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Minutes drawn up by the Trial Body of
the Canterbury Colonists at their Rooms.
1.A. Adelphi Terrace.

The "Society of Canterbury Colonists"

April 25. 1850.

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AN INTERESTING RECORD.

In the minute-book of the "Society of Canterbury Colonists," which has been lent for exhibition, the Historical Committee of the Jubilee celebration have secured a relic of the beginnings of the Canterbury settlement of great value, and of absorbing interest. Within the parchment covers (one of which, by the way, shows signs of having been cut) of this foolscap volume are indicated the aspirations and ideas of the men who were the backbone of the infant settlement. The writing in which the minutes are recorded varies, but is still as legible as when it was penned. The minutes are really those of two societies—the Society of Canterbury Colonists, which existed prior to the departure of the Canterbury pilgrims, and of the Society of Purchasers of Land in Canterbury, which took the place of the other society when the settlers arrived at Lyttelton.

The inscription on the first page of the book reads:—"Minutes drawn up by the first body of the Canterbury colonists at their rooms, 1A, Adelphi Terrace." Then follows:—"The Society of Canterbury Colonists, April 25th, 1850." The first meeting the minutes of which are recorded, was held on March 18th, 1850, and amongst the decisions arrived at was:—

"That meetings be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 12 o'clock for the purpose of making suggestions and expressing the opinions of the colonists upon matters relating to the welfare of the proposed colony."

Another resolution placed on record the colonists' high sense of the services rendered by Mr W. G. Brittan by his constant attendance at the rooms and the trouble he had taken in answering enquiries of persons calling and writing for information.

The minutes of the next meeting, held on April 25th, record the names of those present who were noted in the following order:—Messrs Hart, Sewell, Phillips, Rowley, Dix, Wakefield, W. Lawrence, James Townsend, Edward Townsend, C. L. Rose, Edward Ward, W. G. Brittan, Clifford, J. Longden, Fitzgerald, W. F. Eldin, H. Diaper, Wm. Bennett, C. Fooks, C. B. Fooks, Carrington, Alfred Wills, J. B. Austin, J. J. W. Cookson, Dampier, Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, Harman, Gerard, Spooner, Joseph Dickin, C. T. Moule, H. F. Way, Rev. J. Pauson, Henry Ward, H. Le Cren, Edward Power, Captain Martin, Henry Barrett, Arthur Jackson.

At this meeting the Society apparently took definite form, and those present were constituted the first members, and the following were appointed a Committee of Management:—Messrs W. G. Brittan, Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, James Edward Fitzgerald, Rev. Dr. Rowley, Henry Phillips, C. L. Rose, Henry Sewell, and Edward Ward. The following, who were stated to have sailed for the settlement—though in subsequent minutes it is shown that at least the Bishop-elect had not sailed—were elected honorary members:—The Bishop-elect, the Archdeacon and clergy, Messrs John Robert Godley, Augustus Perival, F. Pollard, and Henry Tancred. At this meeting a letter was read from the secretary of the Management Committee of the Canterbury Association (Mr H. F. Alston) in which the Committee expressed their pleasure on learning of the formation of the Colonists' Society and offering them the use of the Association's rooms for general and Committee meetings. Having decided to form a library for the new settlement, the first gift of books, which was from the Rev. O. Mathias, was acknowledged at this meeting. Afterwards, when it was decided to have a library in connection with the proposed college, the Society resolved to hand over all the books they had received as gifts to the college library, on the understanding that the books would be accessible to the settlers. At the

next meeting gifts of books from Messrs Rose, Edward Gibbon Wakefield, and Vaux were received.

Mr Brittan was the chairman of the meetings, and the rapid increase in the attendance is shown by the fact that on May 16th there were about 50 present (including Lord Lyttelton, the Dean of Canterbury, Lord John Manners, and Sir Walter James); on June 15th there were 97 present, and a week later there were 112 in attendance.

At the meeting on May 16th a letter was read from the Association, announcing their intentions with regard to the endowment of a college. Lord Lyttelton addressed the society, and introduced the Bishop-elect, the Right Rev. Thomas Jackson, who also gave an address.

One can almost imagine the simmer of excitement at the next meeting (May 23rd), when the chairman announced that two ships "had been taken up," and recommended applicants to engage. The fares were stated to have been fixed at:—Chief cabin, £42; intermediate, £25; and, steerage, £15. Each passenger was to be allowed half a ton measurement of cargo space. At this meeting a letter was read from Mr Frederick Moore, on the subject of steam communication with New Zealand, and it was decided to recommend the subject to the Association. Subsequently, the society petitioned Parliament on the matter.

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August 22nd—The last meeting prior to the departure for the colony. A motion expressing the deep obligation of the colonists to the Association was passed. Mr Simeon returned thanks on behalf of the Association. At a meeting on June 27th a motion had been agreed to that after the sailing of the first ships the meetings of the Society shall be adjourned until the arrival of the first ship at Canterbury.

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In a letter read at a subsequent meeting Mr Godley wrote:—A run shall be considered as stocked if one breeding ewe for every twenty acres, or one head of breeding cattle for every 120 acres, be placed upon it.

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and self-government; the only principle on which he (Mr Simeon) would ever have taken a part in a colonisation society."

At subsequent meetings the question of the appropriation of the ecclesiastical and educational funds of the settlement was discussed, and at the meeting on August 22nd a lengthy communication was received from the Association, which dealt with the matter clearly and evidently satisfactorily.

The following items, taken from the minutes of different meetings are interesting:—

On June 13th a letter was read from Mr Luck, of Oxford, which accompanied the gift of a handsome alms-box for the use of the first cathedral church in Lyttelton.

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Minutes &c.

March 18th 1850. At a meeting of the colonists.

It has moved by Capt. Bellairs. BEILAIRES

Seconded by Mr. Brittan. BRITAN

1. That a meeting of all the colonists intending to join the Canterbury Settlement be held at their Rooms, every Tuesday and Thursday at twelve o'clock, for the purpose of making suggestions and expressing the opinions of the colonists upon matters relating to the welfare of the proposed colony. And that Minutes be kept of the proceedings.

2. That Mr. Gil should be requested to act as secretary upon these occasions.

The following minute was agreed to on Saturday last. And ordered to be recorded.

The colonists will it their duty to take this first opportunity of expressing their high sense of the services which have hitherto been rendered. & Mr. Brittan by his constant attendance at their rooms will be the trouble which he has taken in answering the inquiries of persons calling and writing for information.

An advertisement has read, announcing the intention of the colonists to form a public library in the settlement and requesting presents of books for the purpose.

It was ordered.

That a thousand copies of this advertisement be printed immediately for distribution.

Resolved,

That notice of these meetings be sent to all intending colonists.

April 25. 1858. At a meeting held this day in the
Lancashire Colonists' Rooms - the following gentlemen
being present; -

Mr. Hart, Mr. Savell ^{HART} Mr. Phillips ^{SEWELL} Mr. Routhay ^{RONLEY}
Mr. Felix Wakefield - Mr. Palet ^{PORTER} Mr. Townsend ^{TOWNSEND}
Mr. S. Gibon Wakefield - Mr. W. Lawrence - Mr. Ja^r.
Townsend - Mr. Edward Townsend. Mr. C. L. Rose ^{C. L. Rose}
Mr. Edward Ward - Mr. W. Brittan ^{BRITTON} Mr. Clifford
Mr. J. Longden ^{LONGDEN} Mr. Fitzgerald - Mr. W. T. Edlin
Mr. H. Draper ^{DRAPER} Mr. Wm. Burdett ^{BURDETT} Mr. C. Fooks ^{FOOKS}
Mr. J. B. Fooks - Mr. Carrington ^{AUSTIN} Mr. Wills - Mr. J. H.
Austin, - Mr. C. J. W. Cookson ^{COOKSON} Mr. Dampier ^{DAMPIER}
Capt. Martin ^{SPOONER} Mr. Brittan in the chair ^{of Henry Barrett} Mr. Arthur Jackson ^{JACKSON}
Lieut. Col. Campbell - Mr. Harman ^{GERARD}
Hooper - Mr. Jos. Dickin ^{DICKIN} Mr. H. T. Way ^{WAY} Rev. J. Head ^{Paylor}
Mr. Henry Ward - Mr. H. Le Cren ^{LE CREN} Mr. Edward Power
Capt. Martin ^{Mr. Brittan in the chair of Henry Barrett} Mr. Arthur Jackson ^{JACKSON}

It was moved by Mr. Savell

seconded by Mr. Rose - and resolved

1. That this meeting do constitute itself a body, to be called "The Society of Lancashire Colonists" and that the following rules & regulations be adopted by the Society.

- i. That all the gentlemen present at this meeting, either in person or by proxy; or who shall send in their names within one week from the present date, do constitute the First members of the Society
2. That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee of Management (with power vested to their members); - viz.

Mr. W. J. Brittan
Lieut.-Col. Campbell

Rev. Dr. Edward Fitzgerald
The Rev. Dr. Rowley
Mr. Henry Phillips
Rev. C. L. Rose
Mr. Henry Swell
Mr. Edward Ward

(with power to add to their number)
and that Mr. Edward Ward be requested
to act for the present as honorary Secretary
at their meetings.

3. That all future members of the Society
be elected by ballot; the names of
the candidates - proposed & seconded
by members - being given in and
printed on a paper (to be kept in the
rooms for that purpose) one week
previous to their election: and that a
majority of two-thirds of those present
be requisite to ensure the election of
a candidate.
4. That members shall have the right of
voting by proxy.
5. That the Bishop Elect and the following
gentlemen who have already sailed for the
Settlement, be elected honorary members
of the Society. (see margin X.)
6. That a general meeting of the members be
held every Thursday at one o'clock to
transact the necessary business of the
Society; by cooperation and mutual
assistance, to suggest & discuss among
themselves measures of interest to the
general welfare of the Settlement and of
the general body of members.

X. The Bishop elect
The Archdeacon Clergy
John Rot. Godly Capt.
Capt. Thomas
Lee Capt.
Augustus Percival Capt.
F. Pollard Capt.
Henry Tancred Capt.
TANCREDO

I. That the Chairman be instructed to forward a copy of the minutes of this meeting to the Committee of Management of the Canterbury Association, to request their countenance and sanction to their proceedings and to ask the use of these rooms for their future meetings and for the transacting the necessary business of the Society.

II. (Moved by Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Peter)
That the Gentlemen named in the 2^d clause of the foregoing resolution do form the Committee of Management of the Society of Canterbury Colonists

III. (Moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Rose)
That the Gentlemen named in the 5th clause of the foregoing resolution be elected Honorary Members of the Society

IV. Moved by Mr. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Knell
That the thanks of the Society are due to Mr. W. G. Brittan for his strong constant exertions in their behalf hitherto, through which they are sensible that many advantages have accrued to them secured to their position _____ and for which he deserves their gratitude & confidence.

W. G. Brittan
Chairman

The following letter referring to the th clause
of the 1st resolution at the first meeting
was received on the 2nd of May from the
Secretary of the Canterbury Association -

41 Charing Cross
1st May 1850

Sir,

I am instructed by the Committee of Management
of the Canterbury Association, to acquaint you that
they have had before them your letter of the 27th
acquainting the Committee that some of the first body
of Colonists have formed themselves into a Society
called "The Society of Canterbury Colonists" for the
purpose of cooperation and mutual assistance and
discussion amongst themselves upon questions of
interest to the general welfare of the Settlement.

The Committee have received with great pleasure
the announcement of the formation of this Society,
which they hope will have the effect of maintaining
a unity of feeling amongst the Colonists and will
prove of great general service to the Colony.

The Committee have much pleasure in placing
the Colonists Rooms at the disposal of the Society
of Colonists, for their General and Committee Meetings.

I have the honor to
(Signed) A. F. ALSTON ALSTON
Secretary

W. G. Brittan Esq^r

May 2^o. General Meeting.

Gentlemen present. Mr. Hart - Mr. Butterfield
Mr. Fitzgerald - Mr. Brittan - Mr. Rowley -
Mr. Ward - Mr. Simeon M.P. - Mr. A. Staffords^{STAFFORD}
Mr. Wills - Mr. Phillips - Mr. Felix Wakefield -
Mr. Duncan - Mr. G. Dampier - Mr. Power -
Mr. Le Poer - Mr. Whitcombe - Mr. J. Whitcombe.

A letter of recognition of the Society received
from the Committee of the Canterbury Association
in reply to their resolution I passed at the
preceding meeting, was read by the
Chairman.

