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Bishop Jenner was responsible for a coat of arms for the new Diocese of Dunedin, a coat of arms which was never sanctioned by the Diocese, but which was entered in Crockford's Clerical Directory, the official diary of the Church of England. It consisted of a figure, apparently of St Andrew, holding a large St Andrew's Cross in white. In the left hand quarter were five stars emblematic of the Southern Cross.

When Bishop Nevill was elected as Bishop he designed a seal which was executed by Messrs Weyon of Regent St London consisting of a figure of the Bishop in robes and mitre. On the left were Bishop Nevill's family arms of 3 bustards, on the right a shield; St Andrew's Cross in white on a red field with four stars in white in each quarter. The seal was surrounded with an oval and a ribbon in the centre. Round the margin was this inscription: S. Terratt Nevill D.D. Bishop of Dunedin 1871. This was for years used as the seal of the Diocese. The seal was executed at or shortly before that date.

In the Crockford's Directory of 1930 a seal was given of a Bishop with the arms of the St Andrew's Cross and stars with the ribbon in the centre, but naturally not the Nevill arms. This was not the Diocesan arms but what is called in Heraldry the private sigillum of the Bishop.

In 19²⁶ Canon Nevill wrote to Crockford pointing this out and the 19²⁶ 1931 edition had the Diocesan Arms properly emblazoned, but of course this does not mean that the Diocese has yet a proper seal, which has to be approved by the Bishop and Chancellor and Synod, as the Diocesan Seal. Then remains the engraving of the seal which should have either the name of the Bishop at the base or simply the inscription 'The Seal of the Bishop of Dunedin'.
E. R. Nevill.