

**Private Secretary's Miscellaneous Letters 3 Jan 1844 to 19 Oct 1847**

Government House Auckland - Outwards Letter Book – Some transcripts &amp; notes

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1844 Jan 03 No.1 To Joel Samuel Polack, Albert Street - To appoint 10 o'clock on Thursday for an audience.

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1844 Jan 03 No.2 To A. Dalziel – Appointing 11 o'clock on the 6<sup>th</sup> to see the Governor.

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1844 Jan 03 No.3 To A. Weldhen – “he is sorry it is not in his power to offer employment.”

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1844 Jan 03 No.4 To A. Wilson, Nelson – acknowledges receipt of letter dated 24 Nov 1843 “and to say he is sorry no opportunity offers at present for complying with your request...”

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1844 Jan 04 No.5 To Rev J. B. Petit Jean, R.C. Minister, Auckland – on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock the Governor will be a liberty to see you.

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1844 Jan 04 No.6 To J. A. Wilson, Nelson – “is unable to offer you any employment at present.”

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1844 Jan 04 No.7 To Clement Partridge, Albert Street, Auckland – your statement has been submitted to His Excellency and “the case therein mentioned shall be enquired into. His Excellency would also wish to see you at 2 p.m. on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> instant.”

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1844 Jan 06 No.8 To W. MacIntosh, Cabinetmaker, Auckland – your letter has been forwarded to Mr Rough the Superintendent of Public Works.

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1844 Jan 06 No.9 To D. Longan, Auckland – your letter has been forwarded to Mr Rough the Superintendent of Public Works – apply next week.

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1844 Jan 06 No.10 To Thomas Cleghorn, Rose Bank, Auckland – advising that a Superintendent of Public Works is already appointed.

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1844 Jan 06 No.11 To D. Rough – forwarding letters from W. McIntosh and D. Longan

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1844 Jan 08 No.12 To J. B. Williams, US Consul, Russell – congratulating him “upon his safe arrival and wishing him permanent good health and spirits, in the exercise of his authority as Governor of this Colony.” The Governor conveys his thanks “for the good wishes and gratifying sentiments you have expressed towards him.”

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1844 Jan 08 No.13 To Edward Rich, Queen Street – “In answering your letter to His Excellency dated the 5<sup>th</sup> instant enquiring what alterations are about to be made with respect to the free importation and landing of goods, now subject to Custom Duties, I have to inform you that such alterations are not about to be made hastily, or soon; but that His Excellency hopes to be able to effect them, in the course of two years.” (44/13)

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1844 Jan 09 No.14 To Thomas Cass – “Your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant has been laid before The Governor and he desires me to acquaint you that your services will be required in this Colony in the Surveying Department, provided the Surveyor General report favourably of your character and qualifications.”

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1844 Jan 09 No.15 To Lieutenant Bennett Royal Engineers – appoints “tomorrow at one o'clock to meet the Deputation from the Mechanics Institute.”

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1844 Jan 09 No.16 To Dudley Sinclair – “I have to inform you in answer to the enquiry made in your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant that His Excellency has not brought out any Power of Attorney from England, nor has any paper, parcel or box been brought out by, or entrusted to His Excellency, to Mr Heale’s address.”

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1844 Jan 09 No.17 To J. Buchan, Lower Queen Street – your letter has been forwarded to the Colonial Secretary “who will take the necessary steps for lending you the Crab Engines in question.”

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1844 Jan 09 No.18 To the Colonial Secretary – re J. Buchan requesting Crab Engines.

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1844 Jan 09 No.19 To Felton Mathew, Honorary Secretary, Auckland Library – the Governor thanks him “for your courtesy in offering him the privileges of a Member of the Auckland Library” and that “he will be very happy to assist in forwarding so laudable an object as that the founders have in view.”

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1844 Jan 09 No.20 To Henry Tucker, RN – offers thanks for obliging offer

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1844 Jan 10 No.21 To David Russell, Chairman, Mechanics Meeting – Governor desires “to acquaint you that he is now making arrangements for the employment of the most necessitous immigrants” and “that on Friday at 11 o’clock he will receive the Deputation.” (44/22)

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1844 Jan 10 No.22 To R. C. Joplin, Auckland – “your application, being a private one, it has been postponed, until pressing Public Business has been forwarded.”

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1844 Jan 13 No.23 To Thomas Houghton Bartley, Logan Bank, Auckland – “in answer your letter of yesterday enquiring when it would be convenient to His Excellency to receive a deputation from the inhabitants of Kororareka, His Excellency has appointed this afternoon (Saturday) at 2 o’clock for receiving them.

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1844 Jan 15 No.24 To R. D. Bust – “to say that he is very sorry that it is quite out of his power to offer you any employment at present, nor can he hold out to you any hopes for some time to come.”

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1844 Jan 15 No.25 To Percival Berry – acknowledges letter received and “to inform you that the petition enclosed therein has been laid before His Excellency” and “in future he would wish matters of a similar nature to be transmitted to him, through the Colonial Secretary.”

