

New Munster – General Outwards Correspondence – Hutt Valley

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1846 Mar 02 To Captain D. S. Durie, Wellington Battalion of Militia from M. Richmond
Sir, I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to authorise your raising a Company of Militia in the Hutt District for immediate service – to consist of 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 2 Sergeants, 2 Corporals and 46 Privates. I am also to acquaint you that the pay of the Privates has been increased to two shillings per diem in lieu of their receiving Rations.

1846 Apr 15 To Charles Mabey, River Hutt from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you that your Tender for supplying Potatoes to the Government pursuant to the Public Notice of the 7th instant has been accepted. You will be required to deliver at Ton of Potatoes every Saturday morning to the Native Chief Te Ringa Kuri of Kaiwarrawarra until further orders – taking his receipt for the same duly witnessed – which you will forward to me at the termination of each month, with your accounts as a voucher.

1846 Apr 22 To Hon. Henry Petre, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 18th instant I have the honor to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor will have no objection when the more immediately necessary Roads have been completed, to direct that such Troops as can be spared for the purpose, should be employed upon the Hutt Road but, His Excellency regrets it is not in his power at present to afford any further assistance.

1846 Apr 22 To Charles Mabey, River Hutt from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, Referring to the Second Paragraph of my letter of the 15th instant, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you that you will be required to supply a ton and a half of potatoes weekly to the followers of the Native Chief Te Ringa Kuri, at Kaiwarra instead of a ton – which has been found insufficient.

1846 Apr 22 To W. Swainson, Esq., Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters respecting the state of the Roads in your neighbourhood, and the conduct of the Military stationed on the Hutt. As I shall be up to the Hutt in a few days I will see the Commanding Officer and ascertain also the expense that would be required to put the Road in repair when I will again communicate with you.

1846 Apr 23 To Lieutenant Watt, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor by instructions from His Excellency the Governor, to direct that you will without loss of Time, remove, or destroy the Potatoes, and Crops now growing in the Upper Hutt, above Paitai, with a party of the Militia under your Command.

1846 Apr 23 To H. T. Kemp, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint you Private Secretary to the Superintendent of the Southern Division from this date at a salary of one hundred and eighty pounds per annum. You are however to regard this appointment as temporary.

1846 Apr 23 To the Officer Commanding the Troops, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor by directions of His Excellency the Governor to request that you will allow the Bearers of "Passes" whose names are mentioned in the margin to pass to the front of the Soldiers & Militia for the purpose of ascertaining the movements of the hostile Natives.

The Chief Te Puni, Te Haeta, Te Kao, Te Panapa, Te Aperahanea,
Ngapaki, Harawira, Onei Parani, Heware, Wikipiwa

I have invited the Chief E Puni to acquaint you with any suspicious movement on their part. It will be necessary that they should bear arms for their own defence. I have not affixed a date to their Passes thaty they may remain in force until withdrawal.

1846 Apr 23 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 21st instant applying for an allowance in lieu of Forage to enable you to attend to those duties which carry you to a considerable distance from Town. I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to convey to you His sanction to your drawing the usual allowance of two shillings and sixpence per diem from this date, and so long as you are required to proceed so frequently to the Bridge erecting at the Hutt – and to the New Road leading to Porirua.

1846 Apr 25 To G. D. Lardner, D. A. C. General, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing correspondence between you and Captain Durie, I do myself the honor to acquaint you, that I have no communication from Colonel Hulme on the subject of the Rations which have been issued to the Militia stationed at the Hutt, but Captain Durie has acquainted me that the order for them was given by Colonel Hulme, under whose command the Militia then were, and that he further directed the usual stoppages from their pay to be handed over to the Commissariat Department. I must therefore decline interfering with any instructions which Colonel Hulme issued while in this District.

1846 Apr 28 To Colonel Hulme from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I do myself the honor to transmit the enclosed documents relative to the payment of the Rations which were issued to the Militia stationed on the Hutt – Captain Durie states he acted in conformity with your orders – I have considered it right to furnish you with the whole of the correspondence which has taken place, to enable you to arrive at an accurate decision in the matter.

1846 May 09 To Lieutenant Watt, River Hutt
Sir, As it has been found expedient to reduce the strength of the Hutt Company of Militia to one sergeant and twenty five rank and file, and the Services of the Adjutant being no longer required in the Town, I have directed him to proceed to take charge of the Detachment now under your command, and request you will, at the same time acquaint Ensign Turnbull that his services for the present will be no longer required – begging you both again, to accept my thanks for your zeal, and attentions since you have been on duty.

