

## King Family Papers

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Matters relating to land and list of electors

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### **Item 1:** Terms offered by the Governor to the Waitara Insurgents

Hapurona and Ngatiawa, For twelve months you have been carrying arms against Her Majesty the Queen and the authority of the Law; you have now laid down your arms and expressed you desire for peace; believing you to be sincere, I have come from Auckland for the purpose of stating the terms upon which it will be granted, and upon which Her Majesty's gracious pardon and protection will be extended to you. They are as follows:-

1. The investigation of the Title, and the survey of the land at Waitara to be continued and completed without interruption.
2. Every man to be permitted to state his claims without interference, and my decision or the decision of such persons as I shall appoint, to be conclusive.
3. All the land in possession of Her Majesty's forces belonging to those who have borne arms against Her Majesty to be disposed of by me as I may think fit.
4. All guns belonging to the government to be returned.
5. All plunder taken from the settlers to be forthwith restored.
6. The Ngatiawa who have borne arms against the government must submit to the Queen and to the authority of the Law, and not resort to force for the redress of wrongs, real or imaginary.
7. As I did not use force for the acquisition of land, but for the vindication of the Law, and for the protection of Her Majesty's native subjects in the exercise of their just rights, I shall divide the land, which I have stated my intention to dispose of, amongst its former owners, but I shall reserve the sites of the blockhouses and redoubts and a small piece of land round each for the public use, and shall exercise the right of making roads through the Waitara district.

On your submission to these terms you will come under the protection of the Law and enjoy your property, both lands and goods, without molestation.

Superintendent's Office, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1861.

The above has been forwarded to this office for public information.

G. Cutfield, Superintendent.

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### **Item 2:** Report – New Plymouth, 07 Feb 1870

Gentlemen, According to your instructions I proceeded to examine Major Brown's property at Opunaki; That leased from the Cape Egmont Company, and that in... with the Opunaki Company. Also to make notes of the probable quantity of flax on the unoccupied land between Mutoti and the Stoney river. How these localities are situated with regard to water powers, and also the distances from shipping places.

I took a Native who had been engaged in the surveys and carefully examined Major Brown's property. This piece of land seems to have been formerly selected by the Natives as a plantation of the finest varieties of flax termed by the Natives Muka, to distinguish these varieties from the coarse or inferior kinds, coming under the head of Harakiki. It was most difficult to estimate the quantity of flax on this property, a great part of it being covered with Koromiko, and other small scrub, the flax having been planted in small patches scattered over the property. I estimated the quantity to be from twelve to fifteen acres, a portion nearly one half of this has been recently injured by fire, and will take some eighteen months or two years to recover.

Besides this there is a great deal of young seedling flax is coming up in various places, where the scrub appears to have been some time ago burned off. This young flax is also Muka, and there is from thirty to thirty five acres of it. The land is good, and well adapted for planting flax, this is proved by the natives having formerly chosen this spot as the plantation for the finer sorts. I did not see a sufficient fall on the rivers Otahi and Waiaua (bounding the property) to drive an overshot water wheel, but both streams have sufficient power, and fall to drive breast wheels, and these might be erected within a mile of the shipping port or bay of Opunaki.

On that land to be leased from the Cape Egmont Company there seemed to be so little flax that Major Brown did not seem to consider it worth holding for flax dressing purposes.

On the block in dispute with the Opunaki Company, there is no flax, on the south, or end next to Major Brown's property. On the north end towards Mururoa, of the line runs strait in continuation of the seaward boundary of Major Brown's property, it will comprise from one hundred to one hundred and twenty five acres of flax. This flax being chiefly swamp flax is short, and the fibre of this description of flax is not considered good. There are none of the finer varieties of flax on this block. With the exception of a few plants on the Cape Egmont Company land, the Natives seem to have... situated the Muka, only on Major Brown's property. A water power is available on the stream at the north end of this block, distance from port by present road some two miles and a half. The land is chiefly covered with high fern, tutu and scrub in many places, swampy ravines intersect it.

On the coast the flax rarely extends over a mile inland; on the unoccupied land between Mutati and Stoney River there are some dense flats of long flax.