A letter from the Rev^d W^m Bradley having
been read; it was thereupon resolved, on the
motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Wills, that
the name of Mr. Richard Anstruther Bradley was added
~~to be enrolled on the list of original members.~~

A letter from Sir Thos^r Danvers having been
read, requesting to be enrolled a member of the
Society, it was thereupon moved by Mr. Ward
seconded by Mr. Butterfield - adopted unanimously.

"That it is the opinion of the meeting
that the members of this Society should consist
of colonists only; and that the Secretary be
instructed to inform Sir Thos^r Danvers that on
this consideration of they are compelled to
decline the honour of enrolling him among their
number."

On the motion of Mr. Hart seconded by Mr.
Butterfield the Secretary was directed to enrol
the name of H. J. Gridland Esq; among the Honorary Members.

GRIDLAND

It was moved by Mr. Phillips seconded by
Mr. Ward

"That a list be opened and left at these
rooms in which intending colonists may
enter their names, and addresses, number
of family and other particulars which shall
be open for the inspection of parties applying
at these rooms for such information."

A letter from the Rev^d Dr Mathias having
been read announcing a donation of valuable
books to the Library of the Colony, it was
moved by Mr. Power seconded by Mr. Phillips

"That the secretary be instructed to convey the
thanks of Mr. Mathias the thanks of the
meeting for the same."

On the motion of Mr. Elia Wakefield
seconded by Mr. Wiles, the secretary was
instructed to convey the thanks of the
meeting to Sir Wm Hooker of the Royal
Gardens Kew for having placed some
interesting specimens of New Zealand shrubs
at the disposal of the Society.

The chairman announced that Mr. Elia
Wakefield and other Gentlemen of experience
in the colonies had consented at future
meetings to read papers and devise other
means of communicating instruction & information
to the colonists on matters of practical interest
to them.

The society was ordered to provide a board
to certain previous notices of such communication.

The meeting adjourned till Thursday the 9th May.

W. Hutton
^{W. H.} Dicittan
Chairman,

May 9. 1840 general meeting. Mr. Brittan in the chair
Present. Mr. Phillips - Mr. de Pean - Mr. Lyden -
Mr. C. B. Bishop - Mr. C. E. Bishop - Mr. Joshua Peters
Mr. F. Wakefield - Mr. Butterfield - Mr. E. F. Wakefield
Mr. Fendall - Mr. Ward - Mr. Fitzmaurice - Mr. Hart -
Mr. C. E. Fooks - Mr. Orchard.

The chairman announced a donation of
valuable books from Mr. Rose, and from Mr.
Edward Gibbon Wakefield, and from Mr. Vaux.

A paper communicated by Dr. Penney of
Gloucester upon "The medical & sanitary provision
necessary for a newly-formed community" was read,
and upon the motion of Mr. Wills seconded by Mr.
Butterfield, the secretary was requested to convey
to Dr. Penney an expression of their gratification
of the meeting, and to invite further communications
upon the same subject.

It was moved by Mr. Felix Wakefield and
Mr. Wills and adopted unanimously

"That it be an instruction to the committee
to inquire of the Association respect to the next
general meeting, the rules which are to regulate the
frontage of large blocks of land; & for example,
what frontage a purchaser of one thousand acres
would be entitled to claim according to the present
terms of purchase."

The meeting adjourned till Friday the 16th May.

H. J. Brittan,
Chairman.

General Meeting May 1.

Present. Mr. Rose
H. Phillips
W. Brittan
F. Wakefield
E. J. Wakefield
Farrington
Mrs. Farrington
J. L. Fitzgerald
The Dean of Canterbury.
The Rev. C. Mynster ^{WYNTER}
Lord Lyttelton
Rev. Thos. Jackson
John Simon. M.P.
Albert Allom ^{ALLOM}
Moore
Lawrance ^{LAWRENCE}
^{THE KNIGHT OF KERRY}
The Knight of Kerry.
Che. Mountfort ^{MOUNTFORT}
C. E. Fooks
H. Barrett
C. B. Fooks
Chisholm
E. T. Wakefield
Fitzmaurice
Mr. Jenner ^{JENNER}

Mr. Wills
" Harman
" R. Rintoul ^{RINTOUL}
" Ward
Sir Walter James
Rev. E. Hawkins
H. T. Way
Mrs. Way
Mr. Lucas
Augustus Stofford M.P.
Lord John Manners
E. Halswell ^{MANNERS}
W. Forsyth
Joshua Peter
L. Peter
J. A. Latouche ^{LATOUCHE}
Richd. Lambert
J. Bart
E. B. Bishop
James Williams
Dr Dampier
Burgess
Joseph Butterfield
Capt. Murray

Mr. W. J. Brittan in the chair.

The chairman, with reference to the instruction to the committee resolved at the last general meeting, announced that in pursuance thereof

he had obtained an interview with the Committee of Management and would be prepared with a report upon the subject in a few days.

The Chairman read a letter received from the Committee of Management ^{dated the} announcing its intentions with regard to the endowment of a college (see letter filed); - announced that the emigration regulations were published & to be had at the rooms; - and in reply to a question from Mr. Felix Wakefield stated that as certain information was yet to be had on the arrangements of intermediate passages.

It was moved by Mr. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Rose and adopted unanimously

"That the 'Committee of Colonists' be called in future the 'Council of Canterbury Colonists'."

¶ The business of the meeting over - Lord Lyttelton addressed the colonists for the purpose of introducing to them the Rev. Dr. Jackson, their Bishop Elect. His Lordship took occasion to observe that, with a view to form an estimate of the probable fund to be at the disposal of the Association ^{for Emigrating purposes}, "was an unreasonable thing to expect that the Committee of Management should be informed of the names & the amount of purchase of all who had made up their minds to be of the first body of colonists."

The Rev. Thomas Jackson then addressed the meeting in most impressive terms.

The Rev. Ernest Hawkins seconded the accommodation of Lord Lyttelton.

The Chairman assured Lord Lyttelton that steps had been already taken by the Comt. and other means

Members proposed by

TWINING

By Mr. Britton - W^m Edward Twining. Butcher

By Mr. F. Wakefield - Mr. Inwood of Wandesham

TINWOOD

2. Bagnot.

would be tried, to obtain the information which the Association desired.

The meeting adjourned to the 23rd of May.

W. Brittan,
Chairman

May 23rd. General meeting.

Thirty-nine gentlemen present. Mr. Brittan in the chair.

The chairman announced donation of books to the library from The Hon Francis Baring - Sir William Molesworth & the Archbishop of Dublin.

The chairman announced that two ships had been taken up and recommended applicants for cabins &c &c:- That chief cabin passage w^d be fixed at £42 - Intermediate £25 - Steerage £15. Not passengers of every grade would be allowed $\frac{1}{2}$ a ton weight &c &c. Mr. Bowler attended to answer various inquiries and requested the colonists to let the superintendent know the amount of freight he might expect. Dead weight, such as iron, bricks, machinery, should be sent at once. Public notice of all these points w^d be given. The ships w^d be ready to be seen in a week and plans sh^d be immediately provided.

The chairman read a letter from Mr. Frederic Moore on the subject of steam-communication with New Zealand. And thereupon it was moved by Mr. Dampier seconded by Mr. Ward and resolved

"that the Secretary be requested to convey to Mr. Moore

the thanks of the meeting for his communication just read, and to recommend it to the consideration of the Canterbury Association."

It was moved by Mr. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Rose "that the Secretary be requested to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Jackson for his kindness in attending the meetings of Thursday last, and to express the feelings of satisfaction with which the Society has heard that he is likely to be appointed the first Bishop of the Settlement."

~~It~~ A minute agreed to at a meeting of Council of the 28th inst was read, to the following effect.

1. The colonists being informed that a college was about to be established in Canterbury, and that there were strong grounds for believing that the college would be set on foot from the earliest period of the settlement.
2. Understanding also that it was contemplated to attach a library to the college, and to solicit donations of books for that purpose.
3. Being under the impression that it would be very unwise to attempt the collection of two distinct libraries for the new colony - one for the general use of the colonists and the other for the college.
4. And being deeply sensible of the importance of the foundation of the college according to all the details of the plan now proposed.
5. And being informed that the gentlemen whose names have been published as Trustees of the Public Library fully consent to the following arrangement.

Resolved

I. That all the Books hitherto collected shall be handed over to the College Library and shall be vested in the Corporation of the Warden and Fellows or their representatives for the time being.

II. That it be an understanding that every faculty shall be given to the colonists generally to make use of the Library as far as may be possible consistently with the arrangements which shall be found expedient.

It was therefore moved by Mr. Danvers, seconded by Mr. Bishop that the said minute of the Council be adopted by the meeting.

The following members were proposed
by Mr. Nathan ^{DU BOULAY (?)} Mr. Du Boulay of Finsbury -
Mr. W. J. Findall of Bambridge Yorkshire -
Edward Daniel of Liverpool & ^{Mr. Buchanan} of Patobello.

By Mr. Felix Wakefield. Mr. David Porter of
Rugate & Mr. Buchanan. Patobello. Edinburgh.

The meeting adjourned till the 30th of May.

W. Nathan

& explaining the present & future relations between the Association and the Colonists

May 30. general meeting.

Present, 37 gentlemen. W^r. Brittan in the chair.

The chairman read to the meeting the minute of the Committee of Management of 25th May, ^{a member of the association being present} Mr. Simon M^r. P^r addressed the meeting upon the principle ^{object} of the document just read which he explained ~~as~~ ^{originally} ~~and~~ the anxiety which the Association felt to give every thing they cared into the hands of the colonists, ~~which~~ consistently with the engagements which they the Association had contracted with the government. It was impossible entirely to take off the responsibility which they had incurred in undertaking to found such a settlement as ^{as far as a certain degree of control and management} that of Canterbury, ~~as far as~~ ~~settling~~ ~~in the~~ could assure the colonists that the principle of the Association's action (so far as they were at liberty to judge it) was that of leaving to the colony distinct colonial self-government, - the only principle on which he (Mr. Simon) would ever have taken a part in a colonizing Society.

W^r. Brittan gave notice that at the next general meeting he w^d introduce the subject of the name of the capital town of the settlement that a recommendation to that effect might go forth to the Association with its proper weight.

Members proposed. W^r. Charles Mountfort
Mr. Benj^m Mountfort. - W^r. Augustus Cooper Rev.
James Wilson.

W^r. Brittan,

General Meeting. June 6.

72 gentlemen present. Mr. Brittan in the chair.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The minute of the proposed relations between the Association and the colonists being brought forward for final consideration, it was moved by Mr. Dampier seconded by Mr. Ward

"That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Committee of Management expressing the cordial approbation and concurrence of this Society in the views taken by the Association and expressed by their minute of the 24th of May 1850 concerning the present & future relations of the Association and the colonists and in regard to the future management of the internal affairs of the colony."

Mr. Brittan moved, in pursuance of notice to that effect - "That this Society, considering that the time has properly arrived when the name of the future capital of the Canterbury Settlement may be definitely fixed, and feeling convinced from the general character of their intercourse and relations with the Association that that body are always anxious to pay every attention to the expressed wishes of the colonists on any practical question affecting their interests & feelings, venture to express to the Managing Committee of the Association their anxious desire that the capital of the settlement may be called by the name of Lyttelton." He (Mr. Brittan) disdained any idea of interfering with the Assoc: in their privilege of naming the chief town:- on the

contrary he felt satisfied that it was their wish to consult the opinions of the colonists on this as on every other matter affecting their interests & feelings. He had reason to know that there were a great many who abominated the name of Christchurch, and who would prefer the name which he proposed - viz. that of Lyttelton.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the origin of the name of Christchurch was in the fact of its being part of the scheme that the settlement shd. contain a large college; and partly because that was the name of the cathedral church of Canterbury. He did not wish to oppose Mr. Brittan's motion, but he wished that more time shd. be given for discussing it - and thereupon he moved, and Mr. Lovell seconded, "That the question stand adjourned for consideration till Thursday the 13th inst - which being assented to by Mr. Brittan was accordingly adopted.