1846 May 09 To Messrs Bethune and Hunter, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Gentlemen, With reference to your letter of the 8th ultimo I have to acquaint you that the Natives of Waiwatu have entered into a written agreement to vacate the Section of which you are the Agents in the event of the offer being declined by Mr Templeman. They will take possession now, but I doubt if they will do much, if anything to it, till the answer arrives. If therefore you have not already done so, may I request that you will make the offer, seconded by your recommendation of its acceptance by the first opportunity for England.

1846 May 09 To Lieutenant Watt, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In consequence of the memorial I received yesterday from some of the Company of the Militia under your command, I have considered it necessary to send the Adjutant to investigate the matter, and have likewise directed him to make reductions in the Force according to the detail I have furnished him with. You will be good enough to afford him any assistance in your power to enable him to carry out my instructions.

1846 May 12 To William Willcock, Waiwatu from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, Your letter of the 29th ultimo relative to the establishment of a House of Public accommodation at the mouth of the Waiwetu River has been received by the Superintendent. In reply His Honor directs me to inform you that your application both for a Bush License and for permission to keep the Ferry must be addressed to the Governor and Council and forwarded through His Honor's office. Should such accommodation be immediately required by the Public he has the power to grant provisional license until the decision of His Excellency and Council is made known.

1846 May 18 To David Scott, Esq., from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In forwarding you appointment as Interpreter I have the honor to direct your attention to a few subjects which it will be necessary you pay regard to. I need not point out that so large a Body of Natives will require your constant presence. It will therefore be necessary that you do not leave them without permission from the Officer Commanding the Detachment with which they are acting and then not without leaving a competent person in charge who can act in your stead. As soon as you possibly can you will furnish me with a state of the numbers to whom arms, accoutrements and ammunition have been issued. Those who have furnished themselves, and likewise those who are capable of bearing arms but who have not yet been supplied. Class all these in Tribes under their respective Chiefs – you will attend to the issue of Rations; make yourself acquainted with what they would prefer. You will furnish the Commissariat Officer with the number of Maoris drawing rations or the quantity and kind of article of food they require in lieu. You will also provide the Commissariat Officer with the number of the Native Force. You will see their Arms are always kept in good order and their ammunition dry. Communicate to them the orders of the Officer to whom they may be attached and likewise any suggestions from their Chiefs to them. You will keep me acquainted with all their wants and by strict attention on your part to their comforts. I trust you will keep them cheerful and satisfied. Any further instructions you require as circumstances occur, you will apply to the Officer in Command, or myself for them.

1846 May 18 To David Scott from Matthew Richmond
Sir, A Body of Natives under "Epunie, Mutoroa and Moses" – having joined our Troops on the Hutt, I do myself the honor to appoint you Interpreter with a salary at the rate of six shillings per diem while employed on this duty. The Officer Commanding the Troops, has in addition, directed me that you be supplied with Rations while attached to his force. This appointment must, however, be considered temporary, and subject to the approval of His Excellency the Governor.

1846 May 18 To Captain Stanley, RN, Commanding HM Ship 'Calliope' from Richmond
Sir, In consequence of the numerous and apparently authentic rumours of an attack upon Wellington by the Rebel Natives I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to land, an hour before day break tomorrow, the marines of Her Majesty's Ship 'Calliope', together with as many of the Crew as you can spare to assist in the protection of the Town, and which I shall feel obliged by your continuing every morning until it is considered safe to dispense with this aid.

1846 May 18 To Captain McDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I do myself the honor to enclose an authority I have issued for calling out a portion of the Militia of the District, together with a form of Notice, for you to serve in the event of Volunteers not coming forward. You may make up the Company to Fifty at present and should you require a greater strength make application to me stating the reasons which induce you to make the application. So soon as your number is sufficient to enable you to dispense with the Police which are at present at Taitai you will direct that Party to proceed to Boulcott's Station, and report themselves to Mr Chetham Strode, under whose orders they will remain.

1846 May 19 To Major Last, Commanding Troops, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In consequence of the attack by the Rebel Natives on the Detachment of the 58th Regiment stationed at Boulcott's Farm the Chief E. Puni has come forward and offered the services of his Tribe to aid the Government in its operations against the Enemy. This example has been followed by the whole of the resident natives in Port Nicholson, who will proceed and join our Troops on the River Hutt. While they form part of our Force it will be necessary that they should be Rationed. I have therefore the honor to request you will have the goodness to direct the Commanding Officer to issue them according to a return which will be furnished by Mr David Scott the Interpreter, or such articles of food in lieu as the Natives may request, provided the price of the latter does not exceed the regular Rations.