From Mutoti to the commencement of the Harriet beach a distance of three miles comprises a flax flat of some four or five hundred acres, flax long and healthy looking, a powerful stream at Mutoti available for overshot water power. Some years ago coasters used to land goods at Mutoti. The Harriet beach also affords a shipping port for produce along the Harriet beach a distance of three or four miles there is little or no flax.

At Tipoke situated at this end of the beach there is a flat of some three or four hundred acres of flax. This is the longest, and strongest looking flax I noticed on the coast. At this place there is a good stream available for water power, and produce can be shipped from Harriet beach.

From Tipoke to wreck of the 'Marchioness' a distance of four miles. From Tipoke, for the first mile there is no flax, an immense flax flat then commences and continues up to the wreck, comprising some seven or eight hundred acres of flax, a powerful stream at the wreck for water powers, distant from shipping place, or Harriet beach five miles.

From the wreck to Warea distance four miles, flax in patches all along but no large flats, altogether about three hundred acres, water power good at Warea, nearest shipping place for this a small sandy bay half a mile south of Stoney river. From Warea for a mile and a half north there is a very dense flax flat comprising some four or five hundred acres, about one half of this has been recently injured by fire, and will take eighteen months or two years to recover, an excellent stream for water power running through it  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile north of Warea, shipping place for produce sandy cove by Stoney river, above mentioned. From this flax flat until arriving close to Stoney river there is no flax ... Toi Toi.

These shipping places possess one advantage over Opunaki being near the cape vessels can get clear of the coast in the event of rough weather coming on. At Opunaki they are caught in a ... with a strong south western cannot escape being driven ashore.

[Signed: P. J. Wilson]

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**Item 3: No Title**

Realized shares 750 = £15,000  
 Unrealized shares 455 = £9,100 at £20 per share

Balance at Bank of New Zealand £922 5s 7d

A series stood at £10 17s 19d in September 1869  
 Probably £14 13s 6d in September 1870

These figures include the Suspense account of £3,000

Approximate Profits for the last 12 months £2,500  
 Former Profits £9,000  
 Total £11,500

Name	Series	Town Property	Country Property	Doubtful	Fallen in	Principal Repaid
R. C. Hammerton	A	£400	-	-	-	£180
W. Weston	A		£200	-	-	£90
W. Humphries	A	£280	-	-	-	£126
Dr Rawson	A	£140	-	-	-	£63
Hugh Early	A	£140	-	-	-	£63
Hugh Early	A	-	£140	-	-	£63
W. Paynter	A	£100	-	-	-	£45
Freemasons Hall Company	B	£1140	-	-	-	£460
John Provis	B	£60	-	-	-	£24 16s
Robert Collins	A	£300	-	-	-	£135
C. E. Savage	A	£140	-	-	-	£63
Dr Rawson	B	£280	-	-	-	£113 8s
John Gilmour	A	£1500	-	-	-	£675
John Crocker	B	£180	-	-	-	£72 18s
John Crocker	C	£240	-	-	-	£86 8s
Thomas Oxenham	A	-	-	-	£300	£96 15s
John Handy	A	-	£100	-	-	£45
Charles Waller	A	-	£200	-	-	£90
H. J. Honeyfield	A	£640	-	-	-	£288
Thomas Leedom	C	-	£100	-	-	£36
Thomas Cunningham	C	-	-	-	£120	£17 2s
John Raymond	C	-	-	-	£100	£30
W. K. Collins	C	-	£60	-	-	£21 12s
W. Bartlett	A	-	£120	-	-	£54
W. K. Hulke	A	£280	-	-	-	£126
Joseph Colesby	A	-	£600	-	-	£270
R. Mather	D	-	£60	-	-	£18 18s
James Hill	A	£80	-	-	-	£36
W. L. Newman	A	-	£20	-	-	£9
W. N. Syme	A	-	£20	-	-	£9
T. A. Neilson	A	-	£20	-	-	£9
W. B. Messenger	A	-	£80	-	-	£36
W. B. Messenger	D	-	£360	-	-	£113 8s
William Bosworth	A	£100	-	-	-	£45