Mr. Lovell ^{REVERED} then took occasion to observe that though at ^{an} ^{REVERED} of order he wished to make a remark upon the resolution which had been agreed to at the commencement of the proceedings relative to the minute defining the relations between the Assocⁿ and the colonists. He fully concurred in the object of that motion, but seeing some of the members of the Assocⁿ present, it occurred to him that it was a good opportunity to satisfy himself and the colonists once for all upon a point referred to in that minute. He alluded to the appropriation of the funds: - the appropriation of the religious and educational portion of that fund was a most important & delicate duty, and with reference to

this the minute respects the rule, that in future
the administration of this fund the Association
will be governed by the views of the colonists, and
as a medium of communication they point to
the "governing body of the colony," as the organ.
He (Mr. Tawell) wished to know the exact meaning
of this arrangement. If it is intended thereby
that the funds should be under the control
of the municipal body of the colony for the time
being whatever that might be, he (Mr. Tawell)
would say that he for one would not ~~want~~
be willing to entrust a religious fund to a more
municipal body. The distributing body should be
one of a different constitution. He threw this out
merely as a suggestion, and not with any want
of confidence in the general plan contemplated by
the minute of the Committee of Management - but
at the same time it might remain as a sort of
protection; lest the colonists should hereafter be
considered as having pledged themselves to accept
the minute in its integrity as a law, and among
other things be considered bound to accept the
municipal body as sole distributor of the religious
fund, an arrangement to which he had the
strongest objection. He had no doubt but that the
members of the Assocⁿ? then present could inform
him upon this point to his satisfaction.

Sir Walter James said that Lord Lyttelton's object
when he drew up the minute in question was to
prescribe the circumstances under which the
Association's control would cease - but what
the nature of the substituted control would be
must depend upon the constitution hereafter.

granted to them by the Government: (in answer to a remark from Mr. Ward) he considered it distinctly understood that the question in this point was left open by the Association.

Mr. Simion declared his distinct impression that the document in question was to be taken now for as much as it was worth, and by no means as a law binding or irrevocable.

Mr. Fitzgerald announced that with a view to assist employers and employed in his department (that of Emigration Agent) he had opened a register at his office 20 Cockspur St. of the names of those who wanted labourers & of those who wanted employment. Purchasers of land who were unable to exercise their right of nomination should therefore apply to him for such servants as they might require.

Mr. Ward gave notice that at the next general meeting he would move "That a list be opened for subscription by the colonists to raise a fund for providing English ^{wild} animals to be set at liberty in the Canterbury settlement."

The following members were proposed
by Mr. Wakefield.

Mr. Stephen Fisher R. N.

Mr. James Temple Fisher

By Mr. Brittan. Mr. Fredk. Fitch ^{FITCH} } of Ipswich

Mr. Wood } of Ipswich

Mr. Barker ^{BARKER}

Mr. Barker - Surgeon of Rugby

Mr. Charles Bridge - Great Malvern

The meeting adjourned till the 13th. inst.

W. Brittan

June 13 General Meeting. 97 gentlemen present, Mr. Brittan in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The following members were proposed Mr. Postans of Shelley Colchester. Mr. J. W. Earle of Norwich Mr. F. L. Lees ^{Lees} of 20 Addison Place, Mr. Henry Richard and Mr. Joseph Richards of Bridgwater.

A letter from Mr. Luck of Oxford accompanying a handsome alms-box for the use of the first cathedral church of Lyttelton was read, and the secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Luck for his donation.

A letter from Mr. Donlan was read offering to explain his process of manufacturing New Zealand flax to the Society. The secretary was instructed to invite him to a meeting of the committee to explain the nature of his proposals.

Mr. Brittan then put the motion resolution which he had moved and Mr. Dampier had seconded, and which stood adjourned from the last meeting for further consideration.

Mr. Simion & the Rev'd Henry Bellairs addressed the meeting in favour of the adoption of the name of Christchurch for the capital of Canterbury.

The resolution was then put and, on a show of hands, declared carried.

The chairman read a letter which had been put in his hands by a member of the brief referring to a complaint which had been made of the quality of the provisions by a passenger in one of the New Zealand ships: observing the superior talents of shipping present, he felt it his duty to ask in the

name of the colonists, whether any ~~and~~ extra
protection &c what, would be taken to ensure a
supply of the best provisions for the ships
chartered by the Canterbury Association.

W^r. Bowler in answer to the question
stated that the system of the Association in
such arrangements was to proceed on the principle
of public tender. They had advertised for &
accepted the tenders of the best ships, and they
w^d. do the same by the provisions contracting with
the best provision-merchants. Besides that, the
provisions w^d. be inspected by an officer of the
government and of the Association, and any
colonist who chose was at liberty to attend the
inspection. No further safeguard could be desired.

W^r. Ward moved in pursuance of notice to that
effect "That a box be opened for subscription by
the colonists to form a fund for providing food &
other wild animals of England to be taken to and
set at liberty in the Canterbury Settlement".

W^r. Felic Wakefield seconded the motion
which was carried unanimously.

W^r. Fitzgerald drew attention to the state of the
regulations in the migration department, which
refused the privilege of an assisted passage to
labourers above the age of 40. He was sure that
this rule would not be relaxed in the cases of
families nominated ^{w^t assisted passage} by the "Assoc.", but he had
reason to think that in the event of a labourer or
servant above the prescribed age being nominated
by a purchaser of land, the circumstances w^d. be
treated as a special case by the Committee of
Management. He w^d. urge the colonists in their

nominations to study as much as possible the interests of the colony by selecting their labours and servants among those of the best class & age.

The meeting then adjourned to the 20th of June.

W. Brittan.

General Meeting. June 20. 1850.

112 gentlemen present - Mr. Brittan in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following members were proposed -

Capt Campbell 23^d. Fusiliers

Mr Read Smith St. Chelsea

Mr Luck - Oxford

Mr Murray - Reigate

Mr Barnes - Guernsey

Mr Hamilton Ward. Kilkenny. to Down.

The chairman having read a letter from the Society of the Canterbury Assocⁿ dated the 20th of June enclosing a minute of the Committee of Management dated the 18th June agreeing in the suggestion of the colonists that the name of the capital sh^t be called Lyttelton; it was moved by Mr Rose seconded by Mr Dampier and

Resolved "That the Soc^t of Canterbury Colonists having read the minute of the Managing Committee of the Assocⁿ of the 18th inst communicated in Mr Alston's letter of this day, agreeing in the suggestion of the Soc^t that the name of the capital

of the settlement should be called Lyttelton, desire to impress their grateful sense of the readiness with which the Association have in this as well as upon all other occasions met the wishes of the colonists."

It was ordered that Mr. Alston's letter be transcribed on the minutes of the Society.

Mr. Brittan reported the result of an interview between the Council & Mr. Donelan.

Mr. Fitzgerald gave notice of motion for the next meeting of a series of resolutions which he read, and moved "That the Council be requested to revise and point the draft of the resolutions and of a letter explanatory of the same, to be distributed among the members of the Society, in order that they might be fully considered by the colonists before discussion at the general meeting of the 27th inst.

Col Campbell seconded the motion which was carried.

The Chairman read the draft of a memorial which he said was about to be presented to the University of Oxford in behalf of the proposed college at Canterbury.

Col Campbell moved Mr. Dampier seconded its adoption.

Mr. Felix Wakefield asked the Chairman whether a purchaser of land taking a steerage passage for himself & family might nominate them all as labourers. The Chairman and Mr. Fitzgerald in reply stated that it was competent for him to do so.

Mr. Fitzgerald urged upon the colonists who

* The following is the letter of Mr. Astor with its enclosure, read at the meeting.

20 Victoria St.
25th June 1850.

Mr. Astor had the honor to receive day before the Committee of Management of the Canterbury Assⁿ; your letter of the 15th inst, enclosing a resolution passed by the Society of Canterbury Colonists on the 13th inst, and I am directed to forward you a copy of a resolution passed by the Committee on the 18th inst, assenting to the proposal of the Canterbury Colonists, that the Capital of the Settlement shall be named Syttelton.

The following is the enclosure referred to
"Extract from the proceedings of the Committee of Management of the Canterbury Association at a meeting held on Tuesday 18th June 1850.

"Read a letter dated the 15th inst from the Chairman of the Society of Canterbury Colonists enclosing a resolution passed at a General meeting of the Society held on the 13th inst expressing their anxious desire that the capital of the Settlement may be called Syttelton.

Resolved. That the Committee although they do not themselves see the necessity or expediency for the change of name; in compliance with the expressed wishes of the intending colonists, will express assent thereto - It being understood that the College which will be established in the Settlement will be called Christchurch.

were purchasers of land to send into his office without delay the necessary forms of application in behalf of their nominees.

The meeting then adjourned to the 27th inst.

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W. Hallam

General Meeting - Thursday June 27.

The 103 gentlemen present - Mr. Brittan in the chair
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The chairman announced donations of books to the Library from Rev. S. Matthias and the Rev. C. French. TRENCH MATTHIAS

The chairman read a letter ^{received} from the Mess^r. Deans, dated Riccarton near Port Lyttelton New Zealand 8th Dec^r 1849, containing interesting accounts from of the country.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved in pursuance of notice to that effect the following series of resolutions

I. That after the 1st of July 1850, every Purchaser of land in the Canterbury Settlement be enrolled as a member of the Society of Canterbury Colonists.

II. That after the 1st of July, the present council do resign, & that a new Council be elected by the Society.

III. That no one be elected a Member of the new council except those sailing in the first fleet of vessels dispatched by the Association, or who may have purposed sailing to the colony.

IV. That after the sailing of the first ships, the

meeting of the Society and of the council shall be adjourned until the arrival of the First Body of Colonists at Canterbury.

IV. That the Council shall meet for the transaction of business as soon as two-thirds of their number shall have arrived in the colony, and that a general meeting of the Society shall be called previous to the day fixed for the election of the land.

V. That the new Council shall be entrusted with the conduct of all negotiations on the part of the Colonists with the Association and with the Government.

Holmes Campbell seconded the motion which was carried unanimous.

The Chairman thereupon gave notice that the Society would proceed next Thursday the 4th July to the election of the new Council.

The Chairman impressed upon the Colonists the often-repeated notice to fill up their forms of recommendation for the servants & labourers, and send them into the Emigration Agent without delay - He warned them that the consequence of any neglect to do so would be that they ~~would~~ the Committee of Management would be unable to procure passages for servants in the same ship with their masters.

The meeting adjourned to Thursday the 4th Inst.

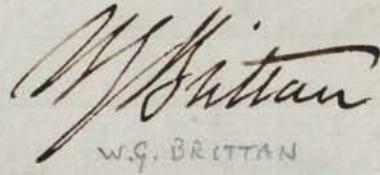
C. T. Rose C. L. Rose
4 July 1850

Thursday July 4. General meeting -

55 gentlemen present - Mr. formerly Rose in the chair.

The secretary having announced that the council had not yet matured a scheme for electing a new council in pursuance of the resolutions, passed at the previous meeting ~~to that effect~~, but that the election w^d certainly take place on Thursday the 11th inst, - and there being no other business before the meeting - on the motion of Mr. Ward seconded by Col Campbell -

The meeting was adjourned to the 11th inst.


W.G. BRITTON

Thursday July 11. General Meeting.

63 gentlemen present Mr W. G. Brittan in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. In consequence of numerous questions that had been asked on the subject, The Chairman announced that the position of the Canterbury Colonists was unaltered by the fate of New Zealand Company.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of 12 members to form the new council. The secretary reported that he had sent to each member a list of all, with a circular requesting that he would ~~fill~~ mark the list with the names of those he might desire to have elected. To this circular 60 replies had been received from 118 members, complying with his request, and two letters, one from the Rev^d Chas. Talisse and another from the Rev^d J. Rhodes (which the secretary read to the meeting) protesting against the mode of

election. According to the lists sent in twelve gentlemen
whole names he read had obtained by far the largest number of votes, and
it was for the meeting them if they chose to confirm
their election. After some discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald
moved and Mr. Rose seconded the resolution

"That the election of the Council be postponed till
next Thursday the 18th inst, and the Secretary be
requested to send a notice to all the members of
the Society who have not hitherto voted, to acquaint
them with this resolution.

The Chairman having read a letter from Mr.
Moore on the subject of steam communication with
and between the ports of New Zealand - said that he
regretted that the Society ~~could~~ were not in a position
to do more than they had done on the former occasion
when Mr. Moore had drawn their attention to the
same subject, ought to refer the letter and recommend
its consideration strongly to the Association. The
New Zealand colonists in posse and in esse were
much indebted to Mr. Moore for his energy in so
important a question. Having referred to a petition
^{to Parliament} upon the table which was left for signature by all
interested in the subject of steam communication
with New Zealand, and having requested members
the colonists to sign it - Mr. Rose moved and Mr.
Campbell seconded the following resolution

"That the Council be instructed to draw up
a petition to both houses of Parliament urging upon
them before Her Majesty's Government the expediency of
opening a steam-communication with the Australian
colonies & with New Zealand, and to obtain as far as
possible the signature thereto of all the intending
Canterbury Colonists. That Lord Lyttelton be requested

to present this petition to the House of Lords and that
Mr. Simion be requested to present it to the House
of Commons.

