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By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DOMETT, Colonial Secretary.

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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency SIR GEORGE GREY, a Knight Commander of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Islands of New Zealand, and Governor of the Provinces of New Ulster and New Munster, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS, the undermentioned Ordinance enacted by the Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, was passed in the fifteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, viz. :—

Session XI. No. 2. " An Ordinance to authorize the Governor to apply a portion of the Land Fund arising within a Municipal District at the instance of the Corporation thereof."

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Governor-in-Chief of the New Zealand Islands, Do

HEREBY PROCLAIM and make known, to all whom it may concern, that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to disallow the before mentioned Ordinance.

This Proclamation shall take effect from and after the day of the date hereof.

GIVEN under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Islands of New Zealand, at Government House, at Wellington, in the Province of New Munster, in the Islands aforesaid, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred, and Fifty-two.

G. GREY,
Governor.

By His Excellency's command,

ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

God Save the Queen!

NOTICE.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-in-Chief directs it to be notified, that a Meeting of the General Legislative Council of the Islands of New Zealand will be holden at Wellington for the despatch of business on Wednesday the 22nd Inst., at 3 o'clock, P M.

H. S. HARRISON,
Clerk of Council.

Wellington,
Council Chamber,
December 9th, 1852.

*Civil Secretary's Office,
Wellington, December 9th, 1852.*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-in-Chief directs it to be notified for general information, that an Ordinance will be submitted to the General Legislative Council at its ensuing session, whereby it will be enacted that the Appropriation of the Revenue of the Colony of New Zealand provided by the Appropriation Ordinance Sess. XI., No. 12, for the year 1852, shall be deemed and taken to apply to the Appropriation of such Revenue for the first six months of the year 1853, unless the Appropriation of the said Revenue shall in the meantime be otherwise lawfully provided for.

By His Excellency's Command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

*Civil Secretary's Office,
Wellington, December 9th, 1852.*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-in-Chief directs it to be notified for general information, that an Ordinance will be submitted to the General Legislative Council at its ensuing session, to make provision for the Registration of Deeds affecting real property made by the "Canterbury Association" for Founding a Settlement in New Zealand."

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

*Civil Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 1st December, 1852.*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-in-Chief has been pleased to appoint the Native Chief

KO WAITARA TA KEREI,

of the Ngatimaniopoto, in the District of Awakino and Mokau, to be an Assessor for that locality, under the "Resident Magistrates' Ordinance," No. 16, of Session VII.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

*Civil Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 6th December, 1852.*

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-in-Chief has been pleased to direct the publication of the following letter and its enclosures, for general information.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

*Kapanga River,
November 6th, 1852*

SIR,—I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that, in accordance with the instructions conveyed to me, I came to this place on the evening of the 4th instant. I found Mr. Heaphy actively employed in superintending the Gold Diggings, and, with the assistance of Mr. Lanfear, inducing the Natives of this district to meet for the purpose of co-operating with the Government to establish some regulations for the good government of the Gold Diggings on this River.

I found him also engaged in assisting the few persons who have arrived, in the exploration of the valley, and otherwise forwarding their views.

I enclose a very detailed and complete Report from him as to the number of people employed at the diggings, the time they have devoted each day to the work, and the quantity of gold that each party has produced, together with a description of the district and the best modes for working the mines. From what I have been able to learn during the short time I have been here, I consider this Report to be very correct and satisfactory.

It might have been desirable that the quantity of Gold found should have been ascertained with greater accuracy than the estimate given of it by one of the California miners; but I should, from what I saw so estimated, say that the quantity stated is very near the truth.

As so very few persons have been engaged in the work, a very small portion of the valley has been searched, and none of those employed have as yet dug down to the surface of the rock where the large pieces of gold lie deposited. All the Gold which has hitherto been found has been taken from among the loose gravel and sand, and consists of the lighter particles. I have no doubt but that when more people arrive and the search is conducted steadily and systematically, Gold will be found in very remunerating quantities.

I also enclose a letter addressed to Mr. Heaphy from the Messrs. De Thierry, who Report having found Gold at Waioa, at a distance of thirteen miles south of the Kapanga River.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. W. LIGAR.
Surveyor-General.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

*Kapanga River Diggings,
Coromandel Harbor,
4th November, 1852.*

SIR,—I have the honor to furnish for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the annexed tabular report of the work at this Gold-field since my arrival.

I have much pleasure in stating that wherever I and the Messrs. Ring have "prospected" on the Kapanga and its Eastern tributaries, we have found gold, and that the greatest number of flakes and that the greatest number of flakes in the prospecting dish, appeared upon washing some earth yesterday, at a bar about half a mile lower down the stream than where the path from Kiko Wakarere strikes it; and below all the present diggings.