1846 May 23 To Captain Stanley, RN, Commanding HM Ship 'Calliope' from Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of this day's date I have to express my thanks for the prompt manner in which you afforded the aid I requested for the protection of the Town when it was threatened with an attack, and although we still require a large force to guard a Town so scattered as Wellington, yet it cannot under the circumstances you state ask you to continue the assistance you have so kindly given when your doing so might endanger the safety of your ship. I will therefore request Major Last to furnish the Patroles and Sentries from the Troops under his command aided by the Militia and Volunteers, and will feel obliged by your having a Party in readiness to land to our assistance at the shortest notice in the event of the alarm being made.

1846 May 27 To Captain McDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from Matthew Richmond
Sir, Application having been made for the services of the Police to patrol in the lower part of the Hutt which is exposed and unprotected should plunder be the object of the Rebels, I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness on receipt of this to direct the Police party stationed at the Taitai to proceed to the stockade at the Bridge, that they may be available for that purpose. Should however, the Corps of Militia at the Taitai not be complete to Fifty rank and file, you will detain the number of Police to make that strength under which, I do not wish your party to be, but at the same time I have to urge the necessity of your completing your numbers without loss of time, that each description of force may be together. Should you have occasion to keep any of the Police, have the goodness to make Mr Petre acquainted with the number that proceed to the Stockade in order that an addition be made to this Party from Armed Volunteers, in the event of it not being strong enough for a Patrol. I have acquainted them that the Party will be at the Stockade on Tuesday, ready to take the duty on Wednesday morning.

1846 May 27 To Alfred Chetham Strobe from Matthew Richmond
Sir, On receipt of this you will move into Wellington with the Party of Police now under your Command for the purpose of proceeding to Karori to aid in the protection of that District and to patrol and watch that of Ohariu. The Party at Taitai will remain there until further orders.

1846 May 27 To Captain McDonogh, Commanding Militia, River Hutt from M. Richmond
Sir, Having removed the Party of Police from Boulcott's Farm to the Karori District – the men belonging to that Force now under your Command will remain at the Taitai until further orders.

1846 May 28 To Henry St Hill, Police Magistrate, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd instant, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by you, as you there inform me, at the request of your Brother Magistrates, to the Officer commanding the Troops in this District in the following terms:-

"It having been rumoured that the Troops under your command are to remain on the defensive, I am deputed by the Magistrates of this District to represent to you their unanimous opinion that active operations should with the least possible delay be forthwith commenced against the insurgent Natives so that their Pah may be invested and the operations of the Force be confined to the neighbourhood of Porirua. The Magistrates are convinced that unless such measures be immediately taken to restrain the incursions of the hostile natives, the friendly tribes will lose all reliance in the support of the Military and will soon become disheartened. Any further delay will moreover doubtless increase the number of the insurgents, and give them confidence in their strength. The Magistrates hesitate not to declare their assurance that the Militia, the Volunteer Corps & armed natives of this District will cheerfully and co-operate in any way considered advisable for the accomplishment of the above named objects. I am desired further to add that should the forward movement now recommended be put in Execution, the Magistrates feel satisfied of the Town will be perfectly efficacious and that no attack on it will be attempted. I have also perused in the public newspapers of yesterday, a copy of such letter with Major Last's reply, which it appears the Magistrates have ordered the Clerk of their Court to publish for general information. I cannot but feel deep regret that any of the Magistracy should have considered it their duty to address the letter in question to Major Last, without having, in the first instance laid their view before the Officer to whom His Excellency has been pleased to delegate the functions of Government within this District and without having obtained his sanction and approval of a step of such obvious importance. The total absence of official rule in the mode in which this communication has been made, and the position assumed in reference to the direction of the Militia Volunteers and Naval force which force must necessarily be directed by the Government alone, renders it necessary that as the Officer to and through whom these communications should have been made, I should request you will favour me with an explanation of the reasons by which you have been induced to take the unusual step in question, that I may be enabled to lay the same before His Excellency for his information. As the letter above quoted is stated to represent the unanimous opinion of the Magistrates of this District, and as I have received communications leading me to believe that all the Magistracy were not present at any consultation on these matters, will you further favour me by stating by whom such meeting was called, what was the notice given and who were present? I have likewise to draw your attention to your communication of the 16th instant, in which you gave me to understand that "in consequence of the state of excitement into which the public mind had been thrown by the occurrences at the Hutt that morning", you consider it imperative that prompt measures should be adopted for the protection of the inhabitants of Wellington, and that you had therefore in conjunction with the Magistrates named in the margin (Edward Daniell and Charles Clifford) deemed it advisable to call out the Volunteer Force immediately at command, and that you had at the same time solicited the Commander of Her Majesty's Ship 'Calliope', for the assistance of the small arms men of that vessel to patrol the Town during the night, and permit such of his Boats as could be spared for this duty to remove the women and children who were, as you were given to understand, on the Beach at Petoni awaiting aid from this side of the harbour."

