and one Instructor from the Imperial Service).
4. At Dunedin, Lieutenant-Colonel Webb in command, with three Sergeant-Instructors (Sergeant-Major Towler and two Instructors from the Imperial Service).

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NOTE.—The Officer Commanding the Permanent Artillery at Lyttelton and Dunedin should act as Staff Officer to the Commanding Officer in those districts respectively. On the arrival of the Staff-Sergeant-Instructors from the Imperial Service, Sergeant-Instructors Blackmore, Purves, Castles, McMillan, and Scully should be retired.

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