

**Boulcott's Farm – Report by Arthur Edward MacDonogh**  
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Letter to the Superintendent

Taita 17<sup>th</sup> May 1846

Sir, I have the honour to report that on my arrival here yesterday evening I found between thirty and forty women and children, who on hearing the firing at the Camp fled to this station for protection, and it is most fortunate they did so for some of them had scarcely left their dwellings when they were entered by a party of armed natives who shot and plundered everything they came across, they fired several shots upon our men here which was briskly returned and on their being pursued by eight or ten of the Militia and police they fled having the greatest portion of their unlawful booty.

The unfortunate settlers I conveyed under an escort to the Stockade at the bridge, but finding that Major Last was unable from want of room to give them shelter I placed them under the care of Mr Burcham of the "Aglionby Arms" trusting you will approve of the step I have taken.

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient Humble Servant  
A. E. MacDonogh, Adj. W. B. M.

Annotation dated 19 May 1846 and initialled M.R. (Matthew Richmond)  
Mr St Hill directed to Ration the women & children till their husbands are again in a position to provide food.

This is done. M.R.