I am equally unable without your explanation to acquaint His Excellency, why such steps could be deemed necessary by you during my temporary absence from Town, when I proceeded on the forenoon in question to the scene of action (not more than an hour's ride) from whence any danger was to be apprehended, and where alone authentic information could be obtained. I have further to request you will favour me by stating why, in the letter above alluded to, you did not inform me that you had in like manner, given directions for embodying the Militia Force of the District and that you will be good enough to add in what character you conceived yourself to be then acting.

1846 Jun 01 To Major Last, Commanding Troops, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond

Sir, Private Charles Rees of the Hutt Company of Militia being attached to the Native Force stationed at Boulcott's Farm I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to direct that he may receive his Rations there instead of at the Taita.

1846 Jun 10 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 9th instant recommending an offer of Mr J. N. Burcham to keep the Hutt Road from Town to the Bridge in a good state of repair, according to specification, from this date until the 1st November next, for the sum of seventy pounds I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to convey to you his authority for accepting Mr Burcham's tender.

1846 Jun 11 To T. H. Fitzgerald from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Referring to your Blank form of the 8th instant on a requisition from Major Last, the Officer commanding the Troops, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to convey to you his authority for the erection of two chimnies to the building within the stockade, at the River Hutt, at a cost of ten pounds and ten shillings.

1846 Jun 11 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, In compliance with a Requisition from Major Last the Officer Commanding the Troops, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to authorise your incurring the expense attendant on the repairs of the kitchen chimney at Fort Richmond on the River Hutt, and forward the accounts in the usual way.

1846 Jun 12 To W. Wakefield, Principal Agent of the NZ Company from M. Richmond
Sir, In forwarding a copy of Mr Commissioner Spain's report upon the New Zealand Company's claim to land at Port Nicholson, I beg to call your attention to those parts that relate to the compensation (four hundred pounds sterling) which has been paid to the Chiefs Rauparaha and Rangahaita for the District of the Hutt and with reference to what passed between His Excellency the Governor and you on the subject. May I request you will favour me by stating whether you wish that sum to be repaid by you, or appropriated in the manner suggested by His Excellency.

Annotation: As Mr Fitzgerald is prepared to go over the survey of the native cultivations with a Surveyor of the New Zealand Company, will you be kind enough to acquaint me when it will be convenient for you to appoint a Gentleman to that Duty.

1846 Jun 13 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington
Sir, As I am anxious the Native Cultivations should be definitively determined by yourself and one of the New Zealand Company Surveyors, as agreed upon by His Excellency the Governor, and the Principal Agent of the Company, I have to request that you will have the goodness to inform me when you will be able to recommend the Survey of these cultivations that I may request Colonel Wakefield to appoint a Surveyor to meet you.

1846 Jun 15 To S. E. Grimstone, Paymaster of the Militia from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I beg to call your attention, as Paymaster of the Militia, to the items of Rations for the Hutt Company of Militia, which has been drawn by Lieutenant Watt along with the pay for the month of April, and which should be in your hands until it is decided whether it is to be paid over to the Commissariat Department, or to the home Government.

1846 Jun 17 To David Scott, Interpreter from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
A report of a skirmish having taken place between the Military and the Rebel Natives at the Taitaa on Tuesday the 15th instant. I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to request that you will furnish, with the least possible delay, a statement of the particulars which transpired on that occasion, and whither any of the friendly Natives accompanied the Military on that Expedition. His Honor further directs, that you will in future furnish for his information a report of all such proceedings as may come within your duty in reference to any movements that the friendly Natives may undertake against the hostile party.

1846 Jun 18 To Sergeant in charge of the Armed Police, River Hutt from M. Richmond

The Party of the Police having been removed from the Taita to the Stockade chiefly for the protection of the Settlers on the lower part of the River Hutt, you will, every morning at 5 o'clock leave the Stockade with your Party and Patrol along the south bank of the River below the Bridge and also on the New Road leading to Petoni, and continue on the alert till after day break. It will be necessary for you to change the direction you leave the Stockade by, occasionally, going at one time by the New Road, and returning by the River, and at others patrolling first by the River and returning by the Road.

