

New Munster – General Outwards Correspondence – Hutt ValleyArchives NZ Reference ACFP 8219 NM 10/5 – 06 Feb 1844 to 11 Apr 1846

1845 Sep 09 To David Dick, Wainuiomata from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, Your letter of the 3rd instant representing that you are prevented from clearing the land you occupy at Wainui-o-mata by the interference of certain Natives has been received by the Superintendent. In reply, I am directed by His Honor to inform you that immediately the Protector of Aborigines arrives from the Coast (expected at the latter end of this week) he will be instructed to proceed to your neighbourhood for the purpose of enquiry into your complaint.

1845 Oct 03 To Protector of Aborigines, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, The Police Magistrate of Wellington having submitted to the Superintendent your letter of the 14th ultimo declining to act as Interpreter in his Court, I am directed by his Honor to inform you that the subject having already been under reference to the Governor, His Excellency has replied that "the Protector of Aborigines for the District, must attend the Public Court, the practice at present pursued in Auckland." Your application of the 23rd July last for an allowance in lieu of an office has been laid before the Governor. In reply His Excellency is of opinion, that it is the duty of a Protector to see the natives at his own house as His Excellency himself constantly does. He observes that neither Mr Clarke, Mr Forsaith, Mr McLean, Mr Shortland nor Mr Kemp have hitherto had an office, that no Records are kept at Wellington by the Protector but are or ought all to be transmitted to the Chief Protector's Office for safe custody, he therefore declines to authorise any allowance on this account. I am instructed by His Honor to annex the Copy of a letter from the Commissioners of Audit relative to the supply of medical comforts for the Native Hospital, and to inform you that the Governor has directed that the course recommended by them may in future be followed, which you will have the goodness to make known to the Medical Officer in charge.

1845 Nov 24 To Captain Russell, Commanding Garrison, Wellington from Grimstone
Sir, Your communication of the 10th ultimo suggesting that a gratuity be allowed to those non-commissioned officers of the Detachment of the 58th & 96th Regiments who were engaged in drilling the Militia – has been laid before the Governor. In reply I am directed to inform you that His Excellency regrets it is out of his power to comply with your recommendation.

1845 Nov 24 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, Your letter of the 18th September last enclosing Plans of Native Cultivations surveyed by you in this District has been laid before the Governor. I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has approved of your proceedings. With reference to your application of the 1st October for authority to purchase stationery His Excellency has been pleased to sanction an expenditure of three pounds two shillings and one penny in the purchase of such articles as you may require for your Office.

1845 Nov 25 To Henry St Hill, Police Magistrate, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you that the Protector of Aborigines has submitted to me your letter of the 5th instant and received my instruction relative to the removal of the native erections you allude to, it will therefore be unnecessary for you to take any further steps in the matter.

1845 Nov 27 To Messrs Bryce, Fairweather & Hughes, River Hutt from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, I am instructed by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you with reference to your memorial of the 3rd ultimo, for compensation in the event of your removing from the Native Reserve you at present occupy on the River Hutt, that, until the Board of Trustees of Native Reserves be formed and be empowered to act nothing can be done for you. His Excellency will however cause your communication to be laid before the Board at the earliest opportunity.

1846 Feb 28 To Henry St Hill, Police Magistrate, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to call for the authority under which you acted when letting the Native reserves in this District, the nature of the instructions you received, whether they contained specific directions to let particular sections, or to let reserves generally, whether specific terms were stated at which any were to be let, or if the whole of the detail was left to you. I am also to request you to forward copies of all leases issued by you, a Return of Rent received, how such money has been appropriated and, if any, what amount is now due.

1846 Feb 28 To Captain A. E. MacDonogh, Adjutant, W. B. Militia from M. Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, reporting your readiness with fifty volunteers of the Militia to do active duty up the River Hutt or elsewhere if required I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that no present necessity exists for such employment – had however an opportunity offered His Excellency would most gladly have availed himself of your services.

1846 Mar 03 To Captain Graham RN, Senior Officer, Wellington from M. Richmond
Sir, In the absence of the Governor from the Town I do myself the honor by His Excellency's directions to enclose you a copy of a Proclamation notifying that Martial Law will be exercised in this District, and I am at the same time to request that you will have the goodness to take such steps for the protection of the lives and properties of Her Majesty's subjects as you may deem necessary. His Excellency has proceeded to the Hutt where hostilities have commenced and has desired me to inform you that he will communicate with you on his return.

1846 Mar 04 To H. T. Kemp, Protector of Aborigines from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I annex a copy of minute of His Excellency the Governor relative to your absence from the Camp on the Hutt after receiving His Excellency's orders to remain, and I have to convey instructions that you proceed there forthwith and not absent yourself until relieved.

