

**Letter: William Jenkins to Major Richmond**  
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William Jenkins, Waitohi 14 Dec 1855 to Major Richmond

Sir, I have the honour to inform you that ... Commissioner McLean has not yet returned from Wellington but we are expecting his arrival by a small vessel which returns to this place in a few days.

We have not more than half completed the survey of Native Reserves in the sound. We have, according to Mr McLean's instructions surveyed several small lots for which the possessors will receive crown grants and I beg to say - this place gives great satisfaction to the Chiefs and people.

We have engaged Elmsley's boat and some native assistance which will enable us to complete our work here in about three weeks should nothing unforeseen occur - but the time of our return to Nelson will depend entirely upon Mr McLean's arrangements when he shall arrive. There will be a general... at Waitohi. I have the honour to be Sir, Your Obedient Servant, William Jenkins.