

Commissioner of Crown Lands Wellington - Outwards Letterbook 1855-1856

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No.	Date	To
1	01 Jan 1855	Sub-Treasurer of the General Government
2	01 Jan 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
3	06 Jan 1855	J. G. Pughe, Wellington – mentions W. Adamson
4	06 Jan 1855	G. W. Seymour, Wanganui – mentions Henry Kirby
5	06 Jan 1855	L. G. Moyle, Wanganui
<p>Sir, I have the honour in reply to yours of 13th December to say, that if a legal conveyance be made from you to Mr Nicol, the Grant for the sections referred to can be made out in the name of that gentleman.</p>		
6	06 Jan 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
7	05 Jan 1855	William Fox, Provincial Treasurer, Wellington
8	06 Jan 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
9	08 Jan 1855	G. F. Swainson, Rangitikei
10	08 Jan 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
<p>Sir, New circular instructions having been just issued by the General Government to Public Accountants with respect to the mode of keeping accounts one of the orders is that an official receipt be given for every payment for land when brought to account by me of which receipt attested copies are to be returned to the Audit. In accordance with this Regulation I now forward you a receipt for James Fraser and R. Taylor with copies thereof which I have to request you will get certified by the parties at the time of handing the original to them and return to me at this Office. This practice will be pursued regularly henceforth.</p>		
11	09 Jan 1855	Mr Marriott, Wellington
<p>Sir, The Sub-Treasurer of the Province of Wellington under instructions from the Auditor General having called upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands to furnish him with the necessary information by the return of the steamer to Auckland, respecting the payment of the passage money of Mrs Marriott, son & daughter per ship 'Maori' which arrived in this port on the 21st July 1853 & which under Sir George Grey's regulations was quarantined by yourself & Mr Roe to be paid within twelve months after their arrival in the Colony. I have now the honour to request your immediate attention thereto in order... enable the Commissioner to reply as directed. The amount due is £31 10s, being one half of the passage money for three adults under the Regulations of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners in England.</p>		
12	14 Jan 1855	William Barnes, Park Vale
<p>Sir, I am directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to hand you the annexed copy of a letter just received from Mr Tomkins one of the first settlers in Park Vale & at the same time to state, that with such evidence before him, he cannot sanction your using the road in dispute between you and Mr Ellis.</p>		
13	12 Jan 1855	J. C. Raymond, Manager Union Bank, Wellington
14	08 Jan 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
15	11 Jan 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
16	12 Jan 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
17	12 Jan 1855	Auditor General, Auckland
18	13 Jan 1855	G. F. Swainson
19	15 Jan 1855	George Rees, JP, Wanganui
20	15 Jan 1855	G. W. Seymour, Wanganui
21	16 Jan 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
22	22 Jan 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
23	29 Jan 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui

No.	Date	To
24	31 Jan 1855	Robert Park, Chief Surveyor, Wellington
25	01 Feb 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
26	01 Feb 1855	William Fox, MPC, Provincial Treasurer, Wellington
27	01 Feb 1855	S. Carkeek, JP, Sub-Treasurer, Wellington
28	01 Feb 1855	D. Porter, Wanganui
29	02 Feb 1855	William Lyon, JP, Trustee, Mechanics Institute Wellington
30	02 Feb 1855	M. Fitzgerald, Wellington
<p>Sir, With reference to our conversation yesterday as to Mr George D'Arcy and to obviate any misunderstanding, I have the honour to state that in accordance with the arrangement by which Mr D'Arcy was attached to your survey (and reported as such to His Excellency) that gentleman is to accompany you to the Ahuriri. In the event of his present illness preventing him from going with you, he will follow you by the first opportunity. Will you do me the favour to communicated this to Mr D'Arcy.</p>		
31	02 Feb 1855	Alfred Domett, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier
32	02 Feb 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
33	02 Feb 1855	Committee of the Small Farm Association, Wellington
34	05 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
<p>Sir, Referring to the Commissioner's letter of the 8th ultimo, I have the honour to forward to you Receipts for land purchased by Gregor McGregor and William Kells with copies thereof for attestation.</p>		
35	05 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
<p>– mentions F. Norris, John Miles, Sergt Atkinson, Robert George</p>		
36	05 Feb 1855	P. Imlay, Wanganui
37	05 Feb 1855	W. C. Bennett, Wellington
38	04 Feb 1855	Captain W. M. Smith, Government Surveyor, Wairarapa
39	04 Feb 1855	Messrs Levin & Co., Agents for Mr Riddiford, Wellington
<p>Gentlemen, In transmitting you the official receipt for £60 paid by you on the 16th of January on behalf of Mr D. Riddiford for 120 acres on the East Coast, I think it right to remind you that as some of the land is proposed as I understand to front the coast line, it will be subject to the same reserve which is made throughout that line, namely that of determining hereafter what depth back from the coast is required to be kept for purposes of travel.</p>		
40	07 Feb 1855	J. G. Pughs, Wellington
41	08 Feb 1855	John Hughes, Wellington
<p>Sir, In consequence of the confusion caused by the earthquakes it has been impossible to examine your Survey yet; but it will be done at the earliest moment. In the meanwhile I enclose you a cheque for £50 on account of which I take on myself to advance pending that examination. Will you leave an authority to some person to receive the balance due after the examination is completed.</p>		
42	12 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
<p>Sir, I have the honour to transmit to you Receipts in favour of the persons named in the margin for Land purchases by them in your district – Robert George, John Miles, G. Brooking.</p>		

