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WASTE LAND BOARD.

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, 26th July, 1855.

THE subjoined Correspondence, having reference to the hearing and determination, by the Waste Land Board, of disputes and differences relating to the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown, is published for general information.

WM. BROWN,
Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
28th May, 1855.

SIR,—I have the honor, by the direction of his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, to request your Honor to have the goodness to state whether there is any objection on the part of your Government to the Waste Lands Board of this Province carrying out the object referred to in the sixth clause of the Waste Land Regulations, viz., the fulfilment of any promise, or engagement lawfully made by or on behalf of Her Majesty before the Regulations came into force.

His Excellency considers such a course would be convenient to the Public Service, as all the business of a similar character would, in such case, be in the same hands.

I beg to add that all the information relating to these previous contracts is now in the Survey office, and would be available for the information of the Board.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your honor's most obedient humble servant,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

His Honor
The Superintendent, Auckland.

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, 4th June, 1855.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 28th ult., requesting me to state whether there is any objection on the part of the Provincial Government to the Waste Land Board of this Province carrying out the object referred to in the 6th clause of the Waste Land Regulations, viz., the fulfilment of any promise or engagement lawfully made on behalf of Her Majesty, before the Regulations came into force.

I have the honor to state that, if the Waste Land Board have, or obtain power to carry out the object referred to in that clause—which, indeed, seems to be of extensive nature, apparently covering the old land claims—no objection could be raised by the Provincial Government.

I request you to consider that the delay which has taken place in answering your letter is attributable to the difficulty of ascertaining from the Waste Land Regulations the precise relations of the Waste Land Board to the General and to the Provincial Government.

I have, &c.,

WM. BROWN,

The honorable
the Colonial Secretary. Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
12th June, 1855.

SIR,—In reply to your Honor's letter of the 4th instant, on the subject of the Auckland Waste Land Board carrying out the sixth clause of the Land Regulations—the fulfilment of former engagements lawfully made on behalf of Her Majesty—I am directed by His Excellency the Officer administering the Government to state that it must be clearly understood that my letter of the 28th ultimo had only reference to those engagements which

had arisen under Sir G. Grey's Regulations of the 4th of March, 1853, as conveniently disposable, "together with business of a similar character," by the Land Board; and that the authority transferred to the Land Board would not extend to matters beyond these engagements.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your Honor's most obedient,
humble servant,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

His Honor the
Superintendent of Auckland,
Auckland.

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, June 14, 1855.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 12th inst., in answer to mine of the 4th inst., and explaining your former letter of the 28th ultimo, concerning the carrying out by the Waste Land Board of certain engagements.

I have the honor to state that no objection could be taken on the part of the Provincial Government to authority being transferred to the Waste Land Board, to carry out engagements which have arisen under Sir George Grey's Regulations of the 4th March, 1853.

I have, &c.,
W. M. BROWN,
Superintendent.

The honorable
the Colonial Secretary.

Waste Land Board Office,
Auckland, June 27, 1855.

SIR,—I am directed by the Waste Land Board, to forward Resolution No. 35, adopted by the Board, for the information of your Honor.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your most obedient servant,
READER WOOD,
Secretary.

His Honor the
Superintendent, Auckland.

RESOLUTION No. 35.
Waste Land Board.

With reference to the correspondence between the General and Provincial Governments, received with His Honor the Superintendent's letter to the Chief Commissioner, No 5, in regard to carrying out the provisions of clause 6 of the Regulations. The Waste Land Board submits that, in its opinion, the claims referred to can be more satisfactorily dealt with by those Officers to whom they were preferred, and who are necessarily more conversant with all details than the Board can possibly be.

READER WOOD,
Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
10th July, 1855.

Sir,—Adverting to your Honor's letter of the 29th ultimo, transmitting copy of a Resolution (No. 35) of the Auckland Waste Lands Board having reference to the carrying out of clause 6 of the Waste Land Regulations,—I am directed by the Officer Administering the Go-

vernment to state that, in his Excellency's opinion, the Waste Lands Board is by far the most convenient and proper tribunal for disposing,—satisfactorily, both to the Government and to the applicants,—of all questions arising under Sir George Grey's Land Regulations, of the 4th March, 1853,—and I am further directed explicitly to put the question whether the Board declines, or not, to undertake this duty, as, in the event of the latter alternative, other arrangements will have to be made.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Honor's most obedient humble servant,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary,

His Honor
The Superintendent of Auckland.

Waste Land Board Office, Auckland,
July 11th, 1855.

RESOLUTION, No. 36.

The Board in no way declines to carry out the provisions of clause 6 of the Land Regulations. It is absolutely necessary that a staff be placed at the disposal of the Board to enable it to deal satisfactorily with the claims arising under Sir George Grey's Land Regulations of the 4th March, 1853, as plans and surveys will have to be examined and occasionally lines of connection run; all plans and documents connected with these claims should also be handed over to the Board.

In arriving at its resolution No. 35 the Board came to the conclusion that these claims could be more satisfactorily dealt with by the Survey Department, as all the necessary means were at the disposal of that office and none at the command of the Board.