1846 Jun 19 To T. H. Fitzgerald

Sir, Having received a communication from the Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company that he has instructed Mr Wills to ascertain, in conjunction with a Crown Surveyor, the extent and locality of the Native cultivations I have the honor to direct that you will go over those you have already laid down with the Surveyor of the Company, and then continue the survey of the remainder with him. It is scarcely necessary for me to add that only those cultivations are to be surveyed that are embraced in the arrangements entered into at my house between Governor FitzRoy and the Principal Agent of the Company, and excepted in Mr Spain's award on the Port Nicholson claims.

1846 Jun 19 To W. Wakefield, Principal Agent, NZ Company from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th instant which I shall take the earliest opportunity of submitting to His Excellency the Governor. With reference to the latter paragraph of your letter I beg to acquaint you that I have instructed Mr Fitzgerald to proceed, in conjunction with Mr Wills, with the Survey of the Native Cultivations embraced in the arrangement entered into at my house on the 29th January 1844 with the view not only of ascertaining their extent and locality, but of carrying out the suggestions of His Excellency the Governor regarding them.

1846 Jun 27 To James N. Burcham, Aglionby Arms, River Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In compliance with your application of the 25th instant, I hereby grant you a provisional License, to sell Wine, Beer, and Spirituous Liquors at your House on the River Hutt – known as the "Aglionby Arms" until His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council shall have determined on your memorial, praying for a License under the amended Licencing Ordinance, Session 3, No.21, provided you be prepared to pay the required fee which will be in due course made known to you.

1846 Jun 27 To A. R. Chetham Strode, Inspector Police, River Hutt from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, His Honor the Superintendent has received your letter of the 24th instant enclosing a communication from Mr David Scott, Interpreter to the Native Forces in the Hut, in which he apprises you of the objections of the Chiefs to detach any portion of their men, twenty of whom His Honor was desirous should be placed under your Command. In reply, I am instructed to inform you, that as it is very desirable you should have the assistance of a few Natives, His Honor authorises you employing the services of six, whom you know, keeping six of the marked blue shirts for their use, and delivering the remainder to Mr Scott.

1846 Jul 03 To T. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor from Matthew Richmond

Sir, I do myself the honor to forward for your information and guidance the following instructions received from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, relative to the Roads in this District and have to request your immediate and strict attention to them.

With respect to those settlers who have been driven in from the outstations, they should be forthwith employed in completing and making thoroughly practicable the whole of the Road leading from Wellington to Boulcott's Farm as well as that portion of the Porirua Road lying between Mr Clifford's residence and the Stockade. Signed A. Sinclair.

1846 Jul 06 To S. E. Grimstone, Paymaster, Wellington from Matthew Richmond
Sir, Having received a communication from Colonel Hulme, in which he states that he has instructed Mr Lardner to return the sum lodged with him by Captain Durie, as stoppage for Rations issued to the Militia serving in the District of the Hutt, I have the honor to direct, that you will apply to Mr Lardner for the sum, and make out a warrant for the Sub Treasurer to receive it, and the sum deposited in your hands by Lieutenant Watt which was stopped from the Militia on the same account, and in future, it will be necessary for you to deduct from the amount of the Pay-list of the Hutt Company, the amount of Rations due which will remain in the hands of the Sub Treasurer and only pay over the remainder to the Officer Commanding the Company.

1846 Jul 08 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, Referring to your letters of the 16th and 22nd ultimo, representing your inability to proceed with the Surveyor of the Native Cultivations in this district, without serious delay to many important public works now carrying on under your direction I am instructed by His Honor the Superintendent to authorise your deferring the Survey of the cultivations alluded to until the state of the Country will enable you to do so with safety, and with the assistance of Mr White whose services are at present required in the Militia.

1846 Jul 09 To Captain Russell, 58th Regiment, Superintendent of Roads from Richmond
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant I have the honor by direction of His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you that under the circumstances stated therein, the working pay of the men will be increased to one shilling per diem as recommended by you. The allowance to the Superintendent will likewise be increased to nine shillings; and that of the Subalterns to six shillings per diem from this date.

1846 Jul 18 To Captain A. E. McDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from M. Richmond
Sir, I hereby authorise you to employ any of the Company of Militia under your command who can be spared from duty to complete and make thoroughly practicable the road leading from Boulcott's Farm to the Taita. The men so employed will be entitled to the regulation working pay. Mr Assistant Surveyor Fitzgerald will be directed to furnish you with the necessary tools.