Mr. Simion Mr. P. who was present addressed the
colonists and assured them that he ~~would be~~ was
much gratified in being selected for the duty which
he w^d. undertake offered to the best of his ability.

Mr. Britton moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded
the following resolutions concerning the constitution of
the Council.

- 1 "That the Council do consist of 12 members and
that any vacancy arising in their number before
the sailing of the first body of Colonists shall be
filled up by a vote of the Council.
2. That the Council shall elect one of its members
Chairman, who shall have a casting vote in all
questions before the Council.
3. That the Council shall select two Honorary
Secretaries, either from their own body, or from the
^{general} ~~present~~ members of the Society,
4. That the purchasers of land after the ~~the~~ 1st of
July and ^{before} the 29th of August 1850, shall have
the power, if they so think fit, to elect one or after
the latter day a number of members to be added
to the Council, which shall bear the same pro-
portion to the numbers of the present Council,
which the number of land purchasers in the second
series shall bear to that of those in the first.
But that the fifth Resolution passed on the
27th of June may be acted upon by the 12 members
of the present Council."

The Chairman then requested the intending Colonists
to communicate as soon as possible their intention,

to the Superintendent of Emigration, and also to state whether they will require room for any labourer going out with them in order that the ~~Superintendent~~ he may know what accommodation will be required. After a few words from Mr Ward concerning the Zoological Committee the meeting adjourned to Thursday the 18th inst.

18th July 1850 - Conway's Room.

Thursday July 18th General Meeting. 60 Present.
Conway Rose Esq^r in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then announced that the number of Electoral Lists returned were altogether 85 in number, and that according to the 1st Resolution passed at the last meeting the following ~~eleven~~ twelve Gentlemen were duly returned as the ~~the~~ members of the Society to form the new Council.

W. G. Brittan Esq^r

Leist Col Campbell

James Edward Fitzgerald Esq^r

George Lee Esq^r

Charles Maunsell Esq^r MAUNSELL

Henry Phillips Esq^r

John Watts Russell Esq^r WATTS RUSSELL

Henry Sewell Esq^r

Henry John Tancred Esq^r

TANCRED

Yas Townsend Esq^r

Percy Wakefield Esq^r

E. R. Ward Esq^r

Mr Sewell & Mr Lee's appointments were then declared vacant in consequence of the former being appointed Vice ~~President~~^{Chairman} of the Committee of the Association, which would occupy all his attention, and Mr Lee being obliged to defer his departure till after the sailing of the four ships. The Chairman therefore gave notice that the Council at its next meeting would elect two more members ~~in their~~ to serve in their room.

The Chairman then announced that two petitions had been lying for the last few days at the rooms for signature, praying the two Houses of Parliament to establish Steama communication with the Australian Colonies. These had been signed by a large body of the Colony, and would be immediately presented to both Houses by Lord Lyttleton and Mr Simeon M.C. Lord Lyttleton then informed the meeting that in consequence of the ~~title of~~ death of the New Zealand Company, the Association were taking steps to get a bill passed through Parliament to give them special and sole authority of over the land in the Canterbury Settlement. His Lordship also announced that as he was himself obliged to leave London for the next few months he had requested Mr Henry Sewell to take his place, which that gentleman had kindly promised to do.

He begged however to assure the meeting that his interest in the affairs of the Colony would still continue unabated.

A vote of Thanks ^{having been} moved by Col Campbell and seconded by Mr Sewell to Lord Lyttleton was passed unanimously.

The following Resolution was then Moved by
Mr Slater Richards and Seconded by Mr Keele
"That the grateful thanks of this meeting
be presented to Mr Buttall and Mr Ward, as
the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the
Society of Canterbury Colonists, for their zealous
and able exertions in the offices which they
kindly undertook to fill, for the benefit of their
fellow colonists."

The Meeting then adjourned to Thursday the 25th.

W. Buttall

Thursday July 25. General Meeting 54 present.
W. G. Brittan Esq^r in the Chair
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were
read and confirmed.

The Chairman then announced that the Petition
for Steam Communication with Australia and
New Zealand had been presented to the House
of Lords by Lord Lyttleton and that the one
for the House of Commons would be presented
on that ~~evening~~ ^{by Mr Simeon}. He then mentioned
the design the Association had of giving
a public breakfast on board ^{or Tuesday the 30th instant} their ship, to
the departing Colonists, and invited all present
to take tickets and attend.

Mr Sewell then said that owing to an
unforeseen formality not yet complied with,
the consecration of the Bishop must be delayed
for a short time; he was glad however to be
able to announce that the ~~progress~~ ^{which had been introduced into} of the Bill
~~Parliament~~ ^{making} Parliament was ^{very} satisfactory ^{progress} and
he hoped would soon be passed.

A Letter was then read from Mr. G. H. G. a
gentleman on the surveying staff at Canterbury,
giving a very ~~satisfactory~~^{plausible} account of the condition
and prospects of the infant colony.

The Secretary was then instructed to convey the best
thanks of the Society to Mr. Draper and Mr.
C. W. Mountfort for presents made to the
Library of the Society.

The Meeting then adjourned to Thursday Aug. 1st

W. Brittan

General Meeting. Thursday August 1
44 Present. W. G. Brittan Esq^r in the chair

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman announced that the Library which had been already collected in England would be divided ~~proportionately~~ ^{pro rata} between all the four ships for use during the voyage. The Bishop also had kindly ^{offered} that any books suggested by any Colonist, if of general utility, should be purchased ^{whim} for the Colony. He also said

The Chairman also said that at a ~~recent~~ meeting of the Council they had determined to appoint a delegation to wait on the Union Bank of Australia to see if they would be willing to establish a branch office at Lyttelton.

A Letter was then read from Mr. Ravenscroft concerning the establishment of a paper in Lyttelton. The Chairman said that it was a most important question and one that would greatly affect the future interests of the Colony. He also said that the Council would take upon themselves to enquire

and report upon the best method of establishing it. He at the same time hoped that all Members of the Society and Intending Colonists would become subscribers, and that they would do their best to gain support for it from their friends in this country. After a great ^{some} deal of discussion it was unanimously resolved that a paper ought to be established, and the Council was desirous to make what enquiries they could concerning the method of establishing it and report at a future meeting of the Society. The Secretaries were also desired to receive the names of all subscribers and to send a circular to ^{all the} Colonists desiring their cooperation.

The Chairman then called attention to a beautiful set of Communion Plate purchased for the future Cathedral by a few friends of the undertaking and by them presented to the Colony.

He also announced that it was the intention of the Committee of Management of the Association to give a dinner to the Labouring Emigrants at Gravesend before the ships started.

The Names of Chas Cooper Calvert Esq^r and the Revd Mr Jacobs were then proposed for election as members of the Society.

The Secretary also requested that all subscription to the Geological Department should be sent in as soon as possible as ^{from want of the necessary funds,} they were precluded at present from doing as much as they could wish.

The Meeting then adjourned to Thursday Aug 8.

W^m Button

General Meeting Thursday Aug. 8. 1850.

W. G. Brittan Esq^r in the chair

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Lowell said that he had the pleasure to be able to announce that the Bill for giving the Canterbury Association sole power over their Lands had passed both houses of Parliament, and was now only waiting for the Royal Assent. In fact it might be ~~virtually~~ considered as virtually passed. Every Colonist therefore now had a Parliamentary title to the Land which was the best they could possibly have. He wished also to mention that a consultation between the Dean's Advocate the Attorney & Solicitor General with respect to the Bishopric question would take place on Friday when no doubt the matter would be definitely settled.

Mr. Brittan then said that ~~an~~ application consisting of Himself, Mr. Stuart Horler, and Mr. Williams had waited on the ^{Union} Bank of Australia and been received by

Mr. Cummins the Manager who had made them the following proposals which he would now submit to the Meeting, ~~together with a resolution expressing~~ ~~of the opinion~~ ~~of the~~ ~~Colonists~~ ~~on the subject~~.

The Bank had offered to send out a confidential clerk with a strong box and everything provided to set up an office in the Colony immediately on the arrival of the first ships. Any body wishing to profit by this arrangement would then pay in the amount he wished to the Bank here which in return would grant him letters of credit on the office of Lyttelton for notes of £1 each of the same amount as he paid in here, only with a deduction of 2 per cent on the whole. These notes would

be payable without further charge at ~~any~~^{any} ~~place~~^{branch} in New Zealand or in English money. The Bank would also take upon itself to send out sufficient small change for the use of the Colony. Mr Butcher then concluded by moving the following resolution.

"That this meeting, considering it of great importance that immediate steps should be taken to secure the establishment of a Bank at Lyttleton and a proposition to that effect having been made by the Union Bank of Australia, the conditions of which appear to this meeting reasonable, do request a delegation of the Council to wait on the Directors of the Bank, and to conclude such arrangements as they should consider necessary for the immediate carrying out of this object." Col Campbell having seconded this it was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then urged on the Colonists the importance of establishing a newspaper immediately on their arrival in the Colony, ^{the subscription a prospectus which had been issued by the Council with the view of carrying this object into effect having been distributed among other Gt & Old Morris of their friends as they happened to subscribe.}

Mr Leach then said that he wished to say a few words concerning the Ecclesiastical and Educational Fund. He said that he was afraid that for some short time the funds arising from the land-sales for Church and educational purposes would not be adequate to all the wants of the whole Colony. He suggested it might be advisable to adopt a principle as regarded that fund, similar to that adopted by the Church Building Societies, namely making it to some extent auxiliary to other funds raised by the Colonists themselves.

A Plan of this kind appeared to him likely to work well both by increasing the means for Ecclesiastical and Educational purposes, and also by stimulating the exertions of the Colonists themselves.' The Meeting generally approved of this proposal; and a minute to that effect was ordered to be entered upon the proceedings. In answer to a question from Mr. Buttan Mr. Bowler stated that the Association had taken, and were taking ^{every} ~~great~~ ^{possible} ~~precaution~~ that the provisions might all be of the first quality, and assured the Colonists that they might depend on his most vigilant superintendence. The Meeting then adjourned to Thursday Aug 15.

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W. Williams

General Meeting Thursday Aug. 15. 1860.

W. G. Brittan wife in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Scovell ~~had~~ announced that the Royal
Commissioner had been introduced into Parliament to give the necessary powers to do his in-
vestigation and been given the bill ^{the right}
~~and~~ and that it was now therefore the law of the land.

The Chairman then made the following announcement:

- That the Union Bank of Australia definitely settled to establish an ^{Branch Office} ~~agency~~ at Leichster.
 - That the arrangements with respect to the newspaper had been definitely taken and settled ^{and} that Mr Thompson of Vigard & Co had undertaken to conduct the same.
 - That the cabin passages as ~~at~~ ^{the} disposal of the Association had been already filled up. After some conversation on subjects the meeting adjourned to Thursday evening.

W. W. Rotan

at the general meeting of the Colonists held on Thursday
the 22 of Augst: W. G. Buttan Esq in the chair
the Minutes of the former meeting were read over & approved.
Mr Buttan alluded to Mr Smiles recent interview with E. Grey.

Mr Scoble then proceeded to make a long report
on the present political & financial position of the
colony. He entered into the nature of the legal character
confined by the Society's Standing-orders. He mentioned
Lord Grey's assurance on the subject of the provincial &
governmental arrangements of the settlement. Concluded
by reading a memorandum on the Management of the
Sustentation fund (written by Mr Wynter &) approved
of conditionally by the Committee in Cockspur Street, and
a copy of which ably to be inserted below
^{as an official communication &} Mr Buttan wished to know whether that Paper would
come before the Colonists & was answered in the affirmative.

A vote of Thanks to the Committee of Management was then
moved by Mr Phillips, & seconded by Mr Watts Ropelt.
to the following effect.

" That this, the last meeting of the Society of
Sustentation Colonists, before their departure from England,
cannot separate without expressing, to the Committee of
Management of the Sustentation Association, their sense of
" depreciation to those gentlemen for the most satisfactory
" manner in which they have managed the difficult &
" laborious proceedings for founding the Settlement,
" & their entire confidence for the future in the directed
" public spirit, & proved ability, of the Committee as
" guardians, & promoters of the welfare of the Society."

This vote was carried unanimous.

Mr Simons returned Thanks on behalf of the ^{Committee.}
Mr Buttan requested the Bishop, who was present for
the purpose, to close the meeting.

Dr Jackson then went into his intended plans with
reference to the College at Port Elizabeth, & to education
in general; He mentioned that his own prepara-

depended on the elimination of certain unadjusted legal difficulties. He hoped however to start in the course of the month of Sept^r. & concluded with a warm expression of his attachment to the cause of the Contingent Colony.