READER WOOD,
Secretary.

Surveyor General's Office,
21st May, 1855.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that you will obtain His Excellency's sanction to my obtaining the benefit of an opinion from the acting Attorney General, in the case referred to by the enclosed correspondence, and which is I believe fully explained therein.

With reference to the 5th paragraph of Mr. Farmer's letter dated 9th May 1854, I believe the applicant, in stating that he "effected the purchase of the land under and in accordance with the 15th Section of the Land Regulations promulgated by Sir George Grey on the 4th March 1853" he would mean to imply that the land having been acquired by the Crown was in law open to him, although my instructions from Sir George Grey, dated the 11th November, 1853, left me no power to dispose of it until the time specified had elapsed, which was not the case when he applied.

Your obedient, &c.,
C. W. LIGAR,
Surveyor-General.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
26th May, 1855.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, requesting an opinion of the acting Attorney-General on a case referred to in a correspondence copy of which you enclose, I am directed by His Excellency the Officer administering the Government to request you to specify the point on which you request the opinion of the Law Officer of the Crown.

I have, &c.,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

The Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-General's Office, Auckland,
May 31st, 1855.

SIR,—In reference to your letter dated the 26th instant, in reply to mine of the 21st, I have the honor to state that the point on which I wished to obtain the opinion referred to, relates to the 5th paragraph of Mr. Farmer's letter (a copy of which I forwarded with my letter above named.)

The question raised, being, whether Mr. Farmer made a valid purchase, or is entitled to the land, under the Regulations of Sir George Grey of the 4th March 1853, the native title having been extinguished when he made his application, but no notice thereof having been given, nor the block declared open to selection.

Or, whether the said regulations were set aside by the instructions to me dated 11th November 1853 (a copy also enclosed in my letter of the 21st above referred to) in so much as relates to requiring a certain interval of time to elapse between the extinguishment of the native title prior to the sale of the same.

I have the honor to be &c.,

C. W. LIGAR,
Surveyor-General.

The Honorable the
Colonial Secretary.

[*Sir George Grey's Letter of Instruction to the Surveyor-General.*]

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
11th November, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor, by direction of the Governor, to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to direct that when new districts of land have been acquired from the natives, and when you have, in conjunction with his Honor the Superintendent, determined upon what public reserves are to be made in districts, that a Notice shall then be issued in the Provincial Government Gazette, stating on what day his Honor declares such district open to purchase, which day is not to be less than one month after the date of the publication of such Notice.

It will be your duty not to sell any land in such district until the date so fixed by the Superintendent; and further, upon the first day on which such district is open for sale, all applications for the same portions of land, made during the usual office hours upon that day, are to be regarded by you as simultaneous applications, and to be dealt with as such.

I have, &c.,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.]

To the Surveyor-General,
Auckland.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
14th June, 1855.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 31st ult., requesting the opinion of the Law Adviser of the Crown on a point connected with a claim of Mr. J. Farmer to some land in the Hunua, I am directed by the Officer administering the Government to express to you His Excellency's opinion, that the whole question is one peculiarly fitting for the decision of the Land Commissioners, and should be left to them without the prejudice of the opinion sought for being communicated to them.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

Surveyor-General's Office,
July 2nd, 1855.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward for the information of his Excellency the Officer administering the Government, a copy of a letter which I have received from the Chief Commissioner of the Waste Lands Board, covering a Resolution of the said Board relative to the communication which you addressed to me on the 14th June, 1855, on the subject of a claim by Mr. J. Farmer to some land in the Hunua. As the Board decline to act without the legal opinion referred to, I would suggest that it be communicated to them.

Your obedient, &c.,

C. W. LIGAR,
Surveyor-General.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary.

Waste Land Board Office, Auckland,
28th June, 1855.

SIR,—With reference to your letter dated 18th inst., I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of Resolution, No. 34 of the Waste Land Board.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES J. TAYLOR,
Chief Commissioner,
Waste Land Board.

C. W. Ligar, Esq.,
Surveyor-General.

Waste Land Board Office, Auckland,
27th June, 1855.

RESOLUTION, No. 34.

With reference to the correspondence with the Surveyor-General, on the subject of a claim to a piece of Land under Regulations of 4th March, 1853, and the question therein raised as to the legality of such claim, by reason of the case resting on the point whether certain instructions issued by the Governor to the Surveyor-General on the 11th November, 1853, are to have the effect of law in connection with the Regulations of the 4th March, preceding; the Waste Land Board considers that it could not be justified in undertaking to decide what appears more particularly to appertain to the department of the Law Officer of the Crown.

READER WOOD,
Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 12th July, 1855.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Officer administering the Government to transmit herewith to your Honor a copy of the correspondence that has taken place—as specified in the margin—between the Surveyor-General and the Auckland Waste Lands Board; and this Office on the subject of a disputed claim of Mr. J. Farmer to some land in the Hunua Block.

