

**Permission to exchange town for country lands at Wellington**  
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**Entry from inwards correspondence register**

1845/2017 Oct 24 For permission to exchange town for country lands at Wellington  
(William Swainson, River Hutt)

**Letter 1845/2017** 24 Oct 1845 Hawkshead, River Hutt.

Swainson to Andrew Sinclair Esquire, Colonial Secretary, Auckland.

I beg to solicit the permission of His Excellency the Governor to resign my two town acres No. 842 and No. 1080 and to choose the same among the wooded hills at the back of Wellington, on such land as is neither claimed by natives, or has been given out to settlers. This exchange, in point of pecuniary value, will be much to my disadvantage. But I am induced to make the request, from a desire of instituting various horticultural & Botanical experiments conducive to the general good, which cannot be made on flat and exposed land. Having obtained the ready consent of the Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company to this arrangement, and the same permission having been given to the Wesleyan & Catholic ministers (although under other circumstances) I trust His Excellency will permit me to choose two acres adjoining theirs, or in any other waste and unclaimed spot in the wooded belt which may be best adapted to the object in view.... Further comments in file...