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1844 Jan 15 No.26 To J. McVay, Debtor’s Gaol, Auckland – acknowledges your petition dated 10 Jan 1844 and that the subject you refer to is at present under consideration.

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1844 Jan 15 No.27 To T. G. Wood, Auckland – “regrets it is not in his power to offer you any employment even of a temporary nature at present.”

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1844 Jan 15 No.28 To Captain Richards, H.M. Colonial Brig ‘Victoria’ – “to thank you for the trouble you have taken in forwarding the specimens of sulphur &c.”

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1844 Jan 15 No.29 To Thomas Graham, Auckland – acknowledges receipt of letter enclosing a memorial which will be laid before His Excellency. Asks that “in future, all matters referring to the subject of Land Claims, may be transmitted to His Excellency, through the Colonial Secretary’s office.”

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1844 Jan 16 No.30 To R. Skeen, Auckland – “I have to inform you, in answer to your letter of yesterday, that His Excellency does not interfere in such matters as are therein mentioned.”

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1844 Jan 16 No.31 To Allan O'Neill, Lower Queen Street – “In answer to your application for employment as Surveyor or Engineer, I have, by desire of His Excellency, to refer you to the Surveyor General through whose recommendation only, Surveyors will be chosen.”

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1844 Jan 16 No.32 To William S. Grahame, Fort Street, Auckland – in answer to your request for an interview with the Governor “as he is going away immediately, it will be impossible for His Excellency to see you previous to his return.”

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1845 May 07 No.51 To Charles Harper, Sydney – “I am directed by His Excellency Governor Fitzroy to return your letters of the 5<sup>th</sup> April last and its enclosures, and to say that your offer of service in New Zealand is duly noted and acknowledged by His Excellency; but that he has no appointment to offer you in the Colony.

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1845 Jul 22 No.72 To J. P. O'Reilly, Roman Catholic Minister, Wellington – “I am desired by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant of your letter dated June 18<sup>th</sup> and to say that your application on behalf of Timothy O'Meara will be borne in mind by His Excellency.”

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1845 Sep 13 No.88 To H. J. Cridland, Wellington – “In reply to your letter dated 12 July last, I am desired by the Governor to say that a Captain of Engineers has arrived from Sydney to succeed the late Captain Bennett.”

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1845 Oct 08 No.91 To Edward Barnard, Colonial Agent General for New Zealand, 5 Cannon Row, London – “In reply to your letter dated 18 April last year (enclosing copy of a communication dated 16<sup>th</sup> of the same month from the Secretary to the Land and Emigration Commission) making enquiries about a Mr Charles Moffat, I am directed by His Excellency Governor Fitzroy to acquaint you that a person of that name arrived in New Zealand by the 'Louisa Campbell' in 1842 and is now resident in Prince Street, Auckland, where he is practising as a Dentist.”

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1845 Nov 01 No.95 To Edward Chetham, Wellington – “In reply to your letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> October last, enquiring whether the Memorial addressed by the Landowners resident at Wellington to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the Proclamation waiving the Queen's right of pre-emption issued by His Excellency on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1844 has been forwarded to Lord Stanley. I am desired by the Governor to acquaint you that the Memorial in question was sent to his Lordship by the 'Oratava' which sailed hence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March in this year.”

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1845 Dec 10 No.100 To Charles de Witte, Belgian Consul – “I am desired by the Governor to say that your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo, only reached him on his return from the Bay of Islands on Monday last and that he has not been able to reply to it at an earlier date. His Excellency directs me to express his regret that yourself and Madame de Witte should have suffered from so severe an indisposition and to beg that you will accept His Excellency's thanks for the kind wishes you have expressed towards him on his arrival in New Zealand.

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1846 Jan 20 No.109 To Walter Lawry – “In reply to your letter of this morning, the Governor desires me to say that His Excellency will see you, with the Chiefs Wetere and Jabez at twelve today.”

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1846 May 24 To Major Bridge, 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment via H.M. Steamer 'Driver' – "I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor to inform you in reply to your letter of this day's date, that His Excellency received this morning a letter upon the same subject from Lieutenant Colonel Wynyard, and that he will not fail immediately upon his arrival at Auckland to bring their communication under the notice of the Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Troops in New Zealand with a recommendation that the Troops should with as little delay as possible be removed to the Wahapu. The Lieutenant Governor further directs me to inform you that if you can without waiting for the delay of a reference to the Lieutenant Colonel commanding make any arrangement for the immediate removal of the Troops to the Wahapu, His Excellency will in as far as he is concerned sanction this proceeding on your part, which he thinks would be fully justified by the emergency of the case. PS in compliance with your wishes I have returned the enclosure transmitted in your letter."

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1846 Sep 19 To Rev R. Maunsell – "I am desired by the Governor to return you His Excellency's thanks for the copy of your grammar of the New Zealand language, which you have been so good as to send him. I am further directed to state that His Excellency has frequently endeavoured to procure a complete copy of your very interesting work, but has never previously succeeded in so doing."