Surveyor-General to Colonial Secretary, 21st May, 1855.
Colonial Secretary to Surveyor-General, 26th May 1855.
Surveyor-General to Colonial Secretary, 31st May, 1855.
Colonial Secretary to Surveyor-General, 14th June, 1855.
Surveyor-General to Colonial Secretary, 2nd July, 1855.
With enclosures.

The Board, your Honor will perceive, in Resolution No. 34 (copy of which is enclosed in the Surveyor General's letter of the 2nd instant to myself) considers, in reference to this claim, "that it could not be justified in undertaking to decide what appears more particularly to appertain to the department of the Law Officer of the Crown."

It appears to His Excellency that, on this point, the Waste Lands Board takes an erroneous view of its position and duties. The 75th Section of the Land Regulations now in force in this Province provides for the determination by the Commissioners "of all disputes and differences relating, or incident to the sale, letting, disposal and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown."—In fact the Board is invested with *judicial* functions for the settlement of all such questions, including those which arise between the Government and individuals.

The question, in this case, is one between the Surveyor General on the part of the Government on the one side, and Mr. Farmer on the other, and one therefore which it was obviously the intention of the Regulations to provide for. Under these circumstances, His Excellency cannot understand on what grounds *Judicial Officers* can give it as their opinion that a case, within their jurisdiction, brought before them for decision, should be referred to the legal adviser of one of the parties in difference.

The Board of Commissioners is a Court of Justice, as much as the Resident Magistrate's Court, and it would be obviously improper for the Judge of the latter Court to refer questions, in which the Government are concerned, to the Attorney General for his decision thereon.

This reason induced His Excellency to abstain from communicating to the Commissioners an opinion which might have had the effect of improperly influencing their judgment.

His Excellency now wishes clearly to understand from the Board, whether it declines performing what appears to him to be an obvious and important part of their duties—*viz.* the hearing and determination of disputes and differences relating to the sale, &c., of land. If so, the Officer administering the Government cannot interfere, as the department of the Waste Lands Board is not under the control of the

General Government, but it will then be a proper subject for consideration, as to the best manner in which proper effect can be given to the provisions of the 6th clause of the Regulations, as the General Government are of course pledged to seeing that the contracts which they have made are properly fulfilled.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Honor's most obedient,

Humble servant,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

To His Honor
the Superintendent
of Auckland,
Auckland.

Superintendents Office, Auckland,
19th July 1855.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, covering the correspondence between the Surveyor General and the Waste Land Board on the subject of a disputed claim to some land in the Hunua block—explaining to me, on this point, the position of the Waste Land Board and its duties—and also requesting to be informed by the Board whether they decline to determine this and other differences.

I have the honour to state that a copy of your communication has been transmitted to the Waste Land Board.

Although unable clearly to perceive why the question is brought under the cognizance of the Provincial Government, I have perused the correspondence with attention, and have pleasure in communicating to the General Government some remarks which I have made upon it, and which perhaps may tend to an elucidation of the difficulty.

You inform me that "the 75th clause of the land regulations now in force, in this Province, provides for the determination by the Commissioners of all disputes and differences relating or incident to the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown."

Upon referring to the Land Regulations, I find that the 75th clause, incompletely quoted by you, is as follows:

"All applications in reference to which any such notice shall have been given, and all disputes and differences relating or incident to the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste lands of the Crown or to any act to be done under those Regulations or to any interpretation or meaning thereof shall be heard and determined at meetings of the Board."

It is obvious that the disputes and differences to be heard and determined by the Board, must have arisen under the new Land Regulations.

It appears therefore that the General Government must be in error, when assuming that Mr. Farmer's case is one of those which it was the intention of the Land Regulations to provide for. The Regulations seem to have a prospective, not a retrospective operation; and

I can hardly bring myself to think that the Acting Attorney General, the framer of the Regulations, would support your view, were his opinion specifically taken upon the meaning of the whole of the 75th clause.

But neither my opinion, nor that of His Excellency, nor that of the Acting Attorney General on such a point, can be conclusive; for under that very clause, it is enacted that any difference as to the interpretation of the Regulations shall be determined at Meetings of the Board:—therefore, although His Excellency be of opinion that “on this point the Waste Land Board takes an erroneous view of its position and duties”,—the opposite opinion of the Board must still, by law, prevail.

You inform me that His Excellency cannot understand upon what grounds “judicial Officers can give it as their opinion, that a case within their jurisdiction, brought before them for decision, should be referred to the legal adviser of one of the parties in difference.

But on referring to the documents enclosed by you, I am unable to discover any such reference of the “case”, to the decision of the Acting Attorney General.

The Surveyor General submitted,—not Mr. Farmer’s claim, but a *point of law* arising out of that claim, to the Acting Attorney General for his opinion. This opinion he was unable to obtain, His Excellency considering that the “whole” question should “be left to the Board without the prejudice of the opinion sought for being communicated to them.” The Board (Resolution No. 34) with precise reference to the point of law, namely, “whether certain instructions” “issued by the Governor to the Surveyor General” on the 11th of November, 1853, are to have the effect of law in connection with the Regulations of the 4th of March preceding, consider that they could not be justified in undertaking to decide what appears more particularly to appertain to the department of the Law Officer of the Crown.”