No.	Date	To
43	12 Feb 1855	Henry St Hill, Member of the General Assembly Enclosure – Government Scrip ready for issue John Heath, No.443 to 449 inclusive £750 William King, No. 450 to 452 inclusive £375 J. H. Luscombe, No.453 to 458 inclusive £525
44	12 Feb 1855	Alfred Domett, Ahuriri
45	12 Feb 1855	Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier
46	14 Feb 1855	William Fox, MPC, Provincial Treasurer
47	12 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary Sir, I have the honor to enclose you a letter I have received from Mr M. Fitzgerald on the subject of an injury done to a valuable transit theodolite, his private property, which cannot be repaired without being sent to England. I was out myself with Mr Fitzgerald on the occasion surveying a section; and while we were chaining a line, the instrument was thrown down some distance from us by a violent gust of wind. I authorised the repair being done at Sydney, but the instrument has come back in an imperfect state, and being worth about £60 – the loss would be a great one. The survey was an official one, on service.
48	12 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary – mentions Mr Bousfield
49	10 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
50	15 Feb 1855	Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier
51	15 Feb 1855	Captain Smith, Government Surveyor, Wairarapa Sir, I believe you have in your possession the plan drawn by Mr Corbet of the Sections surveyed by him at Grey Town; at least I am informed so by Mr Allen. Should this be the case I should be obliged by your sending it down when you send the plans of Warekaka.
52	19 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui
53	19 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
54	21 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
55	21 Feb 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward for reference in the usual manner the enclosed claims sent into this Office under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimant's Ordinance as enumerated in the margin – Charles Ibbotson, George F. Young, A. de B. Brandon, Mary Roy, Henry B. Ellerm, Thomas Rake, Henry William Rotermund.
56	22 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
57	22 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you that the earthquake which has recently occurred here destroyed all the brickwork in my Office, including the safe in which the various deeds and other valuable documents connected with the Claims to Land in this Province were kept. I propose to incur the expense of the necessary repairs as to Chimnies &c at once, trusting to the confirmation thereof by His Excellency; and with respect to a safe I propose also subject to His Excellency's approval to have one constructed if possible of Iron, a brick safe, being no longer secure, and the Deeds & papers, which I estimate to exceed 2000 in number essentially requiring a safe place of deposit.

No.	Date	To
58	22 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
		Sir, I have the honour to enclose for your Reports on Claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance, with a Schedule thereof. With regard to the report in the case of Mr Maxwell (an Auckland settler) he has requested that if possible the Scrip to which he is entitled may be delivered to him at Auckland. I beg have also to enclose you the copy of a Report No.822 in favour of the Rev H. Hallett (the original of which is in your office) and to request that the Scrip to which he is entitled may be prepared for issue.
		No. 19 Schedule of Reports upon Claims to Land Report 906 Claim 724 William Maxwell Report 907 Claim 785 Bernard Hartley Report 908 Claim 1003 Robert Clark Report 909 Claim 1058 Thomas Rake
59	26 Feb 1855	Henry Bunny, Rangitikei – mentions Mr Park, George Swainson
60	26 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie
		Sir, I have the honour to enclose Receipts in favour of John Bryce for land purchased in your district.
61	26 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie
		Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22 nd instant with enclosed Returns and Cheque for £60 for 120 acres purchased by John Bryce.
62	26 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie
63	26 Feb 1855	George William Seymour, Wanganui
		Sir, I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 22 nd instant enclosing two notices of assignment – Higgle to N. C. Rowe and Higgle to J. C. Clark – of land at Wanganui.
64	26 Feb 1855	Chairman of the Committee of the Small Farm Association
65	27 Feb 1855	Captain Smith, Wairarapa – re survey of Warekaka Plains - mentions A. McNaghten, G. Meredith, Mr A. Gillies, Clifford & Weld, Mr Revans
66	27 Feb 1855	Henry St Hill – mentions Mr Burling, Henry Jackson
67	28 Feb 1855	W. Fitzherbert, Provincial Secretary
		Dear Sir, In accordance with the wish of the Cemetery Committee I communicated with the owners of Town Acres 516 and 518 as to the right of way to Tinakori Road. Mr Dorset, the owner of 518, has agreed to sell it to a man now in occupation; but it would not be any use to treat with him unless we settled with the owner of 516 who I fear asks more than we ought to give. I enclose you his note, which please return at your leisure.
68	27 Feb 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
69	28 Feb 1855	H. B. Roberts, Wanganui
70	28 Feb 1855	Robert Park, Chief Surveyor
71	27 Feb 1855	D. McLean, Land Commissioner, Wellington
72	28 Feb 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
73	28 Feb 1855	D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui
74	01 Mar 1855	S. Carkeek, JP, Sub-Treasurer to the General Government
75	01 Mar 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington

