

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 6th February, 1846.*

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint

Lieut.-Col. ROBERT HENRY WYNYARD,
and

Major CYPRIAN BRIDGE,

of the 58th Regt., to the Commission of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand.

By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,

Colonial Secretary.

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HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES KNIGHT, Esquire,

to be Auditor-General, in place of the Commissioners of the Board of Audit.

This appointment takes effect from the 3rd instant.

By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,

Colonial Secretary.

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HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to give directions for the following correspondence to be published for general information.

By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,

Colonial Secretary.

Auckland, December 22nd, 1845,

We, the non-official Members, have the honor hereby to place in your Excellency's hands the resignation of our seats in the Legislative Council; at the same time we beg leave to assure your Excellency that our only motive in taking this step is our belief in its propriety upon a change in the Government under the existing constitution of the Colony.

(Signed)

FRED. WHITAKER,
WILLIAM DONNELLY,
THEOPHILUS HEALE.

To His Excellency

The Lieutenant-Governor
of New Zealand.

*Government House,
Auckland, 1st February, 1846.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have hitherto delayed replying to the letter you addressed to me upon the 22nd December last, for several reasons.

1stly. When I received that letter it did not appear to me to require an immediate answer, and I was at the time engaged in very important operations, which occupied my almost exclusive attention.

2ndly. I have not, up to this date, felt completely assured that I might not find it necessary again to assemble my Council before proceeding to the South, and I confidently calculated that your desire to promote the public interests would have led you to afford me the advantage of your services as long as I might find them necessary.

3rdly. I did not feel quite satisfied that, under the existing constitution of the Colony, a change in the Government rendered it necessary that you should tender the resignations of your seats in Council.

As, however, I feel quite satisfied that your only desire in taking the course you have done, is to promote the welfare of this country, and as I think the interests of New Zealand may be advanced by my having the power of offering seats in the Legislative Council to gentlemen of the southern portion of the Colony, I will, upon Her Majesty's behalf, accept your resignations, and report the circumstance for Her Majesty's approval. At the same time I beg you will accept my thanks for the support you afforded me when I had lately occasion to assemble you, and my assurances that it would have been in every respect most agreeable to me to have continued to co-operate with you as Members of the Legislative Council.

I have the honor to be,

&c., &c.,

(Signed) GEORGE GREY,

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

To the non-official Members
of the Legislative Council,
&c., &c., &c.

NOTICE.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 7th February, 1846.*

PARTIES desirous of contracting for the repairs of a Boat belonging to the Harbor Department, are required to send in their Tenders on or before the 18th instant.

A specification of the work required to be done may be obtained on application to the Harbor Master.

By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,

Colonial Secretary.