Mr Swell then moved the following address to the Bishop designate.

"That this Society is deeply sensible of its obligation towards the Rev. Dr. Jackson generally, & more particularly those involved in his expression ofreadiness to forego all private considerations - & to accompany the first Body of Colonists notwithstanding the delay of his Convocation as Bishop. They feel still more deeply this self-denial & self-decoction in - - -

"in the service of the colonial church - They desire that this sentiment may be recorded among the proceedings of the Colonists' Committee."

This vote was seconded; & carried by acclamation. Dr Jackson after a few words expression of his deep feeling on this occasion, proposed a general expression of thanks to W G Brittan Esq^r for his able & courteous management of the Colonists' meeting & his unwavering attention to their interests.

Mr Simons seconded the vote proposed which was carried unanimously.

Mr Brittan expressed his sense of the sympathy of the assembly.

Capt the Simons was then introduced to the meeting by his brother & other friends of the family.

The meeting then adjourned

Copy of Memorandum read by Mr Swell before the above:-

"The minute of proceedings of the Colonists on the 8th of August

"August 1850 with reference to a mode of administering
"the Educational and Ecclesiastical Fund has
"received the deliberate attention of the Committee
"of the Canterbury Association.

The points incidentally raised by the
minute in question have led the Committee to
consider in all its bearings the future —
administration of the temporal concerns of
the Church in the Colony so far as they
necessarily come within the province of the
Association. But the connection is inseparable
between the temporal arrangements and the
general organisation of an Ecclesiastical and
Educational System.

The construction of a complete —
Ecclesiastical System would obviously exceed the
proper functions of the Association! That work
in its details must be left mainly to your future
Bishop with such assistance as the Association
may be enabled to afford and as he may require.
His general views upon this subject agree with
those of the Association. The Scheme of a
Ecclesiastical Polity which it is proposed to
apply to the new Settlement will as nearly
resemble that of the Church in this Country
as difference of circumstances will permit.
Combining in due proportion the elements of
Episcopal Control — the reasonable independence
of the clergy and the co-operation of the laity
to a right extent as an essential part of the
Church.

The rules for the administration of the
Ecclesiastical Fund will be so shaped as to
give the fullest possible effect to such a
Scheme

Scheme. The Mode and Spirit according to which
these shall hereinafter be determined and regulated,
will in the opinion of the Committee have a tendency
to create for the descendants of the immediate Colonists
a permanently healthy or a permanently vicious
influence in the conduct of religious and
educational affairs.

The Committee takes for granted
that the Association and the Colonists can
have but one common object in view, namely,
to construct a sound and durable basis of —
religious and educational Administration, such
as shall neither bear the marks of rude and
hasty workmanship, nor contain within itself
the germ of its own dissolution.

This is in effect one of the great
objects for which the Canterbury Association was
originally designed and founded. It can be
accomplished only by mutual confidence, —
co-operation, unity of purpose, between the —
Association the Bishop and the Colonists; by
a species of cautious and prudent legislation
(so to say); looking mainly to the future
rather than to the present; to the welfare of
the Children of the Colonists ~~as~~ as much as to
that of the Colonists themselves; by taking
into account remote and even extreme —
contingencies; by a desire fully to provide for
the spiritual and moral exigencies, not of
an insignificant Community, but of a large
and virtuous colony.

Having regard to the efforts made
by the Association and to the sacrifices submitted
to by the Colonists in order to found a colony
upon

upon religious, true, enlightened and statesmanlike principles. The Committee would hardly be justified in taking other than this broad view of the minute of the 8th. August which has been submitted to their consideration.

Assuming the religious and educational wants of the first small body of Settlers to be met for the present by existing arrangements the Committee will perfect as soon as possible an outline of a scheme for the regulation of the temporalities of the Church founded on the principles already expressed. For the present they forbear to do more than to rest upon a few points which suggest themselves most prominently.

Without attempting to discuss the specific case alluded to in the minute of the 8th. of August (that of the Church Building Societies at home) but speaking generally, the Committee are disposed to recommend to the Association that the administration of "The Ecclesiastical and Educational Fund" should be vested in a body hereafter to be designated which shall represent the Laity no less than the Clergy, subject of course to the acknowledged Headship of the Bishop.

With regard to Ecclesiastical organization The Committee submit the propriety of adhering, in all respects so far as altered circumstances shall allow, to the outline of the system which obtains in England. They under this head, in general terms, advert to a recognition of the Episcopal functions of rule and discipline to a proper degree of independence being guaranteed to the parochial Clergy: to the necessity of territorial limitations of parishes: the Election of Church wardens with all the functions appertaining to that important office.

One topic only remains; the case of those among the Laity who, detaching themselves from the principal centre of the Colony and thus separated from the means of Religion and Education provided there, may wish wholly or in part to endow Churches and Schools.

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The Committee hope that many laymen may be found ready to aid the cause of the Church by such endowments, and they will urge upon the Canterbury Association to stimulate as much as possible efforts of this nature by such inducements in such form and under such limitations as may appear best calculated to maintain unimpaired the continued energy and efficiency of the Church and tend to the advancement of God's honor and glory by the promotion of true Religion and useful learning in the future Colony. —

General Meeting of Purchasers of Land in the Canterbury Settlement, called by notice order of the Council & held in Lyttelton New Zealand on Friday the 20th Decr. 1850.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips seconded by Mr. Pollard passed that Mr. Brittan sh. take the chair.

The Chairman read the minute of 27th June authorizing the meeting - and introduced the subject for the consideration of the meeting viz the dependency of immediate selection of land and the question of the site of the capital -

In answer to a question from the Chairman whether as Agent of the Association he could authorize such an immediate selection

Mr. Godley replied that he w.d have no hesitation in adopting the risk of contravening the strict construction of the terms of purchase in this respect. But he w.d require an indemnity from every party availing himself of the privilege - against ~~the~~ actions or suits which such party might bring against him (Mr. Godley) for such departure from the terms of purchase

Mr. Dampier then moved - & Mr. Holman deley seconded the motion

"That Mr. Godley be requested on the part of the Association to consent to an immediate selection of the lands by such of the purchasers as are willing to select subject to the right of priority of choice of any absent or dissenting parties, and that an early day be fixed for the town and rural selections.

The resolution being put was passed unanimously, Mr Phillips moved Mr Ward seconded the motion

"That this meeting is of opinion that of the two sites offered to their selection by the Association for the capital, that that marked on the map by the name of Christ-Church is the more eligible, and that Mr. Godley be requested to declare immediately that the capital of the settlement will be fixed at that site."

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

In answer to ~~a~~ various questions -

Mr. Godley informed the meeting that the site of Sumner was not reserved for a port town -

That the Association boats were let out to private speculators who should be free to charge their own prices - the maximum of laying being prescribed, viz - 20/- per ton to Sumner 10/- from Sumner to Christchurch and 1/- a head for passengers to & from ships in the harbour. — That as soon as possible the surplus ships stores belonging to the Association would be sold at a valuation - provided that the services of a licensed auctioneer could not be procured had. — That until the banking arrangements were completed Mr. Godley would to a small

extent accomodate colonists in passing cases upon the
security of their letters of credit.

A vote of thanks to the chairman having; upon
the motion of Mr. Pollard ^{POLLARD} seconded by Mr. Phillips, was
passed - the meeting adjourned.

W. Britton

Tuesday Dec^r. 31. Littellton. General meeting called
by public notice to land-purchasers.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard seconded by Mr.
Earle Mr. Britton took the chair.

The chairman read to the meeting a commun-
ication received by the council from Mr. Godley
[Marked A & inserted in the margin] and the
Report of the council thereupon [Marked B].

It was moved by Mr. Dampier & seconded by
Mr. Fisher

"That the Report of the council upon Mr.
Godley's letter be received and adopted."

The motion was affirmed with one dissentient voice.
Mr. Britton then addressed the meeting on the
subject of the position of the council as representing
the body of land-purchasers, and desiring from the
meeting some mark of their confidence, tendered
pro forma the resignation of the present council.
Thereupon Mr. Crompton moved & Mr. Pollard seconded
the motion - "That the present council be
requested to retain office for two months from
the present date, and that a general meeting
be then called for the purpose of electing a new
council."

Mr. Burke moved as an amendment seconded by
BURKE

Mr. Keele - ^{KEELE}

"That the present Council be requested to retain office for 12 months, and that steps be taken immediately for filling up the present vacancies in the Council"

The question being then put there appeared

For the amendment 17

For the original motion 10

Margins for the ~~amendments~~ - 7

Mr. Brittan then again addressed the meeting declaring, that in his opinion the Council were not justified in retaining office while there existed so wide a division of opinion upon the term of ^{existence} its. As it might easily be construed into a mark of want of confidence in them he for himself tendered desired to resign and submit ~~himself~~ to a new election.

Mr. Fitzgerald would adopt the same course. Other members of the Council hereupon intimated a like desire

Mr. Dampier then moved seconded by Mr. Pollard.

"That the present Council be requested to retain office until a new Council can be elected, and that a general Meeting of Land-purchasers be called for that purpose for Tuesday the 7th January 1857."

This resolution being put was adopted unanimously. Mr. Brittan then in the name of the Council acceded to the terms of the resolution and the Secretary was ordered to take steps in accordance with it.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved seconded by ^{HON. JAS} Stuart Worthley - "That the Council be requested

to communicate the cordial thanks of the colonists
to Capt Thomas the chief Surveyor of the Association
for his conduct of the undertaking until the
arrival of Mr. Godley in the colony, and their
warm admiration with which they have seen
the various works which he has accomplished
under circumstances of great and peculiar
difficulty."

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned after a vote
of thanks, having on the motion of Mr. Puckle
^{to the chairman}, having on the motion of Mr. Puckle
seconded by Mr. Earle, been passed unanimously.

W. Battan

Tuesday Jan 7. 1851 Special general meeting of land-
purchasers called for the purpose of electing a new
council.

[Previous to the transaction of the special business
of the meeting, the Bishop of New Zealand, who had been
waited on by a deputation from the council to request
his attendance here, addressed the meeting. He explained
the reason why his consent had not been obtained to
the severance of the diocese of New Zealand in order to
create Dr. Jackson Bishop of the Middle Island - because
he had never had official notice of the intention of the
existing Association to demand such an increase of
territory for them as a bishop. Besides it was in opposition
to his cherished idea of founding three ~~separate~~ bishops in
New Zealand - one for the Government settlements, one
for the Company's ^{in 1808} and the other for the district south of
and inclusive of the Canterbury settlement, to Stewart's
Island. As it was probable therefore that Dr. Jackson

would arrive unconsecrated he was for the present then
diocesan and he ~~therefore~~^{accordingly} desired to consult with the
body of land-purchasers as to the best mode of carrying
out the Bishop's educational part of the scheme
designed by the ~~latter~~ ^{latter} ^{days} Assocⁿ. He had formerly in
a published letter recommended for this colony as a
~~any~~^{more} ^{meritable} ~~any~~ dispersion the system of parochial association
~~and~~ that each little community though separated
from others might have its pastor & its church. He
would therefore desire to know on his return in about
three weeks whether the minds of purchasers had
been in the interval sufficiently made up as to where
they wd. settle to enable him to apportion the clergy
to each according to the wishes of ~~the~~ ^{each} community.

He then recommended voluntary aid to be given by
the colonists in assistance of the ^{small} stipend paid out of
the Ecclesiastical fund, as the remuneration was far
lower than in the neighboring Settlements. ^{& much too low} He also
recommended the colonists to take into consideration
the question of ecclesiastical & diocesan synods, a
subject which was then occupying the minds of the
clergy of the Australasian colonies. His Lordship
concluded by expressing his cordial sympathy with the
scheme and the individual colonists, and assured them
of his earnest co-operation in their behalf.

Mr Fitzgerald after moving the thanks of the
meeting to the Bishop for his kind attendance at
their meeting, explained to the satisfaction of his
Lordship that the alteration in the limits of the
jurisdiction of the new Bishop of Lyttleton had been
instituted ~~by~~ ^{proposed} government & was opposed to the
views of the Assocⁿ.

Mr Britton seconded the motion & confirmed ~~to~~ ^{by} Mr.
Fitzgerald's statement.

The immediate business of the day was then proceeded with.
The secretary received the voting papers from all present.
Some discussion then took place as to the ~~proper~~
right of holders of duplicate land-orders ~~for selection~~
merely to vote for the owners represented by such
land-orders.