No.	Date	To
76	02 Mar 1855	John McLaggan, Carpenter, Wellington Terrace Sir, I am instructed by the Commissioner to inform you that he has this day accepted your tender for the repairs to be executed in the Crown Lands & Survey Department as described in the specification signed by you on the 19 th February 1855 for the sum of £56 upon the condition that the work be commenced at once and proceeded with without delay.
77	02 Mar 1855	George Rees, M.D., Wanganui
78	05 Mar 1855	S. Carkeek, Sub-Treasurer of the General Government - re passage money of Marriott family
79	05 Mar 1855	D. S. Durie Sir, I have the honour in answer to your letter of 28 th February enclosing an authority from Thomas Murray to transfer a receipt for £500 to Mr Imlay, to acquaint you that this cannot be done. Mr Murray can if he pleases endorse the receipt himself as having assigned the land to Mr Imlay, but a legal Conveyance will be necessary hereafter if the Grant is desired to be made out in Mr Imlay's name. It is absolutely necessary now for everyone desiring to secure his property, to have every transaction properly recorded in a legal deed. I have made a note of your letter in the Register of applications, but am obliged to return the Receipt itself again.
80	05 Mar 1855	S. Carkeek, Sub-Treasurer of the General Government
81	05 Mar 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui – mentions Thomas Higgie, John Jackson, Mr Mathieson, Mr Russell, Mr Gersie, Mr Porter
82	05 Mar 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui – Thomas Higgie, John Jackson
83	05 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
84	06 Mar 1855	Edwin Meredith – Warekaka Plains
85	06 Mar 1855	Captain W. M. Smith, Wairarapa – mentions Meredith & Gillies
86	06 Mar 1855	A. Gillies, Wairarapa – Warekaka Plains
87	12 Mar 1855	D. Porter, Assistant Surveyor, Wanganui
88	12 Mar 1855	G. F. Swainson, Assistant Surveyor, Rangitikei
89	13 Mar 1855	R. E. Willray, Post Office, Lyttelton – application for run at Ahuriri
90	12 Mar 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui – Thomas Higgie & Mr Porter
91	12 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
92	12 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary – mentions Mr Hughes
93	12 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
94	12 Mar 1855	John Hughes, Surveyor, Wairarapa – road Greytown to Masterton
95	13 Mar 1855	Alfred Domett, Comr of Crown Lands, Port Napier, Ahuriri
96	14 Mar 1855	William R. Scott, Christchurch, Canterbury Sir, I am instructed to inform you that your application for a sheep run in the Ahuriri district has been this day forwarded to Mr Commissioner Domett.
97	15 Mar 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
98	15 Mar 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
99	15 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
100	14 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
101	16 Mar 1855	E. A. Hargreaves, Wellington – mentions trustees of Mr Hendry
102	16 Mar 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
103	19 Mar 1855	William Allen, Chairman of Committee Small Farms Association Sir, In compliance with my promise I have now the honour to forward to you herewith a tracing of the Plan showing the proposed New Road from Greytown to Masterton.

No.	Date	To
104	19 Mar 1855	Edwin Meredith – mentions George Meredith
105	16 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary – re earthquake destroyed buildings
106	15 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
107	19 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
108	19 Mar 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary I have the honour to enclose two Reports on claims under the New Zealand Land Claimants Ordinance with a schedule thereof Report 910 Claim 1059 George F. Young Report 911 Claim 383 Richard Barton
109	19 Mar 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington Includes a schedule of Wanganui Town and Rural Sections with upset prices and land area
110	24 Mar 1855	D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui Sir, I have the honour to inform you that Mr James Lamb deposited in this office the sum of £25 on the 12 th instant, in payment for 50 acres of Rural land to be selected for him at Wanganui by Sergeant Russell. You will therefore please to accept an application to that amount in his favour.
111	26 Mar 1855	Mr James Broughton, Wanganui
112	28 Mar 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance for reference in the usual manner, as enumerated in the margin – Henry White, R. P. Welch, Lord Petre.
113	02 Apr 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
114	03 Apr 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance for reference in the usual manner, as enumerated in the margin – J. F. E. Wright, Richard Taylor, George Taylor, Henry Taylor, George Collier
115	05 Apr 1855	Sub-Treasurer of the General Government
116	05 Apr 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington
117	05 Apr 1855	Sub-Treasurer of the General Government
118	05 Apr 1855	John Pearse, Wellington
119	11 Apr 1855	J. C. Raymond, Manager Union Bank of Australia, Wellington
120	12 Apr 1855	Auditor General, Auckland
121	05 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
122	16 Apr 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
123	16 Apr 1855	D. Porter
124	16 Apr 1855	G. F. Swainson, Rangitikei
125	18 Apr 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance for reference in the usual manner, as enumerated in the margin – Lorenzo Pigott, William Henry Jones, John Cameron.
126	17 Apr 1855	Auditor General, Auckland
127	16 Apr 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington – earthquake repair estimate
128	16 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
129	17 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
130	17 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
131	18 Apr 1855	Sub-Treasurer of the General Government, Wellington
132	18 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland – NZ Company debt

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133	19 Apr 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance for reference in the usual manner, as named in the margin – Charles Townsend.
134	18 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary
135	19 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
136	21 Apr 1855	George W. Seymour, Solicitor, Wanganui – mentions G. W. Sillifant, E. G. Dare
136a	18 Apr 1855	James Hallett, Waipukerau, Ahuriri – scrip for 75 acres
136b	18 Apr 1855	Alfred Domett, Commissioner Crown Lands, Ahuriri
137	23 Apr 1855	Robert Hume, Fordell, Wanganui Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11 th instant. I confess it is with great surprise I hear now for the first time that you <u>intended</u> to choose land for Mr Reid's brother on the banks of the Wangaehu. On the 20 th November last I referred Mr Reid to the tracing of the way in which the block he chose was proposed by me to be laid out, and on the 24 th November in answer to that (thought I had remarked it was necessary if Mr Reid meant to come down to the Wangaehu that <u>immediate application</u> should be made) Mr Reid says expressly "that all the lands were to be on the flat." Nearly five months elapsed without further application being made, and is not therefore now in my power to interfere with Mr Shield's second application for 200 acres.
138	23 Apr 1855	W. G. Wright, Wanganui – mentions Mr Dawson
139	24 Apr 1855	Joseph Kelly, Wairarapa – mentions Mr Sutherland, Mr Barton, Captain Smith, Mr Riddiford
140	24 Apr 1855	Alexander Sutherland
141	24 Apr 1855	Major Richmond, Commissioner Crown Lands, Nelson Sir, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter I have received from the son of the old Mr McDonnell who was located at Waitohi at the time of the purchase of that place when His Excellency Sir George Grey promised to have ten acres reserved for him and his children. It will be in your recollection, I believe, that the exact site of these ten acres was not determined upon prior to my leaving Nelson, owing to my having frequently requested Mr McDonnell himself to name the Suburban land he would desire to obtain; and now that the old man is dead, I would beg to represent to you the desirability of securing the point for the benefit of his children. It is not correct that Sir George Grey (that is so far as I know) promised Mr McDonnell to build him a house, in addition to the reserve: but if it were possible to grant the request now made by his son, to secure a Grant of the two unsold town sections on which his house and garden are situated (Nos 252 & 253) I am sure such a concession would meet the spirit of Sir George Grey's kind wishes in which, as the then Agent of the Company, I cordially concurred on the spot and at the time.
142	24 Apr 1855	John Grace, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Wainuiomata District Sir, I have the honour in answer to your letter of the 21 st instant requesting to be informed of the quantity of unsurveyed land out of the 630 acres attached to the name of Mr George Moore in the list of landowners in the Wainuiomata District, to acquaint you that the unsurveyed land held by Mr Moore is thirty acres.
143	24 Apr 1855	Peter Hume, Wairarapa

