

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. 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.

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General Meeting of Purchasers of land in the Canterbury settlement, called by ~~metice~~ order of the Council and held in Lyttelton New Zealand on Friday the 20th Dec. 1850.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips seconded by Mr. Pollard and passed that Mr. Brittan shd. 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 expediency 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 wd. have no hesitation in adopting the risk of contravening the strict construction of the terms of purchase in this respect. But he wd. require an indemnity from every party availing himself of the privilege against any actions or suits which such party might bring against him (Mr. Godley) for such departure from the terms of purchase .

Mr. Dampier then moved and Mr. Cholmondeley 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 rights 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 and 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 marked on the map by the name of Christ-Church is the