The question was put in terms, & there appeared

Ayes — 16

Noes 11

Majority 5 in the affirmative

Voting papers were then received in accordance with
this resolution, & when all had been sent in

Mr. Perceval moved & Mr. Pollard seconded the
motion "That a subcommittee of three Gentlemen
Mr. Pollard Mr. Worthy & Mr. Ward be appointed to
examine the voting papers, and declare who are
and elected." This ^{was} agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved sec^d by Mr. Perceval - ^{Spnd}
"That the council prepare rules and regulations for
the government of the Society of Land-purchasers, &
lay them before a special General meeting to be
called for that purpose on Tuesday the 21st inst."

It having been mentioned that the choice of a
Mr. Bradley ~~stood in the way~~ remained unmade to
the great inconvenience of all subsequent choosers.
It was moved by Mr. Dampier sec^d by Mr. Reid Spnd.

"That it is the opinion of this meeting that in
consequence of Mr. Bradley's absence and in order that
the selection of land may proceed, a committee of
3 persons be appointed to make the selection for him,
on the faith of his occupying maintaining the selections
made; and that the same Committee be requested
also to select for any other land-purchaser who may
not have ^{yet} arrived in the Colony & who is not represented

by agent.

This was agreed to and the following gentlemen were appointed upon this committee

Mr. Godley - Chief Agent

Mr. Pollic - Assist. Surveyor

Mr. P. J. Wakefield.

~~The meeting~~ adjourned
Mr. Dicker gave notice of a motion, ^{for the next gen^t. meeting} respecting the name of the capital.

The meeting then adjourned to the 2^d inst.

W. Brittan

Tuesday, Jan 21. 1851. Adjourned General Meeting.

Mr. Brittan in the chair.

Mr. Ward presented the ^{following} report of the Subcommittee for the election of a new council.

"The subcommittee appointed by the general meeting held on the 7th inst to examine the voting-papers and declare who were duly elected to serve on the council, beg leave to report that they have found the following Gentlemen duly elected

Mr. W. J. Brittan. — — Mr. Longden

Burke.

Phillips

Cholmondeley

Watts Russell

Dampier.

Jas Townsend

Wm. Deans

Tanner

Fitzgerald

Edwd. Ward

(Signed) Richd. Pollard }

Ja? Stuart Ward }

E. R. Ward }

Jan 7. 1851."

The adoption of the above report was then first & carried unanimously.

The Chairman read a draft of the proposed regulations of the Society of Land Purchasers which had been prepared and agreed to by the Council. He invited the attention of members to each clause separately, and desired that ~~any~~^{were} amendments wished by any member that notice of the same might be given at once.

Mr. KINGDON - to clause 5 - ~~said~~ gave notice that he w^d move as an amendment, that members should have the right of voting by proxy.

Mr. PERCEVAL - to clause 5 - gave notice that he w^d move an amendment - ~~that~~^{as representative of} ~~the~~^{the} ~~Land-purchasers shall have, under any circumstances~~
~~have the right of voting on questions discussed at~~
~~more than one vote.~~ ~~at~~ the general meetings, & that no agent whatever should have a vote.

Mr. FITZGERALD gave notice that in the event of ~~have more than one~~ the right of agency & vote being allowed, he w^d move that ~~Land-purchasers should have a vote for every separate~~
~~that the holder of several lots, should have a~~
~~50-age portion which they had bought~~
~~vote for each.~~

Mr. PERCEVAL gave notice that he w^d move "that the minutes of the council be laid before the General Meeting ~~next following~~ ^{subsequent to} the adoption of such proceedings by the Council."

Mr. READ moved seconded by Mr. FISHER that the meeting at its rising should stand adjourned to this day fortnight (Tuesday the 4th prox) for further consideration of this subject. The motion was carried.

Mr. DICKEN^{Moved} then, in pursuance of notice to that effect "That in consequence of the great inconvenience arising from the present confusion in the names of the Port-town & Capital, that this meeting are of opinion that the Port town be called "Port Victoria" and the capital - Lyttelton"

Mr. BURKE seconded the motion

The Rev? Mr Dudley moved as an amendment

"That it is the opinion of the meeting that this town should retain the name of Lyttelton, and the capital the name of Christchurch."

Mr Ward seconded the amendment.

The question was then put and there appeared

For the amendment 18

Against it 8

Majority in favour of amendment 10.

Mr Phillips then introduced the subject of the indiscriminate licences granted by the Association for cutting timber and complained that the purchasers of land were injuriously affected by it.

After some discussion - the meeting were found of opinion that the subject might ~~not be discussed~~ be better entertained by the Council, & the chairman on behalf of the council promised that it should have their immediate consideration.

The meeting then stood adjourned to Tuesday 4th Feb^r.

H. H. Gillan ✓

Adjourned General Meeting. Tuesday 4th Feb^r

The consideration of the draft rules for the government of the Society was at once proceeded with.

Clause 1 having been read. - The Rev^d Mr Dudley enquired whether it was intended that purchasers of land other than from the Association should be considered members. The question was put to the meeting and negatived: the word "shall" inserted before the words "have purchased" was agreed to, and the clause ^{as amended} was passed.

Clause 2 having been read. - The following alteration was

agreed to. "That agents or persons holding written authorities or powers of attorney be at liberty to exercise all the privileges of members, their principals being at such time absent from the settlement."

Mr. Ward moved & Mr. Wattley seconded as an amendment the insertion of the words "to vote" after the word "authorities".

The amendment was negatived.

Clause 2 was then agreed to.

Clause 3 ^{and 4} were agreed to.

Clause 4 being read Mr. Puckle moved in the absence of Mr. Kingdon the amendment of which he had given notice "That members sh. have the right of voting by proxy". Mr. Macfarlane seconded the motion. The amendment was put & lost.

Mr. Percival moved the amendment of which he had given notice. He subsequently modified it into the insertion of the following sentence "That no member shall under any circumstances have more than one vote." The amendment in this shape was agreed to.

Clauses 6, 7 & 8 were agreed to.

Clause 9 being read Mr. Percival withdrew the amendment of which he had given notice.

Mr. Britton stated that the Council had considered the clause in connexion with Mr. Percival's amendment and had resolved to modify one by the other. He moved the addition of the words "And shall present a report upon all such matters to every ordinary general meeting of the Society". Clause 9 with this addition was then agreed to.

Clause 10 was agreed to.

Clause 11 being read, Mr. Britton moved the addition of the words "And that a balance-sheet of the receipts and expenditure be laid before each quarterly general meeting

The following are the rules of the Society as finally amended and agreed to; —

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF LAND-PURCHASERS IN THE CANTERBURY SETTLEMENT.

1. That the Society be composed solely of land-owners who shall have purchased land of the Canterbury Association.

2. That agents, or persons holding written authorities, or powers of attorney, be at liberty to exercise all the privileges of Members, their principals being at such time absent from the Settlement.

3. That all Members register their names with the Secretary before they can take any part in the proceedings of the Society.

4. That a general Meeting of the Members be held four times at the least in every year, that is to say, on the first Thursday in the months of January, April, July, and October: and that Special-General Meetings may be called by the President, the Council, or by the Secretaries upon a written requisition signed by ten Members of the Society. That 14 days' public notice of any such Special General Meeting be given in the Colony; and that the subjects for which such Meeting is called, be specified in such Notice; and that no other business be brought before such Meeting.

5. That at all General Meetings, fifteen Members shall form a quorum; that all questions shall be decided by a majority of the Members present; that no Member shall, under any circumstances, have more than one vote; and that the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

6. That at the First Ordinary General Meeting in each year, a President shall be elected, who shall hold office for one year, and shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Council and of the General Meetings.

7. That the proceedings of the Society be conducted by a Council, consisting of twelve Members, to be elected at the first ordinary

General Meeting in each year, who shall retain office until others be appointed; and in case any vacancies occur from death, resignation, non-residence within the Settlement, or from any other cause, that such vacancies shall be filled up at the next ordinary General Meeting.

8. That the President and the Council be elected by open voting, or by written voting-papers signed and witnessed; and that no person shall be eligible for election, whose name shall not have been publicly announced at least fourteen days before the day of election.

9. That the Council be empowered to conduct all negotiations on the part of the Land-Purchasers, with the Canterbury Association, and with the Government, and become the organ of all communications in their behalf, expressing the collective views and sentiments of the Land-Purchasers, and shall present a report upon all such matters to every ordinary General Meeting of the Society.

10. That Meetings of the Council be held once a week, and that three be a quorum; and that a Special Meeting of the Council may be called by the President, or by any two of its Members: three days' notice of such Meeting having been given, either by circular letter left at the ordinary place of residence, or by public advertisement in the Journals.

11. That all expenses of the Society be paid by a Rate to be voted at a General Meeting, and that any Member not having paid his share of the rate so voted, shall be disqualified from taking any part in the proceedings of the Society.

12. That a balance-sheet of the receipts and expenditure be laid before each Quarterly General Meeting of the Society.

of the Society? This was agreed to as a separate Clause.

The general question of the adoption of the report of the Council upon the rules of the Society was then put and carried unanimously. Mr. Fitzgerald moved seconded by Mr. Dampier that a printed copy of the amended rules be sent to every member of the Society. The motion was carried.

The meeting then separated.

James Edward Fitzgerald

Ordinary General Meeting held in the Land Office at Christchurch ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Thursday} the 3rd April 1851.

In the motion of Mr. Dampier seconded by Mr. Dudley Mr. Fitzgerald was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman said the principal object of the meeting was to proceed to the election of a President and Council according to their ~~old~~ ^{new} rules. They were aware that in order to qualify members nominated for election it was necessary that their names & their intention to stand for the office should be published 14 days before the General Meeting.

The names of the late Council had been published at the proper time - with also that of Mr. Street Worthy who announced himself a candidate for the place vacated by the resignation of Mr. Holmandeley - They were therefore ~~upon~~ facts stated without any additional voting being now required, unless the Society were of opinion that it should not be so, in which case the proper course

Quarterly Report of the Council to the General Meeting.

The Council have the honour to report that since the last General Meeting, several important questions relating to the prosperity of the settlement have come before them.

1. They have requested Mr. Godley to furnish them with an estimate of the expense of completing the whole road from Lyttelton to the Ferry over the Heathcote, and as soon as they shall have received that estimate, they propose applying themselves seriously to the task of ascertaining whether any plan may be devised for completing the road as speedily as possible. The Society is aware that the amount of land hitherto sold by the Association has not supplied funds sufficient for the purpose: the council are of opinion that it would be highly impolitic to wait until funds may arise from that source, before making an effort to finish the road. The accomplishment of this great work, so that there may be at all times a safe and certain communication between the port and the

plains, will probably exercise a more powerful influence than anything else upon the rapid development of the resources of the colony.

The council forbear at present to suggest any plan by which this may be effected; but they conceive that the prospective land sales, which cannot but be materially increased by the completion of the road,—the surplus of the public revenue above the expenditure, which the council have reason to believe is even already accumulating with considerable rapidity; and the tolls which may be imposed on the traffic passing along the road when finished, offer three sources of security, all of which may be made collaterally available for the repayment of any sums of money which it may be necessary to borrow in order to finish the road.

As soon as the council are prepared with a definite plan, they will lose no time in laying it before the land-purchasers, and if necessary, will call a special meeting for that purpose.

2. The council have also taken into their consideration the whole question of the pasture regulations of the Association. They appointed a special committee to draw up a report on the subject. This report was adopted, and has been forwarded to Mr. Godley. The council now lay the report upon the table for the perusal of any of the members of the society, and especially invite the attention of those who are interested in the pasture of the district, to the recommendations which the council have made to the Association. The council confidently anticipate that this report, having been prepared with great care, and with the advice of those who are most experienced in such matters, will meet with general approval by the land-purchasers.

Since, however, the carrying into effect these recommendations involves the passing of a new Act of Parliament for the purpose. Some time must necessarily elapse before the colonists can know the result.

3. The council having had their attention directed to the subject of the cutting of timber in the bushes belonging to the Association, thought right to communicate with Mr. Godley on the subject, and the arrangements which have been made in consequence met with their approval. These arrangements provided in the first instance free license to all parties to cut timber for firewood and building purposes without any charge whatever. This was done with the view of affording every assistance to the first body of settlers to get temporary dwellings erected with as little delay as possible. Three months free license seemed, however, sufficient for this purpose. The peculiar circumstances requiring it have now in a great measure passed; and it being found that the woods of the settlement, (which from their limited extent require great care in their preservation,) were being cut to great waste, overrun by idle and dissolute characters, and the free licences becoming in a great measure monopolised by men who made a trade of them, realizing considerable profits, without in any material degree lessening the price of timber to the consumer, it has been determined, and the council think wisely, to charge in future a moderate sum for such licenses.