No.	Date	To
144	24 Apr 1855	G. W. Seymour, Solicitor, Wanganui – mentions Stephen Henson, Thomas Harper, Dr Rees, Captain Trafford
145	26 Apr 1855	John Grace, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Wainuiomata District Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21 st instant requesting that I would furnish the Board of Commissioners for the Wainuiomata District with a plan showing the District as defined by His Honor the Superintendents Proclamation. In reply I have the pleasure to transmit to you the plan referred to which with the list of landowners already sent from this office will I hope give the Board the information necessary for the exercise of their Public duties.
146	27 Apr 1855	John Philps Sir, Mr John Cameron has complained to me that you have turned a man off whom he had placed on sections purchased by him. The sections he has purchased are Nos 61, 62, 63, 64 & 68 Harbour District, and I write this letter to warn you against taking any steps that prevents his occupation of the land.
147	27 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
148	27 Apr 1855	Hon Colonial Secretary, Auckland
148a	27 Apr 1855	Michael Fitzgerald, Government Surveyor, Ahuriri
149	30 Apr 1855	D. S. Durie
149a	01 May 1855	S. Carkeek, Sub-Treasurer
150	01 May 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
151	02 May 1855	W. B. Rhodes Esq., JP, MHR, Wellington – Re Hawke's Bay land
152	02 May 1855	Commissioner of Crown Lands Napier
153	04 May 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claim under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants ordinance, for reference in the usual manner as named in the margin – George Bragg
154	08 May 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
155	08 May 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claim under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants ordinance, for reference in the usual manner as named in the margin – George Wright
156	08 May 1855	Captain Smith, R.A., Wairarapa – mentions Bidwill's run, Manihera
157	08 May 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
158	10 May 1855	Alfred Domett, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Port Napier
159	10 May 1855	Jerningham Wakefield, Esq., MHR Sir, I have the honour in reply to your letter requesting the boundaries of sections Nos 15, 76 and 77 Lower Hutt District may be pointed out to you, to state that I regret I shall not be able to send a surveyor for the purpose until Mr Swainson comes in from Rangitikei. My present intention is that he shall accompany me on my return from Wanganui, which will be about the 28 th of this month.
160	11 May 1855	Provincial Secretary, Wellington Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants ordinance, for reference in the usual manner as named in the margin – James Baggarley, Joseph Hurley

161 14 May 1855 D. S. Durie, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Wanganui

162 21 May 1855 Sergeant Russell, R.A., Wanganui

Sir, Mr James Lamb of the steamer 'Nelson' has applied to me to know if the selection of the 50 acres of land at Wanganui purchased by him on the 12th March last, has been made by you. He is anxious to have the transaction completed, and I am equally so in order that the amount deposited by him for the purchase thereof, may be brought to account in our books. The Steamer is expected to return about the end of the week when he will call again. Your reply therefore by return of post will oblige.

163 22 May 1855 Provincial Secretary, Wellington

Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants ordinance, for reference in the usual manner as enumerated in the margin – John Trevrick, George Henry Luxford, William Flyger.

164 21 May 1855 Alfred Domett, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Port Napier, Ahuriri

Re request of R. J. Duncan of Wellington for a Certificate of the amount of Government Scrip deposited by him on the part of Miss Beauchamp, and for which he is desirous of selecting land at Ahuriri.

I hereby certify that Richard John Duncan, the duly authorised attorney of Miss Jane Beauchamp has deposited in the Crown Land Office Wellington the undermentioned Government Scrip – Nos 372-388 at £100 each and No.389 at £75 – total £1775. I would remark by way of explanation that £1975 in Scrip was originally issued to Miss Beauchamp (see Supplement to Government Gazette 15 Nov 1853 Report 756). Two hundred pounds of which has been appropriated in the selection of land at Rangitikei.

165 28 May 1855 D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui

PS The approval or otherwise of Mr Shield's selection will be forwarded by the next mail. There is a doubt in the Principal Surveyor's mind as to there being sufficient land as described in the Application without interfering with Higgie's & McGregor's selection. This is another instance of the absolute necessity of a tracing being forwarded with every application shewing the whereabouts. Mr Higgie's application states portions of sections 114 & 115. What portion? The tracing would have shewn.

166 14 Jun 1855 D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui

Sir, Referring to my letter of the 25th ultimo I have the honor to inform you that the selection made on the 18th May last by Mr Richard Thomas Shields of 300 acres of unsurveyed land on the Left Bank will stand over for the present waiting Mr Porter's survey agreeable to an arrangement made by the Commissioner while at Wanganui – in the meantime the sum of £150 paid by him will be entered in our books as a deposit only. Will you be good enough to send me a copy (signed by yourself) of two applications by Thomas Shields, one on the 28th March for 200 acres and the other on the 1st July for 300 acres. The Earthquake having disarranged our papers the above applications are missing, apologising for this trouble.