If the question, as you put it, be really between Mr. Farmer and the General Government, and not between Mr. Farmer and Mr. Wheeler,—still I am unable to understand how the General Government comes to be placed as it were in the position of a litigant, and the Attorney-General in that of advocate to such litigant; I should rather suppose that the place of the General Government is that of ordering right to be done; and that of the Attorney-General of advising what is right.

But by representing him as the “legal adviser of one of the parties in difference”, it is implied that he might take a one-sided or partial view of the question.

You observe that “the Department of the Waste Land Board is not under the control of the General Government.” As you appear, unless I mistake the general tenor of your letter, to expect my interference, I would observe that the Waste Land Board is no further under the control of the Provincial Government. The Governor has a certain power of appointment and removal, and the Superintendent has a parallel power; but the Regulations are silent

as to the subordination of the Board to either Government.

I may be allowed, in conclusion, to observe that there is a certain objection to the referring any question whatever to the Waste Land Board; for it is difficult to perceive how the Board, unless they happen to be unanimous in opinion, can arrive at any decision at all. It is nowhere enacted in the Regulations that questions which shall there arise shall be decided by the majority of votes of the members present; or whether in all cases wherein the votes shall be equal, any member of the Board shall have a casting vote. It is not a matter of course that a majority shall overbear a minority, as will be clearly seen by reference to the 23rd clause of the Constitution Act, in which formal provision to that effect is made with reference to the decision of questions by Provincial Councils.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

WM. BROWN,
Superintendent.

The Honourable
the Colonial Secretary.

Waste Land Board Office, Auckland,
July, 23rd 1855.

RESOLUTION, No. 37.

Referring to the Colonial Secretary’s letter No. 164, communicated to the Waste Land Board by his Honor the Superintendent on the 18th inst., the Board is of opinion that that letter must have been written under a misapprehension of the case in question and of the position of the Board.

From paragraph No. 2 of that letter it would seem that the Board’s resolution No. 34 was to the effect, that the decision of the claim to which that resolution referred, appertained to the Department of the Law Officer of the Crown. This however was not so. The meaning of that resolution was that it appertained to the Department of the Law Officer of the Crown to give an opinion upon the point raised by Mr. Farmer and explicitly asked for by the Surveyor-General, viz., whether instructions issued to the Surveyor-General dated November 11th 1853 were of the same force as the Land regulations of March 4th 1853.

In the 3rd paragraph it is assumed that by the 75th clause of the present Land Regulations, part of which is quoted in support—that it is the duty of the Board to hear and determine “all disputes and differences relating or incident to the sale &c. of the Waste Lands of the Crown,” and it is implied that the Board has neglected its duty in not having settled the case referred to. But had the whole of that clause been quoted, it would have been at once seen that the jurisdiction of the Board extended over disputes and differences arising under the existing regulations only. The case between the Surveyor-General and Mr. Farmer arises under Sir G. Grey’s regulations and the Board is not constituted a tribunal to de-

vide questions originating therewith, as clause 6 of the present regulations is entirely of a negative character.

In paragraph 5 it is stated that the Waste Land Board is a Court similar to the Resident Magistrate's. If so all cases for its decision must be brought formally before it and be within the limit of its jurisdiction. But the case of the Surveyor general and Mr. Farmer is not only not within those limits as prescribed by the Regulations, but has never been brought formally before it.

To the last paragraph the Board can only reply in the terms of a former resolution; that it in no way declines to carry out the provisions of the Land Regulations; nor will it decline to undertake any other duties which his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government or his Honour the Superintendent may deem it to the advantage of the Public service that it should perform, provided the duties required are distinctly stated and the necessary means placed at its disposal to carry them out.

READER WOOD,
Secretary.

WASTE LAND BOARD.

Superintendent's Office, Auckland,
24th July, 1855.

THE subjoined correspondence, supplementary to that which was published in the Provincial Government Gazette, No. 22 (on July 13th last), is published for general information.

WM. BROWN,
Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 20th July, 1855.

SIR,—

With reference to the correspondence that has already taken place between your Honor and the General Government on the subject of the expenses connected with the Waste Lands Board of the Province of Auckland, I have the honour, by the direction of his Excellency the Officer administering the Government, to call your attention to the new features which this question has now assumed, in consequence of the intended meeting of the Provincial Council at an early day.

His Excellency, acting on your Honor's representation that "no appropriation to the service of the Waste Lands Board has been made by the Provincial Council," and "that the present dependence of the Waste Lands Board for effective action is upon the compliance of the General Government with their request for the means to work with"—consented to exceed what he conceived to be his strict duty, and sanctioned the payment by the General Government out of the Land Fund, of the expenses necessarily to be incurred by the Board (not including, as your Honor now appears to infer, the salaries of the Commissioners) in the laying out, sale, and occupation of the Waste Lands placed at their disposal.

