

Revd Charles H. NICHOLLS, Upper Hutt

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Inwards correspondence of the Registrar General

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Sir, I have the honour to submit the following statement and to ask for information thereon. Robert Southee, of this Village, applied for a Certificate of having complied with the forms required by the Marriage Act and gave notice that such certificate should not be wanted for fourteen days after his application. He would be required by the Marriage Act 1858 to pay five shillings for such certificate, but as he informs me, he was charged twenty shillings, the sum to be legally demanded for a Certificate when issued immediately at the notice; and he was told that he must pay the same, whether he received the Certificate at once, or fourteen days after notice. As the Marriage Act in my possession, that of 1858 (and I am not aware of any subsequent legislation in the matter) distinctly states in Section VIII, that if fourteen days elapse before the Certificate is required, the fee to be charged shall be five shillings, will you be good enough to inform me whether any Act has been passed since that of 1858, doing away with the abovenamed difference of charge; as, I, being a legally recognised Officiating Minister, ought to be informed of any alteration in the law. People come to me for information and instruction how to act; and I find myself stultified if the information I give them, founded upon the Acts in my hands appears to be in any way incorrect.