166a 06 Jun 1855 Provincial Secretary, Wellington

Sir, I have the honour to forward the accompanying claim under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants ordinance, for reference in the usual manner as named in the margin – E. Jerningham Wakefield

167 31 May 1855 Edward J. Wakefield, JP, Wellington

168 07 Jun 1855 Sub-Treasurer of the General Government, Wellington

169 07 Jun 1855 Superintendent of the Province of Wellington

170 07 Jun 1855 William Fox, Treasurer of the Province of Wellington

171 11 Jun 1855 Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
Re Ferry Reserve, Waiohine River, Wairarapa – 30 acres has been made at the place pointed out for the purpose.

Statement showing the land purchased by E. J. Wakefield at Wanganui

Land order	Order of Choice	Original Purchaser	Transferred
23 Special	127	Henry Mayers	08 Dec 1849 plus other details
24 Special	128	Henry Mayers	08 Dec 1849 plus other details
25 Special	129	Henry Mayers	08 Dec 1849 plus other details

117 Ordinary 221 Charles Hall 12 May 1841*

* Edmund Johnson who transferred to E. J. Wakefield

The right being waived by Mr St Hill in selecting the Country Section for the land order in the Port Nicholson District. Country Section No.8 Wainuiomata district selected by Mr St Hill on 11 Nov 1844 (No claim has been made for a Grant of this section. A Supplementary land order was issued to E. J. Wakefield for this, which was conveyed by him to W. Bowler 19 Jul 1853.

172	11 Jun 1855	John King, Solicitor, Wellington – mentions P. M. Hervey, Mr Hamley
173	11 Jun 1855	Captain W. M. Smith, Wairarapa

174 11 Jun 1855 D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui
Mentions James Reynolds, Alexander Aikin

175	11 Jun 1855	Edwin Meredith – mentions George Moore
176	11 Jun 1855	C. R. Bidwill
177	11 Jun 1855	Dr Welch, Wellington – Re Taratahi Bush – mentions W. B. Rhodes

178 11 Jun 1855 Henry Gooding and Walter Hodder
With regard to the Applications made by you this day for 100 acres and 100 acres at the Race Course at Wairarapa, I have to state to you that Mr Bidwill has this day put in a claim for 500 acres there under his pre-emption right, in accordance with Governor Grey's rule in such cases. I am therefore unable to take your applications, and must return you the money (£100) which you lodged with them.

179	11 Jun 1855	George Moore, JP – mentions Edwin Meredith
180	11 Jun 1855	Donald MacLean, JP, Land Commissioner - Mr Bidwill, Chief Matiaha

181 11 Jun 1855 Donald MacLean, Land Commissioner
Mentions Mr Bidwill, Te Manihera, Mr Borlase, Arapita (Albert) of Kaiwi, settler named Peake

182	14 Jun 1855	J. C. Raymond, JP, Wellington – Re Rev Rochfort Grange
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183 16 Jun 1855 J. C. Raymond, JP, Manager of the Union Bank of Australia, Wellington
I have now the honour with reference to the Immigrants who came out in the ship 'Gipsy' to transmit to you herewith a list of those persons for whom the Government has to pay under the arrangements for guaranteed passages in pursuance whereof they were sent out, together with a statement of the sums payable in each case, amounting in total to £240. You will observe that in accordance with the terms of the Charter party I have deducted from the amount of £276 claimed through your Bank the sum of £12 for one child who died on the passage. I have also been obliged to deduct £24 for the passage money of George Sewell who was not named in the Guarantee and for whom therefore the Government is not liable. You will accordingly find that the total sum payable by Government is £240 for which I beg now to enclose you a cheque.

Name	Age	Statute Adult	Amount payable	Remarks
William Benton	32	1	£24	
Francis Benton	32	1	£24	
Elizabeth Hawcus	52	1	£24	
William Sewell	67	1	£24	
Sarah Sewell	63	1	£24	
Benjamin Sewell	19	1	£24	
Child Sewell	13	½	£12	Died on passage
Georgiana Sewell	25	1	£24	Passage not guaranteed
Hannah Brooks	24	1	£24	
Dorothea Lonsdale	30	1	£24	
Duncan Nevin	not stated	1	£24	
Mary Nevin & infant	not stated	1	£24	

184 16 Jun 1855 Isaac Earl Featherston, Superintendent of the Wellington Province
185 18 Jun 1855 Matthew Sharley
186 18 Jun 1855 Samuel Popham King, JP, New Plymouth
187 19 Jun 1855 Mr Butler (McReynold's Land, Wairarapa) – Mr Hughes, Mr Jeffries
188 19 Jun 1855 Henry St Hill, Wellington – Chief Te Watarauhi
189 19 Jun 1855 Colonial Secretary, Auckland – Re ship 'Gipsey', Messrs Young & Co.

190 20 Jun 1855 J. C. Raymond, JP, Wellington
Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date on the subject of the Immigrants per 'Gipsey'. In reply to your enquiries I beg to inform you that in H.M. Colonial Land and Emigrants on Commissioner's List, Alexander Allan and Thomas Allan appear as having received Embarkation Orders under an application through Governor Sir George Grey at Auckland: but they were not applied for here, nor their passages guaranteed.

With regard to the Nevins, they received Embarkation orders for the steerage, and then appear to have gone into the Cabin, paying the difference: I hold the guarantee for the proportion payable by Government.