1846 Mar 09 To H. T. Kemp, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 4th instant reporting your inability to proceed to your Station at the Camp in the river Hutt, in consequence of your safety having been threatened by certain settlers in that neighbourhood and requesting therefore that you may be removed from Wellington to some other employment under Government, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he is very sorry you should have been subjected to such improper treatment, but that under any circumstances he would not think it advisable to continue the office of Protector of Aborigines of this District at the close of the present quarter and His Excellency regrets much that he cannot undertake in the present state of the Colony to promise employment to anyone in the Public Service.

1846 Mar 12 To William Wakefield from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor by direction of His Excellency the Governor to enclose for your information the accompanying report of Mr Thomas Fitzgerald upon the Native Reserves in the Port Nicholson District.

1846 Mar 13 To H. T. Kemp, Protector of Aborigines, Wellington from M. Richmond
Sir, As Mr George Clarke Jnr the Officer instructed by His Excellency the Governor to distribute the Goods to be given in part compensation for the Crops belonging to Te Ringa Kuri and his followers on the River Hutt, has embarked on board Her Majesty's Ship "Castor" without doing so, I have to request that you will take upon yourself that duty, retaining a list of the Goods you distribute and taking a receipt from the Principal Chiefs.

1846 Mar 14 To Lieut-Col. Hulme, Commanding Troops from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant recommending Mr Turnbull of the Hutt District for an Ensigny in the Wellington Militia and to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint Mr Turnbull accordingly.

1846 Mar 16 To William Welch, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, Your memorial of the 24th ultimo praying for a Publican's Licence for the quarter ending 30th June next has been before the Governor. In reply I am to inform you that the Licensing Ordinance will not admit of a compliance with your request.

1846 Mar 16 To Jos. Simpson, Petoni from Matthew Richmond
Sir, Your Memorial of the 24th ultimo for a fresh Lease of the Native Reserve No.16 in the Hutt District has been laid before His Excellency the Governor, who has instructed me to inform you that it is not in His power to comply with your request.

1846 Mar 31 To T. J. Hughes, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of yesterday's date addressed to His Excellency the Governor, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency is not aware that any private investigation of the nature you referred to is going on, nor is he aware that Mr Kemp and you are opponents, or when and where you became so, nor, should it unfortunately be the case, is it in his power to interfere between you.

1846 Apr 03 To J. Percy & Son, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have to inform you that your tenders for the erection of a Bridge of Totara timber over the River Hutt and a cutwater for improving the course of the River both amounting to the sum of three hundred and ninety five pounds have been accepted. You are to be paid for the works in the following manner. When the production of a certificate from the Engineer that the work has been actually performed and agreeably to the conditions of the specification. 1st – When the value of the work done and the materials on the ground amount to £100 you will receive £90. 2nd – When abutments have been completed and the truss-frame in progress you will receive to the amount of 90 per cent on the value of the work done since 1st payment. 3rd – Upon the completion of the Bridge and Cutwater you will receive also the amount of 90 per cent on the work done since 2nd payment and the remaining 10 per cent on the whole within 15 days after the last payment, subject however to the deduction of any forfeits that may be incurred by you for a recolation of any of the conditions of the specification. And I have to request that without delay you will have the joint Bond of yourselves and your securities prepared and executed and which must be done before any payment is made for the works.

Letter to Bryce and Taylor same date declining their Tender for the erection of Bridge over the River Hutt and the same to James Wilson.

1846 Apr 06 To Bethune and Hunter, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Gentlemen, I am empowered on the part of Government to offer for the Section of which you have charge viz No. _ on the Waiwetu River the sum of £350. As in the conversation I had with Mr Hunter on the subject he stated that you yourself would cordially recommend Mr Willis to accept this amount, and that if His Excellency wished, the Natives of the Waiwetu Pa for whom the land is intended, might take possession at once, on the understanding, that should you remain his agents, six months notice would be given for their removal in the event of this offer being rejected by Mr Willis:- May I therefore request, in your reply to this letter, the favour of your stating your acquiescence in these terms.

1846 Apr 07 To William Wakefield from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo I am directed to acquaint you that His Excellency will be happy to receive and consider the remarks upon the subject of the Native Reserves which you propose to transmit to him.

1846 Apr 09 To Major Arney, Commanding Detachment, 58th Regiment from Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 4th instant I am directed to acquaint you that His Excellency regrets it is not in his power to entertain your application for any other purpose than to forward it to the Home Authorities. At the same time I am to inform you that you are quite correct in stating that the payments you mention are made to the Officers in Command in Western and South Australia, but they are made from the Military Chest and in the latter instance it is an allowance given to the Officer in Command for signing covenants on that Chest.

1846 Apr 11 To P. D. Hogg, Sub Treasurer, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor to transmit the pay lists of the two Companies of Militia doing duty at the Hutt and Porirua Road bearing the approval of His Excellency the Governor, and amounting together to the sum of three hundred and ninety five pounds two shillings and sixpence. I have at the same time to request that you will pay over to Captains Clifford and Durie, (the officers commanding) the amount of pay due upon their respective List.