The council have been given to understand that this measure has already had a beneficial effect in clearing the woods of many bad characters, and in checking the wanton cutting and waste of timber; and whilst it has not been followed by any sensible increase in the market price of timber, it promises to afford a certain increase to the revenues and resources of the Association.

It has been, however, matter for consideration whether the present charge made for the licenses, one pound per month for each man, be not too high, and the Council have reason to expect from representations which have been made on this head, that after the present month the charge will be reduced to 10s. per month for each licence.

4. The question of the dues charged for wharfage by the Association also came before the council. Dues were being levied upon all goods landed or taken to sea from any part of the sea wall in front of the town of Lyttelton. The council were of opinion that it was right and necessary that some charge should be made sufficient to keep these public premises in repair, but that there should be one place at which persons should be able to land small goods free of any charge. Mr. Godley, upon a communication to this effect from the council, immediately set apart a place opposite one of the slips, as a public landing place, and the council are satisfied that this is the best arrangement which can be made.

5. The next point which the council have had under their notice, is that of the ecclesiastical arrangements which have been made.

The council are commissioned to express on the part of the bishop designate of the settlement his great regret that he was unable to meet the society during his brief stay in the colony. A special meeting was called for the purpose on the 11th inst., but the violence of the weather, and the state of the roads, rendered it impossible to be held. The object, however, for which the bishop designate came out, has been accomplished. The school and college have been set on foot, with such temporary accommodation as could be obtained in so early a stage of the colony. Arrangements have been made for the performance of the Church Services in the most populous places, and above all, Dr. Jackson has concerted such measures with the Bishop of New Zealand, as it is confidently expected will remove the difficulties which stood in the way of his consecration before he left England.

6. The council have taken such steps as will lead to the establishment of public reading rooms at Christchurch and at Lyttelton. They recommend that there should be public reading rooms which all subscribers shall be entitled to avail themselves. They will be supplied with newspapers and periodicals from England and the neighbouring colonies to the extent which the number of subscribers will admit of. Mr. Godley has placed rooms at the disposal of the council for the purpose. At Christchurch in the land offices, and at Lyttelton in that part of the Emigration Barracks which is about to be set apart for the college. It is hoped that the books presented to the colonists in London, which they gave to the college library as well as those presented immediately to the College library will be placed in the reading rooms and be at the services of the subscribers; Under such regulations, however, as the college authorities may consider it necessary to enforce, for the safe custody of the volumes committed to their trust.

The council have prepared, and annexed to this report, an account of the expences which they have incurred since the last general meeting, together with an estimate of those which it is thought they will have to meet during the next six months. In this estimate the Society will perceive an item amounting to 12*l.* 10*s.* for the services of a clerk. The council are of opinion that the appointment of such an office has become absolutely necessary.

The secretaries have been compelled to resign, nor can any one be expected, without adequate remuneration, to give up his time upon which there is so large a demand at this active period, to attend efficiently to the business of the society. The council therefore recommend the appointment of a clerk to the council at a salary of 25*l.* a year, and they have reason to believe that they shall be able to obtain the services of a gentleman in every way most competent for the task.

For this purpose the council recommend that a subscription of 5*s.* be levied upon every member of the society for the expenses of the next six months.

The council in conclusion would press upon every member of the society that upon their active and regular attention to the public affairs of the society, will depend the influence which the colonists will be able to exercise in the attempt to gain a municipal government in the settlement.

That the colonists have well and wisely managed all their affairs already within their control, and that they have cheerfully contributed the funds requisite for the purpose, will afford the strongest evidence of their ability to undertake the direction of all the local affairs of the colony.

On behalf of the Council,
W. G. BRITTON, Chairman.

APPENDIX.—Estimate of expenses of the Society for the six months ending October 3rd, 1851.

	£. s. d.
Expenses incurred since the last General Meeting	1 11 0
Printing and Stationary	5 0 0
Salary of Clerk to the Council	12 10 0

19 1 0

would be move the adjournment of the meeting for the days to allow time for another election.

Mr. Read moved seconded by Mr. Duddy that the election of the late council with the substitution of Mr. Worthy's name for that of Mr. Chomondley be confirmed.

The chairman said that the

Mr. Willcock & Mr. Ward objected to the election of Mr. Worthy, he being a minor.

The chairman said reminded the meeting that Mr. Worthy was ~~being~~ the candidate for the vacant place, ~~who had~~ ^{presumably} the right to be elected for anyone to object to his election now, but that anyone who desired it might effect his purpose by moving the adjournment of the meeting for 14 days.

No such motion being made, Mr. Dampier moved seconded by Mr. Ward "that Mr. Worthy notwithstanding the fact of his being under age if that sh. turn out to be so, be received as the representative of Lord Wharncliffe a Landowner in this colony, and that his vote on all occasions be received accordingly." This was put carried.

The chairman then announced that the election of Mr. Brittan the President and the election of the late council with the substitution of Mr. Worthy's name for Mr. Chomondley, stood confirmed.

The chairman then read the Quarterly Report of the Council.

On the reading of the clause relating to the estimate for completing the Sumner Road, Mr. Dampier as a member of the Council declaimed

his concurrence with the clause so far as it pledged
the council to use any effort whatsoever to have
it completed - He mentioned his fears of the
practicability of the present line and his doubt
of its ever being completed. He strongly recom-
mended the colonists for the present to withdraw
their attention from the road, and promote by
every means in their power the development
of the watercarriage between the Port & the
plains.

Mr. Ha? Bishop was of opinion that pending
the development of either mode of communication
through want of funds or otherwise the colonists
would take measures to have the present footpath
from Lyttelton to the church rendered more
passable - the expense of this would be trifling.

Mr. Ward thought that ~~present~~ ^{Si AND} ~~brought~~ might
at a trifling expence w^d be secured by having the
proper access ^{to the Ferry Road.} made into the heart of the town &
and therefor moved seconded by Mr. Harman

"1. That a communication be made to the
ferry requesting that a practicable communication
for foot passengers thence w^d be made from the
terminus of the New Road to the Land Office &
Christchurch, and

2. That an adequate conveyance be provided
for horses across the ferry.

Mr. Fisher moved Mr. Read seconded as a rider
to the foregoing resolution.

"That the bridle-track be made practicable
from the bridle-path to Christchurch.

The motion was put and ~~lost~~ carried.
Mr. Burke moved as an amendment to the original

motion seconded by Dr. Barker.

"That a recommendation be made to Mr. Godley to make the road passable to Riccarton Bush from Christchurch, and that this road should have precedence of all others."

The amendment was put & rejected.

The original motion was then put & carried.

The Chairman then brought forward the Report upon the present Pasturage regulations in the settlement drawn up by a subcommittee of the Council. It was adopted.

The Chairman then read letters which had been received from Mr. Ward & Mr. Ward & Mr. Worthy tendering their resignation of the office of Hon. Secretaries.

^{BUCKLE} Mr. Dampier moved seconded by Mr. Buckle that the resignations be accepted, & that the warm thanks of the Society be due to ~~the~~ gentlemen Mr. Ward & Mr. Worthy for their attention to & conduct of the business of the Society both here & in England.

The Chairman then alluded to the question of the appointment of a paid clerk to fulfil the duties of Secretary, ~~other~~ recommended in the Quarterly Report. He was happy to state that he had secured the services of a well-qualified gentleman who would consent to undertake the office. The appointment of a Clerk to the Council at a salary of £25 a year was then agreed to on the motion of Mr. Dampier, sec'd by Mr. Ward.

^{BOWEN} Mr. Bowen moved Mr. Dampier seconded the motion "That a set of subscriptions of £1 be

required from every member of the Society for the expenses already incurred and estimated for the next six months.

On the motion of Mr. Puckle seconded by Mr. Ward, the following minute was agreed to

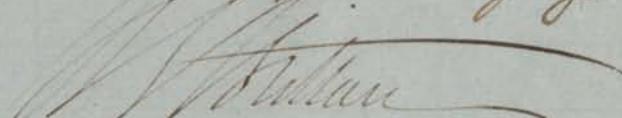
"The Society being informed that the office of Landing-master in the Customs Department is still unfilled, the duties being at present discharged by Mr. Ballard, and being of opinion that these duties have been discharged with efficiency as well as with great attention & courtesy to the colonists."

Resolve,

(1) "That Mr. Ballard be respectfully recommended to His Excellency the Governor in Chief for the permanent appointment to the situation which he now temporarily holds

(2) That a copy of this minute be communicated to Mr. Forland the head of the Department in which Mr. Ballard is engaged.

The meeting then adjourned. ~~the 3rd July.~~



Special General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers.

Christchurch. 25 June 1851.

(M^r Britton in the Chair.)

The Chairman announced that there were strong reasons to fear that the settlement had sustained an irreparable loss, by the melancholy death of M^r Ward. The feeling of condolence was general.

The Clerk read the President's letter of June 9th requesting him to call a special general meeting "to take into consideration the cir-

umstances which had compelled nine members of the council to tender their resignations and to take the necessary steps for the election of a new council." This request was made in accordance with the fourth rule which was also read.

The President referred to Mr? Godley's letter published in the first number of 'The Syttelton Times' expressing his readiness to communicate with the Council on all subjects connected with the interests of the Land Purchasers, and stated that Mr? Godley had accordingly on April 18th informed the Council of certain facts respecting Mr? Dampier which had compelled him to have recourse to another professional adviser on the part of the Association. Mr? Dampier's letter of May 2nd in explanation was read to the meeting: the minutes of Council in reference to the same subject were also read. These minutes were considered libellous by Mr? Dampier, who expressed his determination to bring an action against the President of the Council: the majority of the members concurred in thinking Mr? Dampier bound to resign his seat. He pursued this intention, but as Mr? Dampier declined to resign, the majority had no alternative but to tender their resignations.

M^r? Abbott moved the following resolutions—

1. That those resignations be accepted.
2. That the council having been reduced to less than a quorum all the seats be considered vacant, and that a new council of twelve members be elected.
3. That a special general meeting be called on Thursday July 10th for the purpose of electing a new President and Council.
4. That the election which was fixed for the 3rd. July be postponed to the same day.

Mr? Dampier addressed the meeting in explanation of his conduct: he stated that his exposure of certain errors committed by the Association had drawn upon him the opposition of the Council, who had adopted some libellous minutes with reference to his conduct, and concluded by repeating his intention to take legal proceedings against both the President and Mr? Fitzgerald.

M^r. Fitzgerald denied that the interests of the Council and the Land Purchasers could be antagonistic, as they had been represented by M^r. Dampier; he justified M^r. Godley's letter of April 18th and the subsequent proceedings of Council, who were determined to advance no individual interest to the prejudice of the common interest of the Colonists.

M^r. Percival seconded M^r. Alport's motion.

An objection was taken to the fourth resolution, on the grounds that every election must take place at an Ordinary meeting, and that no election could be held at the Special meeting on July 10th according to the Regulations.

To meet this objection it was suggested that the Ordinary meeting might be adjourned from the 3rd to the 10th.

The President put M^r. Alport's motion to the vote - 28 Gentlemen appeared in its favor; 11 Gentlemen declined to vote. The meeting then adjourned.



Ordinary General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers.
Christchurch. Thursday July 3rd. 1851.

No quorum was formed.

Special General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers.
Christchurch 10th July. 1851.

M^r. Wilcock was called to the Chair.

M^r. Brittan moved a further adjournment of the meeting for the purpose of electing a new President and Council, on the grounds that many Gentlemen interested in the election were possibly taken by surprise on the short notice allowed by the late resolutions of the Society.

M^r. Read seconded the motion which was carried, on the understanding that the meeting should not adjourn until due notice

could be given of any motions to be submitted for the consideration of the next meeting.

M^r. Fitzgerald gave notice that he would move

"To consider what course may be best adapted to mitigate the evils of the existing Pasturage regulations, and to facilitate the introduction of stock into the settlement."

M^r. Brittan gave notice that he would move the addition of a 13th clause to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, to the following effect:

"Clause 13. The Society reserves to itself the power of altering or adding to the above rules as circumstances may require, by a vote of any General or Special General Meeting, provided that due notice of such proposed alteration be given in accordance with the conditions required by Clause 4, and that it be confirmed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the whole number of Registered members of the Society".

M^r. Bridge gave notice of a motion

"That no Land Purchaser in receipt of a yearly salary from the Association be eligible to sit in the council of Land Purchasers."