With regard to the Sewell's, in the Commissioner's List there appears after "William, Sarah & Benjamin" the "child aged 13 equal to half an adult" who died on the passage the followed "Georgiana aged 25". The child's name was Georgiana, as you say; and it appears that the adult girl of that name entered in the list was an error, as she was not applied for, nor did she come. Hannah Sewell, the other daughter, married Samuel Brooks, who paid his own passage; you will find her name included in the Account I gave you. The fact is, Messrs Young's list and the Commissioner's list do not agree; but I go by the names of those guaranteed and landed. From the above particulars it will be seen that Government has not to make any further payment.

191 20 Jun 1855 Colonial Secretary, Auckland
192 20 Jun 1855 Colonial Secretary, Auckland
193 20 Jun 1855 Sub-Treasurer of the General Government, Wellington

194	20 Jun 1855	Messrs Peacock & Hervey, Trustees of the Estate of John Walden Mentions Robert Kidd, Chief Te Manihera
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195	21 Jun 1855	Colonial Secretary, Auckland – Chief Te Manihera
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196	21 Jun 1855	Colonial Secretary, Auckland Sir, I have the honour to request that I may be authorised to complete the fencing of the acre on which this Office is built. The expense will not exceed £20 and well probably be under. I have the honour also to bring under your notice the necessity for the erection of a safe, which I referred to in my letter of the 22 nd February last. There are upwards of three thousand deeds and documents connected with Titles to Land in this Province in my custody as Commissioner under the Ordinance Session II No.15, which have been, since the destruction of my former safe by the earthquakes, kept in the Office independently of which I continually receive Scrip &c for which I am responsible, and I respectfully submit I ought to be protected as far as possible against any loss of my Books and the documents referred to, from fire. I should be greatly obliged if I could receive this authority by the return of the Steamer, and His Excellency may rely on the safe being built at the least possible cost.
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197	21 Jun 1855	Captain W. M. Smith, Wairarapa
198	21 Jun 1855	G. F. Swainson
199	21 Jun 1855	Robert Park
200	21 Jun 1855	David Porter
201	21 Jun 1855	H. C. Field, Wanganui – 3 queries re John Montefiore's land order 327
202	25 Jun 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui – Robert George, Samuel Gregory Harris
203	25 Jun 1855	J. Willcox, Turakina
204	25 Jun 1855	Colonial Secretary

204a	25 Jun 1855	Colonial Secretary Mentions – Governor Fitzroy, A. Macdonald, Robert Tod, William Hickson, Sir George Grey, George Moore
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205	26 Jun 1855	Colonial Secretary – mentions Michael Fitzgerald
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206	25 Jun 1855	John Hughes, Wellington
207	26 Jun 1855	Colonial Secretary
208	27 Jun 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
209	02 Jul 1855	D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui – mentions James E. Lamb
210	02 Jul 1855	Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
211	02 Jul 1855	Mr Fox, Provincial Treasurer, Wellington
212	02 Jul 1855	Stephen Carkeek, Sub-Treasurer of the General Government
213	05 Jul 1855	Sub-Treasurer of the General Government
214	06 Jul 1855	Auditor General, Auckland
215	06 Jul 1855	Colonial Secretary
216	06 Jul 1855	Colonial Secretary

217	06 Jul 1855	Colonial Secretary, Auckland Re Porirua Barracks – were levelled to the ground by the late Earthquakes in this Province, having been seriously injured before earthquakes of 1848...
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218	06 Jul 1855	Alfred Domett, Commissioner Crown Lands, Port Napier Mentions Captain D'Arcy, George D'Arcy
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219	09 Jul 1855	Henry Churton, Wanganui
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220 09 Jul 1855 William Bowler, Wellington – on behalf of the Trustees of Mrs Ford (late Miss Molesworth) re land at Porirua claimed by George Mexted and others derivatively from the late F. A. Molesworth deceased.

221 13 Jul 1855 Messrs W. B. Burgess, Harrison, Earp and Taylor of Porirua
Gentlemen, I shall be obliged by your attending at this Office on Wednesday next the 18th July for the purpose of finally settling the boundaries of your respective sections and the question of the Road.

222 14 Jul 1855 Captain W. M. Smith, Wairarapa
223 14 Jul 1855 W. H. Donald – re homestead at Manaia – mentions Mr Hughes
224 16 Jul 1855 David Porter, Wanganui
225 17 Jul 1855 Superintendent of the Province of Wellington

226 18 Jul 1855 D. Riddiford, The Hutt
Dear Sir, I wish particularly to see you respecting your run at Te Awaiti as I am preparing the Schedules for immediate publication. If you can conveniently attend tomorrow I should be glad, if not the I should hope to see you on Monday or Tuesday.

227 19 Jul 1855 R. Barton
228 19 Jul 1855 George Moore
229 19 Jul 1855 W. B. Rhodes, JP – mentions Mr Donald at Wairarapa
230 23 Jul 1855 Dr Welch – 600 acres in Taratahi Block
231 26 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary
232 26 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary
233 25 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary – Wairarapa Runs
234 26 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary – Mr Durie
235 28 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary

236 28 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary
Mentions Native Reserves, East Coast; Mr T. Moodie; M. Fitzgerald

237 30 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary – re various returns
238 27 Jul 1855 Auditor General
239 28 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary
240 28 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary

240a 30 Jul 1855 D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui
Mentions Dr Rees, F. Williamson, Mr Higgle

241 30 Jul 1855 Colonial Secretary
242 30 Jul 1855 Auditor General

242a 01 Aug 1855 Memorandum for Mr Jeffery
The pegs put in by Mr Hughes on Mr Jeffery's land are the property of the Crown. Mr Jeffery is hereby authorised to prevent anyone from removing any pegs or other survey marks from off his land and anyone doing so will be prosecuted by me. (Signed) F. D. Bell, Commissioner

243 01 Aug 1855 Crown Land Office, Wellington
Mr Jeffery has placed in my hands the sum of £33 10s to hold as_ between him and Mr John Hughes until the question in difference between them as to the Survey at Wairarapa is decided. It is understood this amount is placed in my hands in my private capacity and not as Commissioner of Crown Lands and that Mr Jeffery can at any moment have it back if required.