In the adoption of this course, his Excellency was actuated solely by a desire to relieve your Honor and the Waste Lands Board from the embarrassing position in which you apparently felt yourselves to be, and with a view to prevent that

very great inconvenience and injury to the Province which your Honor represented it would sustain from a stoppage of the Land Sales.

This arrangement was of course only intended as a temporary expedient, till you should be enabled to recommend, and the Provincial Council to pass, an Act appropriating the necessary sums for this purpose,—the question of adjustment being left for future consideration.

The meeting of the Provincial Council, which has now been called together for a Session in next month, will enable an appropriation of the necessary sums,—which, as his Excellency is informed, have indeed already been agreed to by the Council on your Honor's recommendation,—to be formally made to meet the necessary expenses connected with the Land Board.

Under these circumstances, I am directed by his Excellency to suggest for your Honor's consideration whether it would not be a preferable course for you to make the necessary appointments and arrangements, upon the faith of the votes of the Council already passed (even provisionally only if you think that the better mode), than that his Excellency should make temporary appointments, at all events, to cease as soon as the Provincial Government shall have had an opportunity of making the necessary provision for the service of the Waste Lands Board, which will now be the case in so short a time.

When the present Auckland Land Regulations were under consideration, his Excellency's attention was directed to the question whether the Province of Auckland, taking upon itself the administration of the Waste Lands, and thereby incurring expenses, which were, in the case of other Provinces, defrayed by the General Government—should not receive some allowance from the Land Fund.

His Excellency is of opinion that the fair mode of settling this question would be to set apart for the administration of the Waste Lands in the Province of Auckland a sum equal to the average expenditure for the same purpose in the other Provinces, calculated on bases of the number of acres sold, and for the General Government to pay over to the Provincial Government any balance of the sum so set apart, which should, from time to time, remain unexpended by the former on the land, before giving the notification to the latter, as prescribed by the 81st section of the Auckland Land Regulations.

This mode of dealing with the question, his Excellency thinks, would be strictly fair to all the Provinces of New Zealand, as it would not involve them in any participation in the expenses of special Agents or surveys, or any other extra expenditure which the Auckland Provincial Government may think it desirable to incur under the present Land Regulations, and it would, at the same time, place that Province on an equality with the others in respect of the amount expended by the General Government out of the Land Fund, in rendering the land available for sale.

His Excellency is not aware if any better or fairer plan can be suggested, and it has been and still is his wish and intention to give effect to some such equitable arrangement on the final adjustment of the Land Revenue.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Honor's most obedient
humble servant,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary,

His Honor
The Superintendent
of Auckland,
Auckland,

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, July 24th, 1855.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, informing me that the General Government is no longer prepared to appoint the staff required for the service of the Waste Lands Board, or to defray, for the present, the expenses connected therewith.

By direction of His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, you suggest for my consideration whether it would not be preferable that I myself should make the necessary appointments and arrangements. I have the honour to state that I shall immediately make such appointments, and also the best arrangements I may be able to effect.

Having signified my adoption of the course recommended by the General Government, I am free to express my disappointment at the result of the endeavours which I have made to hasten the effective operation of the Land Regulations, and also to observe upon the reasons which you assign for the change in your previous determination.

On the 11th of June I had the honor of bringing before His Excellency several questions connected with the expenses of the Board, and of inviting your attention to the 62nd section of the Constitution Act, under which the Governor is not only authorised but *required* to pay out of the Revenue arising from "the disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown, all the costs, charges, and expenses incident to the collection, management, and receipt thereof."

You informed me, in reply, that "His Excellency was prepared to sanction the payment of the necessary expenses of the Board, by the General Government, out of the Land Fund."

You also requested me to recommend proper persons for appointment to the service of the Waste Lands Board; and also expressed the willingness of the General Government to defray the expenses of contract surveys.

I complied with your request, by recommending to the General Government certain persons for appointment. In reply, you expressed His Excellency's desire that I should also state what salaries I would recommend being attached to those appointments. I made the desired recommendation, including also the salaries of the Commissioners, which, under the forecited section of the Constitution Act, are chargeable upon the General Government, out of the Land Fund. You now, however, decline carrying out the arrangement which had thus been made, and call my attention "to the new features which this question has now assumed, in consequence of the intended meeting of the Provincial Council at an early day."

It thus appears, that when our arrangement concerning expenses was agreed to, you assumed my having no intention of calling the Council together. I am at a loss to perceive what grounds you could have had for arriving at any such conclusion, or in any way, divining the course that would be adopted by the Provincial Government, unless, indeed, the refusal of a dissolution had been already determined upon; in which case you must have perceived that I had no choice but to meet the Council at an early day.

You now inform me that the arrangement in question was only intended as a "temporary expedient;" but, although such may have been the intention, the terms in which the arrangement was made do not express it. The result of acting up to those terms would be an absolute and immediate relief of our Provincial Revenue from expenses which are imposed, by the Constitution Act, upon the General Revenue.