1846 Jul 20 To Captain A. E. McDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day's date, soliciting authority to take twelve Natives from the friendly Tribes stationed at the Camp, on the strength of the Company under your Command, it appearing from your representation that they are most desirous of being enrolled in the Militia. In reply, His Honor directs me to convey to you his sanction to your request, the Natives receiving the same rate of Pay, as the Europeans.

1846 Jul 23 To Henry Stilling, River Hutt from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, Your letter of the 18th instant applying for compensation for the injuries you have sustained from the unsettled state of the Hutt District has been received by the Lieutenant Governor. In reply I am desired by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you that His Excellency fears there is no prospect of His having it in his power to give any compensation to you – but he will be enabled to speak more decisive in this respect when the depositions to which you allude, are before the Government.

1846 Jul 27 To Captain A. E. McDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you that Mr Thomas H. Fitzgerald has been instructed to furnish you with the necessary tools for the use of the men in your Company who can be spared from duty to repair the road leading from Boulcott's Farm to the Taita.

1846 Jul 27 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone

Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to request that you will have the goodness to furnish Captain A. E. MacDonogh, the Officer commanding the Hutt Company of Militia, with the necessary tools for the men of his Company who can be spared from duty to repair the road leading from Boulcott's Farm to the Taita.

1846 Jul 28 To Captain A. E. MacDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from M. Richmond
Sir, By direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Mr White is authorised to select from the Hutt Company Militia under your command fifteen men to be employed in a Corps of Volunteers Pioneers under his orders. He will therefore be returned in your Pay Lists as detached on that service.

1846 Jul 31 To Captain A. E. MacDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from M. Richmond
Sir, I have the honor to direct that you proceed at as early an hour as possible this morning with The Hutt Company of Militia, The Police Force at present under the charge of Mr Chetham, and the native allies by whom you will be joined, by the mountain path leading from Boulcott's Farm in the direction of the Pa "Pauatahanui". You will pay particular attention to the marks of footsteps and other traces of natives, for the purpose of ascertaining if the Rebel Natives under Rangihaeata, who have evacuated the Pa Pauatahanui, have taken this direction. When you approach the Pa above mentioned should you observe no symptoms of The Enemy being in the neighbourhood you will without loss of time proceed to Paramatta, and report yourself to His Excellency the Governor, or the Officer Commanding the Troops in his absence. In all your movements it will be advisable that you consult with the Chiefs at the head of the several Parties particularly upon the mode of attack upon the rebel natives should you happen to fall in with them.

1846 Jul 31 To Major Arney, Commanding the Troops, Porirua from Matthew Richmond
Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you that upwards of two hundred of our Native allies (Ngatiawa Tribe) with the Militia and Police Force that were stationed at the Hutt, proceeded from that District this morning across the Country in the direction of the Pa Pauatahanui with instructions that should they observe no traces of the Rebel Natives by the way, or any symptoms of their being in the neighbourhood of Pauatahanui, they were to proceed without delay to Paramatta where Captain MacDonogh is directed to report himself to His Excellency the Governor, or in his absence, to the Officer commanding. As Her Majesty's Ship 'Calliope' with His Excellency on board, may not, from the severity of the north west gale, have reached Porirua, I consider it necessary that you should be apprised of this movement, lest the sudden appearance of so large a body of natives in your neighbourhood might lead to some mistake. They should reach Paramatta if they meet with no obstruction tomorrow afternoon or the following morning.

1846 Aug 08 To Lieutenant Ross from Matthew Richmond, Superintendent
Sir, From information this day received, it is probable some of the Wanganui Natives who lately endeavoured to effect a junction with Rangihaeata by the Coast, will try to accomplish their object by the Upper Hutt. I have therefore considered it necessary to reinforce the Militia at the Taita Stockade with the party which will march under your command tomorrow morning consisting of 2 Officers, 2 Subalterns and 42 rank and file. The object of this force is not only to prevent the junction of this party with the Enemy, but to intercept fugitives from Rangihaeata's force on their way to Rangitiki, or Manawatu, and to protect the valley of the Hutt. You will be joined if possible by 6 natives whom you will employ, along with steady intelligent (X here the draft is defective X) for the purpose of ascertaining the position of the enemy, and if possible to intercept or destroy them.