From the table it will be seen that Mr. Coolahan and party who have worked with much energy, have apparently averaged fair daily wages by their digging. They labour under the disadvantages of the absence of proper troughs, pumps, and the means of raising the heavier rocks. A more complete equipment would enable them to economize the labour of one man.

The party of Messrs. Ring, and myself, are rather "prospecting" and examining the Ravine, than digging continuously, and thence the fluctuation in the daily yield of our workings.

The gold appears to come chiefly down the main stream, the tributaries, as far as they have been examined, appear less rich, although the gold is disseminated over the whole district immediately East of the Kapanga.

The clay banks of the main stream, to a height of two or three feet above the water, contain gold, but in such small flakes as not to be preserved in the ordinary method of washing. The nuggets and heavier grains are invariably found below the level of the water; and the nearer to the bed rock the excavation is carried the more plentiful is the yield of gold.

The gold is in dust and nuggets. The larger nuggets are chiefly of gold richly rammified through yellow quartz.

The formation of the whole district is granitic. The bed of the Kapanga consists of rocks of quartz, trap, and a blueish granite; the latter containing much iron pyrites.

The implement most effectual in economising labour is the "Long Tom," or trough strainer, cradles are but of little comparative service.

As the most advantageous manner of working the field I would submit the following plan, viz. :—

That when the water is low, in the forthcoming summer, the stream be diverted, and carried in a lead by the side, and above its present bed. That where the ravine is too steep to admit of a side cutting, the water be carried in wooden troughs. That by such means the bed of the stream shall be laid dry for excavation. That the troughs and lead be made by the diggers: each party supplying an additional length, proportionate to his working ground, the present channel being tortuous, the troughs need not be equal to it in their collective length.

That beams be laid or trees fallen across the ravine in order that the heavier rocks might be raised by a purchase, and so the bed rock be laid bare.

Such a systematized manner of working could, I am confident, be carried on by the diggers themselves. The plan is not more difficult of accomplishment than those adopted by the California miners, who from the scarcity of timber frequently use even canvass for the material of the troughs.

The great fall of the stream and the abundance of Kauri timber on its banks, would much facilitate the accomplishment of the plan.

The Californian diggers on the stream agree in the belief that the bed rock could be worked in such a manner to great advantage.

The machines for extracting the smaller Gold from the silt by means of quick-silver would, I am informed, save fully one quarter of the Gold dug; and also

cause the upper clay to be worked profitably.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES HEAPHY.

*Draughtsman, Survey Dept.
Stationed at the Diggings.*

The Surveyor-General,
&c. &c.

TABULAR JOURNAL OF THE WORKING OF THE KAPANGA GOLD FIELD FROM THE 29TH OCTOBER, 1852.

DAY.	PARTY.	NAMES.	HOW EMPLOYED.	No. of Men.	No. of Hours.	Gold Produced	REMARKS.
Friday, Oct. 29.	Rings.	C. Ring, W. Mc'Gregor, & R. Hodgson.	Digging in bed of stream, working with "Long Tom."	3	Day.	½ oz.	Lumps larger than barley corns, and flakes.
		C. Heaphy and 3 Natives carrying provisions, &c.					
	Coolahan.	Mr. Coolahan, W. Nicholas, James Leary, and John Meale. Forming station.					Wm. Nicholas is from the Californian diggings.
		Mr. White and 3 Natives.	Working with cradle.				Produce not reported.
		Mr. Lander's party.	Prospecting from surface washings.				Indications unsatisfactory.
Saturday, Oct. 30.	Rings.	Mr. Ring, C. Ring, A. Mc-Gregor, W. Mc'Gregor, R. Hodgson, & C. Heaphy, & 2 Natives, setting "Long Tom."	Preliminary work. Digging and working "Long Tom."	1 8	4 6	½ oz.	Working in bank. Dust. Stream high. Rainy.
	Coolahan.	Mr. Coolahan and party.	Morning working "Long Tom."				
			Digging and working "Long Tom."	4	7	½ oz.*	Working at junction of a tributary.