My request that the expenses of the Board should be defrayed out of the Land Fund was based upon an express provision in an Act of Parliament. But you refer me, not even to an Act, but to a Resolution of the Provincial Council, suggesting that I should proceed "upon the faith of the votes already passed."

It has become necessary, Sir, that I should put this question of the Resolution finally at rest, by going into particulars connected with it.

The Provincial Council, immediately before separating on a long adjournment, instead of appropriating a sum that would cover the expenses of the Board (including the contract surveys) passed a resolution to this effect,—that certain sums, amounting to several thousand pounds, might be expended by the Provincial Government.

I am quite aware that a certain latitude of expenditure, for public convenience, is permitted to every Government, upon the tacit understanding that it be restricted to a trifling amount. I am always willing to assume responsibility, within proper limits, for the public service; but I should not have been justified in expending so large a sum without formal appropriation.

I have also been obliged to consider, that although such resolution might be binding upon the present Council, it would not be binding upon another Council. I might not impossibly have been placed in the position of incurring the grave censure of another Council, for having expended a large amount of money, without any legal sanction, on objects which they might disapprove.

But, Sir, a most important point remains, which appears to have altogether escaped your observation; namely, that although the Council resolved that certain sums of money might be expended, they declined providing the Provincial Government with the means of obtaining such money. The Provincial expenditure, as they had been made aware, was already nearly £7,000 in excess of the estimated income; the Council resolved that the expenditure should be increased by a large amount; nevertheless, they separated without passing the Debenture Bill, by which the increased expenditure was to have been provided for.

Upon reviewing my proceedings in regard to the Waste Land Regulations, it still appears to me that I could scarcely have acted otherwise with advantage to the Province.

No provision having been made by the General Government for the service of the Board, I considered it my duty, in anticipation of future adjustment, to propose to Council the sums necessary for bringing the Regulations into practical and immediate operation.

Being disappointed in obtaining an appropriation of such sums, I called His Excellency's attention to the injury which was accruing to the Province, and also to the remedy provided by the Constitution Act.

I acquiesced in the arrangement which was then proposed by His Excellency, and have also acquiesced in the opposite arrangement, which has been subsequently proposed.

I have to thank His Excellency for the prospective justice to the Province which he contemplates, as intimated in the concluding paragraphs of your letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

WM. BROWN,

Superintendent.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

PUBLIC SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Superintendent's Office, Auckland,
July 23rd, 1855.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me in that behalf, I do hereby make and promulgate the Rule following for the government of persons slaughtering cattle at the public slaughter-houses within the Province of Auckland.

"No person shall slaughter any head of cattle at any of the said houses unless he shall have previously given the notice in writing required by law of his intention of slaughtering the same unto the Inspector, or unto the keeper of such house, or unto some person authorised in writing by the said Inspector, to receive such notice on his behalf."

Wm. BROWN,
Superintendent.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE LICENSE.

Superintendent's Office, Auckland,
July 23, 1855.

A LICENSE for keeping a Slaughter house has been granted to

Mr. H. HILL, East Tamaki Head.

Wm. BROWN,
Superintendent.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

RETURN of CATTLE SLAUGHTERED in the District of AUCKLAND, for the week ending the 30th of June.

AT NEWMARKET.

1855.

June 25.

W. WALTERS.

Ox, 3 years old, red and white, spotted, cocked horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump.

Ox, 5 years, yellow, cocked horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—TB (conjoined) near rump, JD (conjoined) near thigh, C (inside) off rump.

RICE.

Ox, 5 years, red, cocked horns. BRAND—WD near ribs.

" 29.

DAY.

Cow, aged, red, white back, cocked horns. BRAND—ND off ribs.

" 30.

Steer, 1 year, black, white flanks, stag horns. BRAND—WC near rump.

WELLS.

Ox, 5 years, red and white, spotted, cocked horns. BRAND—M off rump, tomahawk off ribs.

Ox, 5 years, red, white rump and belly, bent horns. BRAND—M off rump, tomahawk off ribs.

Ox, 5 years, red, white belly, cocked horns. BRAND—M off rump, tomahawk off ribs.

" 30.

E. GEORGE.

Cow, aged, red, white belly and flank. BRAND—G1 near ribs, HL off ribs, S near rump.

CHISHOLM.

Ox, 4 years, strawberry, poley. No brand.

RICE.

Ox, 5 years, red, open horns. BRAND—WD off ribs.

DAY.

Cow, 6 years, white, brindle belly. BRAND—Wh off rump.

HOLMES.

Ox, 5 years, strawberry, red ears. BRAND—JG off rump, horse shoe near rump.

Heifer, 1 year, white, poley. BRAND—WC near rump.

Ox, 4 years, red, white belly, horse shoe near rump.

AT ELLERSLIE.

June 25.

W. WALTERS.

Ox, 4 years, red, white face and head, spread horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump.

Ox, 4 years, red, curly horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump, C off rump.

Ox, 4 years, strawberry, open horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump, G near ribs.