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- 244 01 Aug 1855 William Fitzherbert, JP, MPC, Wellington
Re road reserve under the hills in Section 24 Lower Hutt. Mentions Mr Alzdorf
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- 245 01 Aug 1855 William Fitzherbert, JP, Wellington
Mentions investigation of claim to land in Bank's Peninsula, T. M. Partridge, Mr Brittan, Major Baker
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- 246 02 Aug 1855 Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
247 02 Aug 1855 Sub-Treasurer of the General Government
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- 248 06 Aug 1855 J. T. Tylee, Wanganui
Crown Grants for the Town Sections at Wanganui numbered 221 to 228 inclusive (in one Grant) has been issued to John McGregor and delivered to Mr Brandon 31 May 1853.
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- 249 08 Aug 1855 Superintendent of the Province of Wellington
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- 250 13 Aug 1855 G. W. Seymour, Solicitor, Wanganui
The following documents were received in this office on 04 Jun 1855: Notice of mortgage Vincent to Harper of Town Sections 277 and 278 Wanganui. A copy of Deed of Conveyance dated 05 Jan 1855 from W. Kells to G. W. Sillifant of portions of Country Sections 49 and 50 Right Bank Wanganui. Copy of Deed of Partition executed by Messrs William Kells, Joseph Kells and John Kells dated 24 Jun 1854. Copy of Deed of Conveyance from Messrs Taylor & Watt and another to G. Sillifant and J. C. Dare dated 02 Apr 1855 of Town Section No.123 Wanganui. Mr George Ross has claimed, and the Commissioner has reported him entitled to a Grant of 10 acres part of Country Section 14 Right Bank Wanganui.
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- 251 20 Aug 1855 D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui
Mentions C. M. Harkness, Sarah Hogg and Jan Gerse
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- 252 20 Aug 1855 G. W. Seymour, Solicitor, Wanganui
Mentions notice from H. S. Harrison of the sale of Section 21 Right Bank Wanganui to John Murray.
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- 253 22 Aug 1855 Mr Justice Stephen
I do myself the honour to transmit herewith a case arising out of a conflicting claim to Crown Grants and respectfully to request your Honour's consideration thereof. If your Honour should decide upon examining the parties, I will give them notice for such a day as you may direct, and will also be in readiness myself to wait upon your Honour.
- In the matter of W. B. Burgess of the one part and Harrison and others of the second part.
Burgess – owner of Section 36 Porirua; Harrison & others of adjoining Section 37
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- 254 27 Aug 1855 D. S. Durie, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui
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- 255 27 Aug 1855 Mr Hewett, Wanganui
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 21st instant I have to express great regret that the Natives still refuse to allow possession of the land notwithstanding the clear right (shown by Mr Porter's survey) of the Government. I have written to the Resident Magistrate today in the hope that he and the Native Assessors may settle the dispute: but I have also written to His Excellency representing the case and requesting instructions as to the course I am to pursue in you claim if possession cannot now be given.
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256 27 Aug 1855 Major Durie

Sir, The Case of certain Natives at Kaiwi continuing to refuse possession of his land to Mr Hewett is now so serious that I am obliged to bring it under your notice earnestly requesting you to use your influence to get a settlement of the dispute. Mentions Arapeta, Mr McLean.

257 27 Aug 1855 Memorandum

Re Arapeta and land at Kaiwi. Mentions Speed's Block, Hewett, Porter, Major Durie, McLean

258 27 Aug 1855 Colonial Secretary

Upon the 21st January 1854 a block of 300 acres was sold to James Speed situate near the Kaiwi Stream. Speed afterwards sold it to Hewett, a respectable settler intending at once to occupy the land. When he went to take possession certain Natives (under Arapeta, a person I believe of no real consequence in the place) contested the ground and refused to give him possession...

259 28 Aug 1855 Colonial Secretary

Sir, With reference to my letter to you of the 28th July 1855 on the subject of Mr Moody being employed on the Survey here, I regret to have to acquaint you that three days after he came I discovered he had committed an act at Nelson which made it impossible for me to think of retaining him in the Public Service. I therefore at once removed him and beg to report that I have done so.

260 28 Aug 1855 Colonial Secretary

Forwarding copy of Grant issued to William Hickson for Town Section No.585 – 1a 0r 25p

261 28 Aug 1855 Alfred Domett, Commissioner Crown Lands, Port Napier

Sir, Mr Michael Fitzgerald serving under your orders at Napier, it has appeared to me the proper course to forward the enclosed letter to that Officer, communicating His Excellency's decision on a difference between Mr Fitzgerald and myself through you as head of the department at Napier.

262 28 Aug 1855 Michael Fitzgerald, Napier

Sir, His Excellency the Officer administering the Government having been pleased to direct me to communicate to you the decision he has come to on the question in difference between yourself and me, I transmit to you herewith a copy of the Hon The Colonial Secretary's letter to me of the 23rd July last. I think it proper at the same time to forward you copies of the former correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and me on the same subject, as noted in the margin.