Name	Series	Town Property	Country Property	Doubtful	Fallen in	Principal Repaid
D. Roberts	D	-	£160	-	-	£50 8s
W. Savory	D	-	-	-	£20	£2 11s
Charles Hopkinson	A	-	£120	-	-	£54
J. Holditch	A	-	£40	-	-	£18
A. Colson	D	-	-	-	£400	£48 15s
H. A. Atkinson	A	-	£1200	-	-	£540
Edward Laing	B	£100	-	-	-	£40 10s
James Wotherspoon	D	-	£80	-	-	£25 4s
W. Beaumont	D	-	-	-	£80	£12 12s
Robert Hughes	A	£360	-	-	-	£162
William Pearson	A	-	£100	-	-	£45
J. H. Holford	A	£160	-	-	-	£72
C. Hamblyn	A	£240	-	-	-	£108
J. Hawken	A	-	£140	-	-	£63
W. S. Ginger	D	-	£100	-	-	£31 10s
J. G. Ginger	D	-	£100	-	-	£31 10s
R. M. Honeywill	A	£1400	-	-	-	£630
A. Charlton	A	£80	-	-	-	£36
A. Charlton	E	£120	-	-	-	£32
Webster Brothers	H	-	£500	-	-	£225
B. Cherry	F	£180	-	-	-	£40
E. W. Stockman	-	-	-	£440	-	£72
Totals		£8640	£4620	£440	£1020	£5951 15s

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**Item 4:** Letter – J. T. Wicksteed, New Plymouth 05 Dec 1844 to Thomas King

Sir, In reply to your letter of this day's date, I have to state, that the Governor placed land at my disposal within the recently purchased block, for the purpose of "removing outlying settlers from distant locations" and "settlers from the Mongoraki" who were prevented from cultivating land by Katotoro. Mr Wills is not a "distant" settler like the Messrs Aubrey; neither is he a Mongoraki settler. Mr Cooke has as good a claim as Mr Wills, but the Governor does not include him in the arrangement. Moreover, there is every probability of the land Mr Wills occupies being included in the next negotiation with the Natives for completing the purchase of that district.

Mr John Smith is not an actual settler on the land he rents from you, and has therefore no claim for removal and compensation, according to His Excellency's plan. With respect to the section he has been holding from the Native Trustees, it will be for Mr Smith to make an arrangement with me, as now representing the owners of the land.

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**Item 5:** Statement of losses or injuries sustained in the recent Native Disturbances at Taranaki made by Thomas King

Particulars of Property destroyed, or damaged, in respect of which relief is claimed.	Nature of Loss or Damage.	How arising.	Amount or Value estimated in money.
<b>On Sections 768a &amp; 488 Grey Block</b>			
Dwelling house "A"	Destruction by fire	From the property being in the hands of the rebels	£490
Detached house 17x10 unlined			£30
Furniture & Tools "C"	By fire or plunder		£74 10s
Post & 4 rail fence 20 chains	Maltreatment so as to be useless as Fences		£18
Post & 3 rail fence 14 chains			£11 4s
Garden & Nursery of Fruit Trees	Cut down or destroyed by cattle and sheep		£100
Loss of use of House & premises, value if rented £80 per annum By spread of weeds &c, value not estimated			
<b>On Sections 524, 771 &amp; 772 Grey Block</b>			
Dwelling house "B"	By fire	From the property being in the hands of the rebels	£370
Detached house 24x12 unlined			£30
Dairy			£45
Calves House			£10
Piggeries			£10
Cow House			£20
Furniture viz Dresser £7, bookshelves 15s			£7 15s
Fences 10 chains paling @ 30s	Maltreatment so as to be useless as Fences	-	£15
Fences 7 chains 4 rail @ 18s & gate			£8 6s
Fruit trees in Garden & Orchard	Cut down or destroyed by cattle	-	£100
Loss of rent of farm – let on lease at £200 per annum	By overgrowth of furzes, the spread of noxious weeds &c	-	Not estimated
		Total of Losses	£1339 15s

I, Thomas King do, in the presence of Almighty God, solemnly, sincerely, and truly affirm and declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above is a true and faithful statement of my losses occasioned by the late war in Taranaki, and I make this Solemn Declaration, believing the same to be true. Declared at New Plymouth 1861.