Ox, 3 years, red, open horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump.

Ox, 4 years, red, poley, spotted flanks, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump.

Cow, aged, brindle, poley, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump, WC off rump.

Ox, 4 years, red, cocked horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump.

Ox, 4 years, red and white, spotted, red nose and ears, curly horns, near ear swallow and topped. BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump.

June 29.

Bull, 1 year, red, white belly. BRAND—none.

Ox, 4 years, white, snail horns. BRAND—none.

Cow, aged, white, red ears, cocked horns. BRAND—LD (conjoined) near shoulder, P1 near rump, O off rump.

Ox, 4 years, red, stag horns. BRAND—M off ribs.

Ox, 5 years, brindle cocked horns. BRAND—RG near rump, diamond off rump.

- Heifer, 3 years, white, poley, red ears.
 BRAND—none.
- Ox, 4 years, red, large cocked horns.
 BRAND—a square on off rump.
- Ox, 3 years, red and white, open horns,
 near ear swallow and topped.
 BRAND—JD (conjoined) near rump.
- Cow, aged, brindle, white back and
 rump, hole off ear. BRAND—~~JD~~ off
 rump.
- June 30. Cow, aged, brindle, white back, snail
 horns, off horn broken. BRAND—
 illegible, near rump.
- Cow, 4 years, red and white, spotted,
 curly horns. BRAND—none.
- Cow, aged, red, poley, white back.
 BRAND—a square on off rump.
- D. G. SMALE,
 Inspector of Slaughter Houses.

RETURN of CATTLE SLAUGHTERED in the Dis-
 trict of AUCKLAND, for the week ending the
 7th July.

AT NEWMARKET.

- July 2. RICE.
 Ox, 6 years, red and white, spotted,
 off ear notched, curly horns. BRAND
 —~~JD~~ near rump.
 HOLMES.
- Cow, aged, white, red ears, curly
 horns, off ear cut. BRAND—N off
 rump.
- WELLS.
 Ox, 4 years, red, white back, rump,
 and belly, cocked horns. BRAND—
 M off rump, tomahawk off ribs.
- E. GEORGE.
 Heifer, 3 years, white, red spots, poley,
 BRAND—none.
- July 3. WELLS.
 Ox, 5 years, red and white, spotted
 cocked horns, near ear notched.
 BRAND—M off rump, tomahawk off
 ribs.
- July 4. DAY.
 Cow, aged, red, off horn broken.
 BRAND—B near shoulder, O off
 rump.
- ANDREWS.
 Ox, 3 years, strawberry, poley.
 BRAND—T off shoulder.
- RICE.
 Ox, 3 years, white, red ears and neck,
 brindle, spots on ribs, open horns.
 BRAND—Wh near rump.
- HOLMES.
 Stag, 6 years, strawberry, stag horns,
 BRAND—T off shoulder.
- July 5. R. GEORGE.
 Cow, 4 years, white, poley, red ears,
 near ear notched. BRAND—WC
 near ribs.
- DAY.
 Cow, aged, white, poley, red ears.
 BRAND—illegible off ribs.
- GRIMLEY.
 Ox, 2 years off, white, red neck, and

ears, wide horns, off ear notched,
 JF (conjoined) off ribs.

HOLMES.

- Heifer, 1 year, brindle, white belly,
 spot on rump, horned. BRAND—
 none.
- Bull, 1 year, red, white belly, horned.
 BRAND—none.

AT ELLERSLIE.

- July 3. W. WALTERS.
 Cow, aged, red, white back and belly,
 poley. BRAND—C off rump.
- Cow, aged, red, poley. BRAND—C
 off rump.
- Ox, 4 years, red, cocked horns. BRAND
 —AC near ribs.
- Ox, 5 years, brown, white back and
 breast, open horns. BRAND—AC
 near ribs.
- Ox, 4 years, red and white, spotted,
 short cocked horns. BRAND—dia-
 mond off rump.
- Ox, 4 years, red, white back, cocked
 horns. BRAND—none.
- Ox, 5 years, brown and white, cocked
 horns. BRAND—OB off rump.
- Cow, 4 years, yellow, snail horns.
 BRAND—O (within diamond) off
 rump.
- Ox, 5 years, yellow, cocked horns.
 BRAND—diamond off rump.
- Ox, 4 years, red and white, spotted,
 broken horns. BRAND—diamond
 off rump.
- July 5. E. IRVINE.
 Ox, 3 years, black and white, spotted,
 poley. BRAND—TS off ribs.
- July 7. W. WALTERS.
 Ox, 5 years, strawberry, cocked horns.
 BRAND—diamond off rump.
- Ox, 5 years, red, white flanks, cocked
 horns. BRAND—diamond off rump.
- Ox, 4 years, red, white back, cocked
 horns. BRAND—diamond off rump.
- Ox, 5 years, red, open horns. BRAND
 —diamond off rump.
- D. G. SMALE,
 Inspector of Slaughter Houses.