1846 Aug 08 To Captain Hardy, 58th Regiment, Stockade Hutt from Matthew Richmond
Sir, From information I have received this day it is probable that some of the Rebel natives will be on the Upper Hutt very shortly. I have therefore considered it necessary to reinforce the stockade at the Taita with 2 Officers, 2 Subalterns and 42 rank and file of the Town Militia. And have request that, in the event of your hearing or ascertaining that they are engaged with Guns, you will afford them support. I have further to request that you will have the goodness to direct the Commanding Officer to issue Rations for this additional number of men.

1846 Aug 08 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor from Matthew Richmond
Sir, With reference to your letter of the 6th instant reporting the necessity for incurring an expense of fourteen pounds in repairing the damages done to Fort Richmond on the River Hutt by the late Flood – I have to convey to you my authority for proceeding with these repairs forthwith as from the necessity pointed out by you and my own knowledge

of the danger which exists of the stockade being washed away. I consider the expense to be unavoidable.

1846 Aug 12 To Capt. Laye, 58th Regiment, Commanding at Paramatta from Richmond
Sir, On receipt of your letter of the 10th instant I immediately made enquiry relative to the ammunition which was forwarded to Porirua in Her Majesty's ship 'Castor' and according to the statement of the Barrack Sergeant of the 58th Regiment (Mr Ross being at the Taita) the quantity of percussion and flint was correctly notified in my letter to His Excellency the Governor viz 4500 of the former and 5500 of the latter. The Sergeant imagines this mistake to have arisen by 2500 of the percussion being packed in two large casks with copper hoops – the remainder (2000) in the usual sized ones containing 500 each. There are only about 500 rounds loose of percussion ammunition left in store with the usual quantity of caps.

1841 Aug 31 To Hamilton Russell, Captain 58th Regiment, Superintendent of Military Roads from Matthew Richmond, Superintendent
Sir, I do myself the honor by directions of His Excellency the Governor to transmit you the following instructions for your information and guidance. As soon as it is practicable it is His Excellency's wish that a strong road party of Natives be taken up the Horokiwi Valley in advance of a line of posts, on Porirua Harbor, this road party would in point of fact, form a series of advanced posts but before you make arrangements for employing it there, it will be necessary for you to ascertain if a good line of road can be run up the Valley. So soon as the natives relinquish the pursuit of Rangihaeata, and the Rebels, every effort should be made on your part to get them again at work on the Roads, with the least possible delay. His Excellency confidently relies upon your making exertions to effect this. Should no evidence be procured against "Tapeha" the Native who was taken from your Road party, and confined on suspicion of having murdered Richard Rush, he will be discharged. As it seems most probable that this man is innocent, he should be kindly treated, and every consideration should be thrown to him after he has been discharged. For this purpose His Excellency would be glad if you would take him from confinement, when his release is determined upon, and endeavour to prove to the rest of the Natives, by restoring him to his place on the Road, your attention to him, and that we look upon him as innocent; and that his confinement has not, in the last, prejudiced him in our estimation.

1846 Sep 03 To Capt A. E. MacDonogh, Commanding Hutt Militia from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, reporting your returns with the Company of Militia under your command to the Stockade at the Taita – and in reply to that paragraph in which you request to be informed, if you are to carry out the instructions contained in His Honor's letter of the 18 July, with reference to the employment of the Company in repairing the Road between Boulcott's Farm and the Taita, at the regulation working pay; His Honor desires me to say that for the reasons he mentioned to you on the 1st instant, He considers it will be advisable not to comply with the instructions you allude to, until you again hear from Him on the Subject.

1846 Sep 04 To T. H. Fitzgerald, Assistant Surveyor from Matthew Richmond
Sir, In consequence of the frequent applications from the Natives of this District to be employed on the Roads, since their return from pursuing the Rebels, you are hereby authorised to employ to the number of twenty on those you are now carrying on in the Hutt District, and towards Clifford's Stockade, the pay will be at the rate of two shillings per diem when employed.

1846 Sep 21 To the Sub Treasurer, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to forward to you enclosed, a Publican's Special License, in favour of J. N. Burcham of the "Aglionby Arms" River Hutt, which you will have the goodness to deliver to him on payment of the fee of twenty pounds sterling.

1846 Oct 01 To William Brown from Matthew Richmond

I hereby grant you a Provisional License to sell Wine, Beer and Spirituous Liquors at your house at "Okiwi" until the decision of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Council on your Memorial be known, provided you pay a fee of five pounds on the issue of the Regular License, keep your Boat in good repair, and charge moderately for crossing from Okiwi to Wellington.