Colonial Secretary to Commissioner 7th & 8th November 1854; Reply 30th November 1854

Colonial Secretary to Commissioner 05 April 1855; Reply 26 June 1855

263 28 Aug 1855 Colonial Secretary – re Michael Fitzgerald's case

264 29 Aug 1855 Colonial Secretary – re land regulations

265 29 Aug 1855 W. B. Burgess, Wellington

Decision about the conflicting claims between Burgess and Messrs Harrison & Earp. In consequence it becomes by duty to give you Notice that the old NZ Company's road at the locality in question will be granted to you. With respect to the land outside the eastern line of that old road which you have cleared and cultivated, Messrs Harrison and Earp will be required to make such payment for your improvements as may be fair. If you and they cannot agree as to the value of such improvements it is to be referred to arbitration according to certain directions pointed out by His Honour the Judge.

266 29 Aug 1855 Mr Harrison, Mr Earp and other owners of Section 37 Porirua Road

267 29 Aug 1855 Messrs Troughton & Simms, Instrument makers, London
Gentlemen, The schooner 'Nelson' being about to sail from this port for England, I take the opportunity of transmitting to you by her two theodolites which require repair. Enclosed is a description of them by the Chief Surveyor in this Department, which will explain to you the nature of the repairs necessary. I have to request you will be so good as expedite the work as much as possible, and send out the instruments addressed to me here by the first vessel sailing for this port. With regard to the payment of your Account I have to request you will draw upon me for the same through Messrs H. H. Willis & Co. whose agents here are Messrs Bethune and Hunter, as the other course of referring you to the Colonial Agent General would be attended with trouble and loss of time to us both. PS It is probable that next month I shall send you an order for five 5in Theodolites.

268 29 Aug 1855 Colonial Secretary – re ordering theodolites at £30 each

269 29 Aug 1855 John Hughes
Sir, In reference to the Applications for land put in by you for the percentage allowed to purchasers whole blocks you have surveyed, I have applied to the Government to allow the Grants to be made direct in the Surveyor's name in such cases, and the Applications are registered – pending the reply of the Colonial Secretary. I regret that, as I informed you before, I cannot consent to the percentage being selected except in the immediate locality of the blocks in respect thereof it arises.

270 31 Aug 1855 Colonial Secretary
Sir, I do myself the honour to forward herewith a letter I have received from the principal Surveyor here enclosing an application from Mr Assistant Surveyor Swainson for forage allowance. It strikes me that if the other Officers of the same standing are allowed forage (as in the case of Mr Bousfield at Ahuriri) the Assistant Surveyor in this department are entitled to the same indulgence: but I presume there is a general rule, which your decision in the matter will be guided by.

271 03 Sep 1855 D. S. Durie, Wanganui
Re Arapeta's interference with Mr Hewett's land. I take the opportunity of acknowledging also the receipt of your letter enclosing T. Kell's application for 40 acres and the accompanying cheque for £20.

272 03 Sep 1855 Superintendent of the Province of Wellington

273 03 Sep 1855 William Fox, Treasurer of the Province of Wellington

274 03 Sep 1855 Sub-Treasurer of the General Government, Wellington

275 03 Sep 1855 I. E. Featherston
Memorandum: The shape of the Block belonging to Mr Jeffries at Wairarapa is approved. The only thing required is Mr Jeffries satisfaction with the Survey.

276 10 Sep 1855 Andrew Reid, Fordell – mentions Mr Hume, Mr Shields, Mr Fraser

277 11 Sep 1855 Messrs Moore & Levin – mentions Mr Meredith

278 17 Sep 1855 Dr Allison, Wanganui – mentions Mr Cameron, Mr Harrison

279 17 Sep 1855 G. W. Seymour, Solicitor, Wanganui
Enclosing certified copy of an agreement between Henry Kirby and James Paulin dated 09 Nov 1853 having reference to the division of Section 31 Right Bank Wanganui, deposited in this Office with other papers by the above parties in claims for a Crown Grant.

280 19 Sep 1855 Superintendent of the Province of Wellington

Sir, I beg leave to transmit to your Honour herewith an application I have received from Thomas Hales, enclosing also an application to your Honour, asking to be permitted to occupy the Reserve made at Warekaka, and which upon displacing Kidd from an unauthorised occupation some months ago, I had allowed Bowen the Blacksmith to take. It seems to me that under the spirit of the New Regulations all permissions to occupy Reserves should be granted by your Honour, and no longer by me. The application of Hales has been recommended to me by Mr Revans, MPC, and I believe him to be a respectable man.

281 26 Sep 1855 W. G. Brittan, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Port Cooper

Sir, Mr William Lyon has applied to me on the subject of a selection made by him with Scrip on behalf of Mr G. O. Greenwood in your Province and it appears to me that a letter from me will obviate the difficulty which he apprehends himself to be in, on account of his not being able to take down with him the Government Scrip to deposit with you for that selection. The Scrip in question is a Supplementary Land Order of the New Zealand Company No.460A (Lodged with me by Mr Lyon on 21 Feb 1855) for 75 acres; and Mr Lyon intended it to have been exchanged for New Zealand Government Scrip under the Ordinance 15th Vict. Session II No.15. But in consequence of a formal claim for the exchange not having been put in at the same time by Mr Lyon on behalf of Mr Greenwood the matter was overlooked. The title is however correct, and if necessary the Land Order in question will be at once reported by me for Government Scrip in exchange. If however the selection is outside the boundary of the Associations Block, I apprehend you would be at liberty to receive the Land Order itself instead of waiting for its exchange into Government Scrip, and in that case I would transmit it to you; I should be obliged therefore by a line from you to say whether the exchange has to be made, in which case I would immediately report it and hold the scrip (when sent down to me) at your disposal. In the meanwhile I presume Mr Lyon's selection for Mr Greenwood will be maintained in your department, the title having in fact been surrendered, though to another Commissioner.

To be continued