

Tender of services to form a Wainuiomata Volunteer Corps
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Major Ludlam

Dear Sir, We the undersigned have resolved to form a Rifle Volunteer Corps to be called the Wainuiomata Rifle Volunteer Corps. The reasons for making this request are that we have a great distance to travel to drill at present and it is also very inconvenient as we cannot get home in time to attend to our farm duties and likewise taking into consideration the increase of labour in the district which causes the loss of a whole day when we could do the drill in two hours. The head quarters to be the Wainuiomata School House. Signed John McIlvride, Chairman of Meeting.

23 March 1870. To the Hon. the Defence Minister. We the undersigned inhabitants of the Wainuiomata beg to tender our services as a Volunteer Corps.

George Wood	John Mowlem
Robert Dick	John Haslem
J. C. Dick	Benjamin Haslem
Wm. Dick	William Prouse
Richard Prouse Senr	Robert Whiley
Fredk. K. Crowther	John Dick
Charles Collis Junr	Jas. Prouse
John McIlvride	Charles Swanson
John Sinclair	Richard Prouse
Duncan Sinclair	Robert Hambur
Thomas Gray	William Wiley
David Dick Junr	Luther Wiley
George Collis	Hamilton Wiley
Tom Wood	Daniel Bell
Henry Collis	James Symons
Houston Campbell	Benjamin Vaughan
Thomas Devine	John Journeau
Rich Prouse	
John Crouther	John Ryan
John Wakeham	Richard Smith
Robert Neill Junr	Joseph Saul
John S. Clark	John Devine
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Militia Office, Hutt March 29th 1870

Sir, I have received a communication from Forty five (45) of the Inhabitants of this district residing at Wainuiomata stating that they are desirous of forming themselves into a Rifle Volunteer Corps to be called the "Wainuiomata Rifle Volunteer Corps" and that they propose the School House in that district as their head quarters.

I have the honor to forward you (enclosed) a copy of their letter to me and the list of men willing to form the Corps and to submit for the consideration of the Government the desirability of the acceptance of their Services. I can confirm the statements made in their letter as to the distance they have to travel to attend Drills at the Lower Hutt and the consequent loss of time they sustain in doing so, a more important reason induces me to urge on the Government the acceptance of the offer which is that in case of any disturbance in this district it would be of great advantage to that particular portion of it that its inhabitants should be formed into a separate Corps for their own Defence, now that the Government have appointed a permanent Adjutant to the district there will be no difficulty in having them properly instructed in their Drills. I shall be glad to learn the decision of the Government. I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant,
Major A. Ludlam, Commissioner, Hutt District.