1846 Oct 01 To A. E. McDonogh, Wellington from Matthew Richmond, Superintendent
Sir, In compliance with the recommendation of Mr T. H. FitzGerald, Assistant Surveyor, you are hereby appointed provisionally, until the decision of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor is known to be overseer of the Road and other Public works now in progress in the Hutt. Your pay will commence from this date at the rate of six shillings per diem.

1846 Oct 23 To Thomas Hughes, River Hutt from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, I am directed, by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you that, your Tender for the construction of Bridges in the Hutt District received pursuant to public notice of the 7th October 1846, has been declined.

Similar letter of same date to Mr John Bryce – declining.

1846 Oct 23 To J. Burton, Kaiwarra from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you that, your Tender for the repair of the Tools used by the Porirua Road Parties for the quarter ending the 31st Decemebr 1846 has been accepted.

A similar letter to Thomas Poad, River Hutt

1846 Nov 04 To William Welsh, River Hutt from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, In reply to your Memorial of the 27th October praying that a License may be granted to you agreeably to the provisions of the amended Licensing Ordinance. I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to inform you that as two Bush Licenses have already been granted for the Hutt District, he is unable to recommend your application to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the indulgence you solicit.

1846 Nov 07 To T. H. FitzGerald, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone
Sir, I am directed by the Honor the Superintendent to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, reporting on the progress of the New Road, in course of construction through the Hutt District. In reply, His Honor directs me to acquaint you that, as Mr Burcham's agreement was to put that portion of the Road leading from Wellington, to the Hutt Bridge in complete repair, and hand it over in that state, on the 1st of this month; the necessity for any further expenditure, at present, on the two Divisions marked Nos 1 and 2 in the plan submitted with your letter, is obviated; due care being observed. The workmen who will necessarily have to be discontinued at the Hutt, until the Bush is sufficiently dry to be burnt off, can, the Superintendent conceives, be advantageously employed in that portion of the Porirua Road between Mr Clifford's section, and the Militia Stockade but, His Honor is of opinion, that whenever practicable, the line should be cut between the Hutt Bridge and Boulcott's Farm in the cleared part between the two patches of Bush. I am also instructed to remark that it is His Honor's wish, that the metalling of that portion of the line of the Hutt Road completed should be expedited as much as possible, and the construction of the small Bridge proceeded with without delay. The Superintendent having visited both the Porirua, and Hutt Roads during the week has much satisfaction in recording his approbation of the progress of the works, and the manner in which they are being executed.

1846 Nov 10 To Captain W. H. Russell, 58th Regiment, Superintendent Military Roads
Sir, I am directed by His Honor the Superintendent to enclose for your information the copy of a communication from Mr W. F. G. Servantes having reference to the subject of your letter of the 22nd ultimo, in which you represent the difficulty you experience in employing Natives at Middleton Stockade with any allowance granted them for food, and to acquaint you in reply that under Mr Servantes explanation of the circumstances which induced him to promise the Chief "Nathaniel" and his Party the extra sixpence per diem for provisions, and much as His Honor regrets its interference with your views at the Horokiwi Valley. He will authorise this additional pay to a limited number at Middletons Stockade.

1846 Dec 22 To Captain W. H. Russell, 58th Regiment, Superintendent Military Roads
Sir, Having forwarded your report of the 12th of November last respecting the track you had discovered through the Horokiwi Valley, I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you, that His Excellency is glad to learn that you have ascertained the practicability of carrying the Road up this line; and trusts that no time will be lost in placing a working party upon it.

1846 Dec 31 To Henry Buck, Wellington from S. E. Grimstone, Secretary
Sir, I am directed to inform you that your Tender for the repair of the Tools used by the Porirua Road parties for the quarter ending the 31st March 1847 has been accepted.

Similar letter to Mr Thomas Poad accepting his Tender for repairing Tools used by the Hutt Road parties for same period.

Similar letter to William Broadbent declining his Tenders for the same service at Porirua and Hutt Roads.

1847 Jan 12 To Thomas FitzGerald, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington from M. Richmond
Sir, In reply to the suggestions contained in your letter of the 22nd ultimo relative to the pay & c of the parties employed on the Hutt Road, I have to acquaint you that these arrangement are left to you, for you to consult with the natives and to act in the way best calculated to benefit them, provided that you do not exceed 2s per diem for pay and rations.

1847 Jan 12 To Thomas Hughes, River Hutt from M. Richmond, Superintendent
Sir, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you, in reply to your memorial of the 21st ultimo, that your claim for rent and compensation for destruction of the Barn has been forwarded to Lieutenant Colonel McCleverty for investigation, with other claims proffered for destruction of property during the late disturbance.
