

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
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5	06 Jan 1855	L. G. Moyle, Wanganui
	Sir, I have the honour in reply to yours of 13 th 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.	
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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
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10	08 Jan 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui
	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.	
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11	09 Jan 1855	Mr Marriott, Wellington
	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 21 st 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.	
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12	14 Jan 1855	William Barnes, Park Vale
	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.	
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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

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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 Higgle, John Jackson, Mr Mathieson, Mr Russell, Mr Gersie, Mr Porter
82	05 Mar 1855	D. S. Durie, Wanganui – Thomas Higgle, 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 Higgle & 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.

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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

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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 21st 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

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