

raised to other funds advised 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. Brittan, Mr. Bowler stated that the Association had taken, and were taking great every precaution in their power 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 August 15.

W.G.Brittan.

General Meeting Thursday Aug.15 1850.

W.G.Brittan Esq. in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Sewell then announced that the Royal Assent had been given to the bill ~~the night before~~ that had been introduced into Parliament to give the Association powers to dispose of their land in the Canterbury Settlement, and that it was now therefore the Law of the land.

The Chairman then made the following announcement.

1. That the ^{Union of Australia} /Bank/ had definitively settled to establish an ^a Branch Office ~~agency~~ at Lyttelton.
2. That ^{arrangements with respect to the} /newspaper/ had been definitively ~~taken-and-~~ and that settled ^{by} Mr. Shrimpton of Oxford had undertaken to conduct it.
3. That the Cabin passages of ^{four taken up by the assocn.} all the /ships/ had been already filled up. After some conversation on various subjects the meeting ~~then-~~ adjourned to Thursday Aug.22.

W.G.Brittan.

At the general meeting of the Colonists held on Thursday the 22 of August. W.G.Brittan Esq. in the chair, the minutes of the previous meeting were read over and confirmed.

Mr. Brittan alluded to Mr. Sewell's recent interview with E.Grey. Mr. Sewell then proceeded to make a long report on the present political and financial position of the colony. He entered into the nature of the legal character conferred by