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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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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 Meerings 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 Members present; that no Member shall, under any circumstances, have more than one vote; and that the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 6. The 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