Dwelling House "A" – built of Rimu and shingled, two stone & brick chimnies, containing three rooms 16x15, 15x14, 11x10 and entrance hall 11x9 lined with rimu panel work and ceiled with worked rimu board 1 room 15x13 lined and ceiled with worked rimu board & 2 rooms 15x8 & 14x8 unlined. Verandah 40x6 floored, with rail & c

Dwelling House "B" – built of Rimu and shingled, 1 large stone and brick chimney and oven containing 3 rooms 16x14, 14x12 & 12x10 with passage lined with rimu panel work and ceiled with worked rimu board, 3 rooms 11x8, 7x8 & 11x8 with covered entrance 9x8 unlined. Verandah 38x46 not floored.

Furniture &c "C"

a 30 inch Keith Johnston's Terrestrial Globe	£20 10s
1 map 25s, Wardrobe £7, Dresser £7	£15 5s
Bedstead £3 10s, 3 pictures £4 10s, Book shelves £1 5s	£9 5s
Wheelbarrow £1 10s, Harness back £1, Chains £1	£3 10s
Wash stand £1	£1
Garden & Carpenter Tools, Kitchen utensils &c	<u>£25</u>
	£74 10s

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**Item 6:** List of Electors, Taranaki 1852

Abraham	R. Foreman Jnr	Moyle	Watt
Alexander	S. Foreman	Murch	Weston
W. Allan	J. French	Nelson	Wicksteed
Allen	W. French	Newland	Wilkinson
Andrews	W. George	Newman	T. Wilson
Autridge	W. George Jnr	Newsham	P. Wilson
R. Baker	Giddy	Northcroft	H. Wood
Barriball	Thomas Gilbert	J. Old	R. Wood
Bassett	Gillingham	W. Old	H. Wright
Batten	Gollop	J. Oliver	J. Wright
Batten Jnr	Good	Oxenham	Young
James Bayley	W. Gray	Parker	
Thomas Bayley	Greaves	Parsons	
W. Bayley	Greenwood	Paynter	
Billing	J. Grey	Perry	
Bishop	Grylls	Pheney	
Black	Gudgeon	Pope	
J. Blackett	Gully	Pote	
G. Blackett	H. Halse	Putt	
Blaschke	C. Hamblyn	Reddy	
Broadmore	E. Harris	N. Reed	
Brooks	W. Harrison	H. R. Richmond	
C. Brown	Henwood	J. C. Richmond	
Burford	Holloway	Roberts	
Burton	Hopkinson	Robinson	
Candish	Hoskin	Rogan	
Carrington	Hunt	C. N. Rowe	
Chilman	C. Hurlstone	R. Rowe	
Clare	W. Hurlstone	Rundle	
Coleman	Hursthouse	St George	
W. Colins	Jacson	Sampson	
W. Collins	James	Saunders	
Corser	Jones	Seccombe	
Cowling	Jones	Shaw	
Crann	Jorden	Skinner	
Crocker	Julian	Smart	
Crocker	Jury	J. Smith	
Crompton	Kesswell	J. P. Smith	
G. Curtis	A. King	D. Sole	
Cutfield	Capt H. King	Standish	
Dalby	W. C. King	Steer	
C. Davy	T. King	Stewart	
E. Davy	C. M. Kingdon	Stockman	
Dallose	Lander	C. Sutton	
Devenish	Law	C. Sutton Jnr	
Dingle	G. Lethbridge	Tatton	
Down	Lye	Treweek	
Drayton	Macdonald	Tuffin	
J. Elliot	Marsh	Turner	
P. Elliot	Matthews	Turton	
Eva	Mogridge	T. Veale	
Fishleigh	Moon	Vercoe	
Fitness	J. Morgan	Vickers	
Flight	W. Morgan	Ward	