

CHRISTCHURCH OCTOBER 2 1851

Ordinary General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers.

1. The Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of 3rd April and of the Special General Meetings of 25th June and 3rd 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 3rd April recommending Mr. Ballard to the office of Landing Waiter 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 settlement.
 - (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 Her Majesty and 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. Willock, it was resolved -

- That the Memorial as now adopted be transmitted
- (1) 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 Lyttelton be requested to present it in the Lords and Mr. Adderley to the Commons.

4. Mr. Willock's 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 should be necessary that a clear majority of the members

Fitzgerald
* This is the first time the name is spelled in this way in the minutes book