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1846 Oct 01 To T. H. F. Vohlers, Ruapuke, Stewarts Island – "Sir, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that he has received with much pleasure a copy of your report on the condition of the natives residing in and about Foveaux Straits, which His Excellency has read with great interest. I am further desired to inform you that His Excellency will feel much gratified at hearing from you from time to time on the same subject, and will feel much pleasure in endeavouring to promote as far as he possibly can, your laudable, and very interesting labours."

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1846 Oct 29 To Messrs Schirmeis & Müller, Chatham Islands – "In reply to your letter of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency regrets to hear of the inconveniences to which you have been exposed by the natives of 'Warekauri' and in compliance with your request he has addressed a letter to the Chief of those Islands directing them to desist from such improper conduct for the future, which letter I am desired to transmit to you that you may yourselves deliver it to them – a copy of this letter I enclose for your information. I have further to state that it will afford His Excellency much pleasure, at any time to promote in as far as is in his power your laudable efforts for the advancement and civilisation of the natives of the Chatham Islands."

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1846 Oct 30 To Mr Duncan, Interpreter, Wellington – "I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has received your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo detailing some of the particulars of the plot laid by Puaha and others, for seizing him, as also for the destruction of a portion of Her Majesty's forces. The Governor had previously to receiving your letter obtained detailed information regarding this plot, and of another which had previously been laid by Te Rauperaha and others, before the old Chief was captured. His Excellency nevertheless feels much indebted to you for the prompt and clear information which you afforded him. I am also desired to say that your letter is written in a very intelligent manner, and does you much credit."

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1846 Nov 11 To Charles Clifford, JP, Wellington – "In reply to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency cannot think that any lease taken from the natives will be of any permanent advantage to the holders of such a lease but rather the contrary. I am further desired to say that the Governor is glad to hear that you will do everything in your power to facilitate the settlement of the land question which His Excellency trusts may now be speedily arranged, and when concluded he will be enabled to establish squatting regulations."

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1846 Dec 21 (writing from Wellington) To I. E. Featherston, MD – “In answer to your letter of this morning stating that the Committee of the Horticultural Society will feel gratified by a visit from His Excellency to the Society’s Exhibition tomorrow, I am directed by the Governor to inform you, that he will certainly make a point of attending.”

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1846 Dec 21 (writing from Wellington) To H. St Hill – “that His Excellency will occasionally if he is in want of a Horse, avail himself of your kind offer.”

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1846 Dec 23 (writing from Wellington) To Robert Hart – “I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant enclosing for His Excellency’s perusal, a copy of resolutions unanimously passed at a public meeting held in Wellington, and I am to acquaint you that His Excellency feels much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in transmitting those resolutions to him.”

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1846 Dec 23 (writing from Wellington) To Mr Hickson – “I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant enclosing for His Excellency’s information the printed copy of a letter to the Directors of the New Zealand Company from the Land purchasers resident in the first principal settlement, claiming compensation for the Company’s alleged breach of contract, and calling upon the Directors to fulfil the terms of purchase. His Excellency directs me to inform you that he feels much obliged to you for having transmitted a copy of this letter to him, and that in compliance with the request of those who have signed the letter he will carefully peruse it.”

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1846 Dec 24 (writing from Wellington) To I. E. Featherston – forwards ten guineas in aid of the Funds of the Wellington Horticultural Society.

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1846 Dec 24 (writing from Wellington) To Rev J. J. P. O’Reily, Catholic Paster – “I am directed by the Governor to return you the accompanying paper and to express to you His Excellency’s thanks for its perusal.”

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1847 Jan 11 To Rev H. B. W. Hillcoat, Chapel House, Queen Square, Bath, Somersetshire – “I am directed by the Governor to transmit for your information the copy of a letter received from the Police Magistrate of Nelson relating to Mr Hyde which His Excellency trusts will enable his friends to communicate with him.”

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1847 May 11 To Captain Cockraft, 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Parramatta, New South Wales – “In reply to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> ultimate addressed to the Lieutenant Governor requesting that in the event of the Headquarters of the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment returning to Auckland, His Excellency would not deem it unreasonable in your soliciting some such appointment under the local Government as is now held by some of the officers stationed here. I am directed to state that as everything at present which relates to the movements of the Troops is so very uncertain, His Excellency cannot now hold out to you any hopes of civil employment but will be most happy on your arrival here to talk with you on this subject.

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1847 May 10 To Mrs Jane Downey, St Thomas Street, Portsmouth, England – “The Private Secretary is directed to inform Mrs Downey, in reply to her letter to Lieutenant Governor Grey dated December 1845 requesting that some enquiries might be made respecting her son who left England in November 1841 in H.M.S. ‘Osprey’ bound for New Zealand and that after the destruction of the ‘Osprey’ he remained in this Colony but from whom no intelligence had been received by his friends in England for some time past; that John Downey is now living in Auckland, and working as a butcher with a person named McGuire, and that he has promised to write to his mother by the very first opportunity.

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1847 Jul 10 To H. T. Kemp, Wellington – “I have the honor by desire of the Lieutenant Governor to convey to you His Excellency’s thanks for the very useful manuscript which will afford His Excellency great assistance in acquiring the native language.”

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