It was resolved that any Candidate for a seat in Council ~~may~~ give a written notice of his intention to the Clerk, 14 days before the election in compliance with the 8th Regulation, and that the notice so given be considered sufficient.

The Clerk was ordered to advertise the names of all Gentlemen ^{by due notice} who were qualified to offer themselves for election.

The Meeting then adjourned to Monday the 28th instant.



Special General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers.

Christchurch 28 July 1851.

M^r. Templar was called to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

M^r. Bridge moved "That no Land Purchaser in receipt of a yearly salary from the Association be eligible to sit in the Council of Land Purchasers." M^r. Pollard seconded the motion, which was put to the meeting and lost.

Sir

Lytton June 1st 1851.

I beg you will lay before the Council a copy of a letter which I have addressed to M^r. Aitken. If the Colonists approve of it I will ratify it by a formal agreement, and act in a similar manner towards other persons applying for pastoral runs. It may be necessary to add that a condition should be appended to all such agreements, to the effect that within six months the run shall be stocked, and I suggest that a run shall be considered as stocked, if one breeding cow for every twenty acres or one head of breeding cattle for every 120 acres, be placed upon it. In my letter to M^r. Aitken no such condition was mentioned, because I knew his run to be already stocked. My opinion as to the absolute necessity of immediately relaxing the strictness of our pasture regulations is well known to the Council, and, I believe, fully participated in by the Colonists. I am aware that the plan now proposed by me is anything but satisfactory, but M^r. Aitken and other stockholders are content to accept it as a provisional arrangement, and it is the best I can become a party to without danger to myself Edward Wright Esquire

I am Sir, your obedient servant

Clerk to the Council of Land Purchasers.

John Robert Godley A. C. A.

Sir

Lytton May 27. 1851.

I have had under consideration your application to take a run of 20000 acres at a gradually increasing rent, and in reply beg to explain the terms on which I am prepared to meet your wishes as nearly as I can.

I will undertake not to give during the next seven years to any person not having a legal right to demand it, occupation of the run which you apply for on condition that you engage to take at the ordinary rent, and in conformity with the general regulations, as much land as will produce £10 at the commencement of the first year, £20 the second, £30 the third, £70 the fourth and £100 at the commencement of the fifth year. I am advised that no person has a legal right to demand occupation of a particular district for pastoral purposes, except purchasers of rural lands, who have a right to five acres of pasture for every acre of freehold. I am prepared therefore to refuse to any other persons than such purchasers license to depasture on any part of the 20000 acres applied for

M^r. Fitzgerald called on the Clerk to read a letter received from M^r. Godley on the subject of pasture regulations with an enclosed copy of a letter addressed by M^r. Godley to M^r. Aitken stating the terms on which he was prepared to let sheep runs. These letters having been read, on the motion of M^r. Fitzgerald it was

Resolved 1. That it is of the highest importance to this settlement to encourage the importation of stock which has already commenced and which is certain to proceed extensively if circumstances be favorable to its reception.

2. That the pasture regulations recently issued by Government offer runs on far more advantageous terms than those of the Canterbury Association, and will therefore tend to abstract pastoral capital from this settlement to other parts of New Zealand.

3. That in order to meet the difficulties which these circumstances have produced, some steps of a temporary and provisional kind ought to be taken until a final and satisfactory settlement of the whole question shall have been made, by an alteration in the Act of Parliament, into which the present regulations have been unfortunately incorporated.

4. That the plan proposed by M^r. Godley in his letter to the Council of June 1st being understood to be such as will satisfy the importers of stock, is approved of, though necessarily imperfect, as a provisional arrangement.

5. That in the opinion of this meeting it is of the highest importance that any alteration in the existing Act of Parliament should provide that the regulation of all pastoral questions should be left in future to a local authority.

6. That the Council be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions by the earliest opportunity to the Managing Committee of the Canterbury Association.

by you unless compelled to do so by legal process. Perhaps it would be as well for additional security that you should make a conditional offer to the effect that if another person apply for any part of your run you will step in and take the part applied for. It is for you to consider whether this be advisable.

I have the honor to be &c.
J. C. Aitken Esq^r

John Robert Godley A.C.A.

P.S. It may be necessary to warn you that the above arrangement, being not in accordance with the views intended to be carried out by the Pasturage Regulations of the Canterbury Association, must be subject to confirmation by the Association to whom it shall be transmitted.

Extract from The Lyttelton Times of August 2. 1851.

The following gentlemen have been elected members of the Council of the Society of Land Purchasers.

W. G. Brittan, Chairman.

J. C. Aitken

A. C. Barker

C. Bowen

W. B. Bray

J. E. Fitzgerald

J. Longden

P. Pollard

J. C. W. Russell

H. J. Tancred

J. Townsend

J. S. Worley

Lyttelton July 29, 1851.

Edward Wright, Clerk to the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Aitken, it was
Resolved That a period of nine months should be allowed for the stocking of
runs, and that horses should be provided for in their relative
value as a portion of stock.

Mr. Brittan moved the addition of a new clause to the Rules of the Society,
viz. "The Society reserves to itself the power of altering or adding to the
above rules as circumstances may require, by a vote of any General
or Special General meeting, provided that due notice of such
proposed alteration be given in accordance with the conditions
required by clause 4, and that it be confirmed by a majority of
not less than two thirds of the whole number of the Registered
Members of the Society." The motion was put and carried.*

Letters were read from Mr. Phillips and Mr. Dampier who protested
against the election of more than ten members of Council on the grounds
that they had not resigned their seats.

The Clerk was ordered to advertise the result of the election at the
first opportunity.

The Meeting then adjourned until Thursday October 2nd.

* Mr. Willock gave notice of an intention to move an amendment
to the 10th Rule by the insertion of the following Clause immediately
following the word "Quorum": - "Provided always that for the
transaction of any business expressive of the wishes of the Land Purchasers
it be necessary that a clear majority of the Members present shall
be unconnected by officiates with the Canterbury Association, or
the Associations Agent or Agents."

Mr. Pollard gave notice of his intention to move at the
next Quarterly General Meeting the revision of the suffrage
after the election of members of Council.

W. G. Brittan

Christchurch. October 2. 1851
Ordinary General Meeting of the Society of Land
Purchasers.

1 The Minutes of the Ordinary General Meetings of -
3^d April, and of the Special General Meetings of 25th
June & 3^d July were read and confirmed.

2 The Report of the Council was read: The several
Documents referred to in this report were also read:
namely:-

(1) A letter, dated June 11th — from the --
Colonial Secretary in reply to the Minute of
the General Meeting of the 3^d April recommending
Mr. ^{BALLARD} Ballard to the Office of Landing Master at
Lyttelton

(2) A Letter ~~was read~~ dated 18th August from the
Council to the Colonial Secretary in reference to
the appointments to Public Offices in the
Settlements

(3) A reply to the last mentioned letter, from the
Colonial Secretary, dated September 2nd.

(4) The Memorial sent from the Legislative Council
of New Zealand for presentation to Her Majesty
praying Her Majesty not to extend the
Canterbury Block

(5) The Counter Memorial prepared by the
Council of the Society for Presentation to the
Majesty & both Houses of Parliament.

The Report was adopted unanimously.

3 Upon the reading of the Memorial from the Council
upon the Motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by -
Mr. Wilcock, It was resolved:-

That the Memorial as now adopted be trans-
(1)-mitted to His Excellency with a respectful request

that his Excellency would be pleased to transmit it for presentation to Her Majesty: —

(2) That Similar Memorials be sent to England for Presentation to the two Houses of Parliament and that Lord Lyttleton be requested to present it in the Lords and Mr. Adderley ^{ADDERLEY} in the Common.

4 Mr. Willocks motion, of which notice was given on 28th July was brought forward, as follows: —

"That for the transaction of any business expressive of the wishes of the Land Purchasers, it shall be necessary that a clear majority of the members present should be unconnected by official ties with the Canterbury Association or its Agents."

A debate ensued, but, upon the Chairman stating that there not being two thirds of the registered Members of the Society present, no new law could be passed, the motion was withdrawn.

5 Mr. Pollard's motion ^{POLLARD} of a revision of the suffrage for the election of members of Council (of which notice was given on 28th July) was withdrawn for the same reason as Mr. Willocks.

6 Mr. Harnan ^{HARNAH} wished to call the attention of the Society to the road intended Road between Christchurch and Papamoa: he stated that if made in two particular spots, the road would become immediately accessible.

7 Mr. G. J. Waterfield mentioned that Mr. Thodart had lately discovered on his run a substance strongly resembling coal: he recommended that the Society should dispatch a practical person to the spot with a view of ascertaining the possibility of its being worked.

8 Mr. Bishop complained that the road was being

made into the heart of Christchurch with a wide ditch on both sides, by which the houses were completely cut off and every inhabitant put to the necessity and expense of making a bridge ~~to~~ his house.

Mr. Dobson moved that Mr. Godley's attention be called to the matter, with a view of ascertaining whether the road was being made in the manner most conducive to the interests of the Town.

This was agreed to and the meeting then dissolved.



Special General Meeting of the Society of Land
Purchasers. Christchurch Dec^r 6. 1851

- 1 The President informed the Meeting that they had been called together by the Council for the purpose of considering the Report of the Select Committee appointed to report upon the best means of communication between the Port and the Plains.
- 2 The Report was then read by the Clerk of the Council.
- 3 Upon the motion of Rev^r J. Matthews seconded by J.W. Read, it was resolved:-
"That this Meeting having considered the Report of the Council on the best means of communication between the Port and the Plains, decide on adopting the same."
- 4 Mr. J. Corkson then moved:-
"That a requisition be forwarded to Mr. Godley desiring him to call public meetings of all the Inhabitants of the Settlement, at Christchurch and Lyttelton, at an early day, to take the Report into consideration".
Mr. C. W. Bishop seconded the Resolution which was carried unanimously.
- 5 Mr. J. S. Wakefield then proposed:-
"That the thanks of the Society be presented to the members of the Select Committee of the Council for the very able and complete manner in which they have inquired and reported as to the best means of communication between the Port and the Plains".

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Corkson & carried.

Mr. Buttall took upon himself to return thanks on behalf of the Committee, & expressed his opinion that the thanks of the Select Committee were due to those gentlemen who had so materially assisted them in their in-

investigation, by giving their evidence upon the subject.
The meeting then separated.

J. W. Bass

Ordinary General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers
Christchurch. Jan 1st 1852

See Report Filed

- 1 The Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 28th, & Dec 6th, & of the Quarterly meeting of Oct 2nd were read and confirmed.
- 2 The Report of the Council on resigning office, together with the documents referred to thereon was read, and on the motion of Mr. S. Bishop seconded by Capt. Westcarr, adopted.
- 3 Mr. Pollard brought forward the subject of the revision of the franchise of the Society, & asked to move the following resolution: "That the Council be requested to take into consideration the present organization of the Society, with a view to an extension of its franchise; and to report thereon with as little delay as possible". W. Davis seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- 4 On proceeding to the election of the President and Council, a discussion took place as to whether the Society were acting in strict conformity with their Rules, in electing a President ~~without~~^{a new} when no Person had been publicly mentioned as being a candidate for the Office.
Mr. Bowen moved & Mr. Barker seconded "that the Meeting do proceed at once to the election of a President." As an amendment ~~were~~ Mr. Fitzgerald proposed, supported by Rev. Dr. Mathews, that "the meeting do adjourn for three weeks to allow the names of candidates for the office of President to be proposed." The amendment was carried.
Mr. Portman stated that Captain Samson had

Extract from the Liverpool Dimes of Jan^o 10th 1852
"The following Gentlemen have been duly elected
as Members of the Council of the Society of Land
Purchasers for the present year."

Mess^rs Alport Mess^rs C. Dudley

— Barker	— J. E. Fitzgerald
— Brown	— Longden
— Bray	— Russell
— Brittan	— Tanner
— J. Cookson	— Townsend.

R. I. S. Harman

Clerk to the Council.

withdrew his name from the list of candidates,
for seats on the Council, and that consequently
the remaining twelve candidates were elected as
a matter of course.

The meeting then separated.

W. W. Wattan

Christchurch. Janst 22. 1852

The Meeting, adjourned from the 1st Inst., met
in accordance with the Notice, and W^m Buller
was duly elected as President of the Society.

W^m Buller

Name

Address

Occupation

Remarks

Name	Address &c &c	Occupation &c.	Remarks
Joseph Gilbert Ayr	Gentleman, man Lichfield. offers & recommends himself	Farm labourer: also Huckmesser, Waller, & Market gardener.	has a Wife, & 8 children: 4 Sons & 4 daughters - See his letter of Jan ⁷ 23.

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