DAY.	PARTY.	NAMES.	HOW EMPLOYED.	No. of Men.	No. of Hours.	Gold Produced	REMARKS.
Monday, Nov. 1.	Rings.	Messrs. De Thierry and McDowell.	Working on the S.E. side of Coromandel Harbor, 13 miles distant.				Reported to have found Gold.
		C. Ring, W. Mc'Gregor, R. Hodgson, C. Heaphy and 3 Natives.	Working in bed of stream.	7	7	1 oz.	Nuggets.
		Mr. Ring and A. Mc'Gregor.	Prospecting.				Prospectors reported having found 2 nuggets in a tributary stream to the eastward, above Coolahan's workings.
Tuesday, Nov. 2.	Coolahan.	Mr. Coolahan and party.	Working in bed of the stream.	4	about 10 hrs.	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.*	Stream high. Much baling required.
	Rings.	C. Ring, W. Mc'Gregor, and R. Hodgson, up tributary at bar.	Reported yesterday by prospectors.	3	5	1-10 oz.	Tributary not rich. One nugget and some dust.
		Mr. Ring and 1 Native.	Cutting down bank at Old Bar for future use. 1 Native cutting Road.				
		C. Heaphy and 1 Native with Paura & other chiefs.	Papaaroa at conference				
	Coolahan.	Mr. Coolahan and party.	Working well down towards bed rock, digging in the direction of the course of the main stream at their fork.	4	about 10 hrs.	$\frac{3}{4}$ oz.*	One nugget of pure gold of the size of a large French bean, another, mixed with quartz of the size of a hazel nut, the largest yet found in New Zealand. Some dust also.

DAY.	PARTY.	NAMES.	HOW EMPLOYED.	No. of Men.	No. of Hours.	Gold Produced	REMARKS.
Wednesday, Nov. 3.	Rings.	Mr. Cook and Mr. Crichton and boy.	Arrived at Kapanga.				
		Mr. Ring, A. Mc'Gregor, R. Hodgson, C. Heaphy, and 3 Natives carrying "Tom," &c.	Down to bar at junction of path and stream, deepening stream, setting "Tom," &c. Digging and washing.	7	5 hrs. 4	$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	The earth passed through the "Tom" was top stuff, incidental to opening a new bar. Indications at one bar very rich.
		C. Ring and W. Mc'Gregor.	Prospecting down stream.				Reported having found very good specks in dish at a bar half a mile down stream and elsewhere.
Thursday, Nov. 4.	Coolahan.	Mr. Coolahan and party.	Digging in direction of the tributary stream at their fork.	4	about 10 hrs.	$\frac{2}{3}$ oz.*	Tributary evidently not so rich as main stream. The digging was well down, and the produce not so much as was anticipated. A great deal of blue clay full of iron pyrites, with cubical crystals of carbonate of iron.
	Rings.	Mr. Cook and party.	At work with cradle.				A small quantity in grains.
		Mr. Falwasser and A. Churton.	Arrived at diggings.				Washed specks of Gold.
		Mr. Tiller and Son.	Arrived at diggings.				Washed specks of Gold.
		Mr. Ring, R. Hodgson, A. Mc'Gregor.	Working surface stuff at Lower Bar.	3	7	1-6 oz.	The water coming in faster than it could be baled out, the deeper pit had to be abandoned, and the surface only worked.

DAY.	PARTY.	NAMES.	HOW EMPLOYED.	No. of Men.	No. of Hours.	Gold Produced	REMARKS.
Friday, Nov. 5.		C. Heaphy and Natives.	At coast conferring with Rev. Mr. Lanfear & chiefs.				
	Coolahan.	Mr. Coolahan and party.	Working up tributary stream.	4	10	½ oz.	The tributary is evidently not so rich as the main stream. Less baling however is requisite.
		Mr. Cook's party.	Procuring "Long Tom."				Mr. Falwasser forming station, &c.
		Mr. Ligar and Mr. Shepherd.	Arrived at Kaipanga.				
	Rings.	Mr. Ring, A. Mc'Gregor, and C. Heaphy.	Removing "Tom" to upper bar, excavating channel, and setting "Tom."				Too much rain for effective working.
		C. Ring and W. Mc'Gregor.	Making a new "Long Tom," much rain.				
	Coolahan.	Mr. Coolahan.	Making troughs, 3 Natives carrying them up Fern Saw Mill.				
		J. Leary, J. Meale, and W. Nicholas.	Working with "Long Tom," up tributary.	3	3	1-6 oz.	
		Messrs. Vaile, (3 in party.)	Arrived with a cradle and	2	3	1-6 oz.	Produced some good particles of gold from near surface.
		Mr. Lander	Arrived and washed some gold.				Did not report having found anything save specks.
	Mr. — and party arrived.					Found some grains.	
	Messrs. Heale and Whitaker arrived.						
	Mr. Mc'Lean and party arrived.						
	Messrs. De Thierry					Reported by letter from Waioa R. having found gold there.	

* NOTE. The asterisks signify the reported produce; the other quantities are from personal estimation.

(Signed)

CHARLES HEAPHY, *Draftsman, Sur. Dep.*
Stationed at Diggings.

The Surveyor General.