RETURN of CATTLE SLAUGHTERED in the
 District of AUCKLAND, for the week ending
 the 14th July.

AT NEWMARKET.

1855.
 July 10. RICE.
 Ox, 3 years old, strawberry, dropped
 horns. BRAND—P near shoulder.
- E. GEORGE.
 Cow, aged, red and white, spotted
 poley. BRAND—O~~Z~~ (Jr under), off
 rump.
- CHISHOLM.
 Cow, aged, red, white back and belly.
 BRAND—spur off ribs, W near
 rump.

Steer, 1 year old, light strawberry, short horns, no brand.

Steer, 1 year old, light strawberry, short horns, no brand.

Cow, aged, red, white belly and back, dropped horns, no brand.

DAY.

Cow, 4 years old, yellow, white flanks, poley. BRAND—D F off rump.

July 11. WELLS.

Ox, 6 years old, dark red, snail horns, no brand.

July 12. RICE.

Cow, aged, brown, poley, near ear cut. BRAND—square both sides.

July 13. R. GEORGE.

Cow, aged, red, strawberry head, cocked horns. BRAND—W S near rump. J M off thigh.

CHISHOLM.

Cow, 5 years old, red, white belly and rump, short horns. BRAND—J R (conjoined) near rump.

Cow, 4 years old, strawberry, open horns. BRAND—D F off rump, D M off thigh, E W off ribs.

Cow, 4 years old, red, white flank, belly, rump, and ribs, poley. BRAND—TF (conjoined) off rump.

Cow, 4 years old, red and white, spotted, white rump and belly. BRAND—JR (conjoined) near rump.

HOLMES.

Ox, 3 years old, red, white belly, top of shoulder, off horn broken, near horn straight, no brand.

Ox, 3 years old, strawberry, red head and ears, off horn cocked and bent back, near horn cocked and forward, no brand.

July 14. Ox, 3 years old, red and white, spotted poley, no brand.

AT ELLERSLIE.

July 10. W. WALTERS.

Cow, aged, red, poley, white back, near ear slit. BRAND—W near rump.

Ox, 6 years old, red, open horns. BRAND—S (1 under) off rump.

Ox, 5 years old, strawberry, open horns. BRAND—O T H off rump.

Cow, aged, red, white back, poley, near ear slit. BRAND—W near rump.

Ox, 4 years old, red, white rump, poley. BRAND—W near rump.

Ox, 6 years old, red, spread horns. BRAND—W near rump.

Ox, 5 years old, red, white belly, open horns. BRAND—a square on off rump.

Ox, 4 years old, blue, white back, open horns, no brand.

Ox, 6 years old, red, snail horns, ears topped. BRAND—S W near rump.

Ox, aged, yellow, spread horns, slit ears. BRAND—H W off rump.

Cow, aged, red, white flanks, poley, slit ears. BRAND—W near rump.

Ox, 6 years old, red and white, spotted, poley, ears slit. BRAND—S W near rump.

Ox, aged, red and white, poley, off ear swallow and topped. BRAND—S W near rump.

Ox, 5 years old, white, short cocked horns, red ears and cheeks. BRAND—W near rump.

Ox, 5 years old, red and white, spotted, ears slit, poley. BRAND—M W near rump.

July 11. Cow, aged, brindle, white face, near horn down, off ear swallow and topped. BRAND—O T H off rump.

Ox, 6 years old, dark red, white face, cocked horns, ear mark. BRAND—O T H off rump.

Ox, 6 years old, white, blue sides, same ear mark. BRAND—O T H off rump.

D. G. SMALE,

Inspector of Slaughter Houses.

RETURN of CATTLE SLAUGHTERED in the District of AUCKLAND, for the week ending the 21st of July.

AT AUCKLAND.

July 17. RICE.

Cow, 4 years old, red, white belly, spot top of shoulder, snail horns, no brand.

July 18. DAY.

Cow, 5 years old, red, spotted belly and flanks, snail horns, near horn cut. BRAND—P D off rump, T H O off ribs.

July 19. HOLMES.

Ox, 5 years old, red, white back, belly and flanks, open horns. BRAND—T B (conjoined) near rump.

July 19. RICE.

Cow, 6 years old, white, poley, red ears. BRAND—spur off ribs.

July 19. E. GEORGE.

Cow, 6 years old, strawberry, poley. BRAND—M F off rump, B near rump.

July 20. R. GEORGE.

Cow, aged, red and white, open horns, off ear notched. BRAND—D X N near ribs, W. S near rump.

July 20. DAY.

Ox, 4 years old, red, cocked horns, white back and belly. BRAND—P D off rump.

July 20. HOLMES.

Ox, 4 years old, strawberry, near ear topped, open horns. BRAND—T B near rump.

Ox, 5 years old, strawberry, red ears, tan nose, cocked horns. BRAND—

ff (reversed, conjoined) with L near rump.
 July 20. **ANDREWS.**
 Cow, aged, brindle, white back; belly ana star, cocked horns. BRAND
 A M off ribs, N and scald under off rump.

AT ELLERSLIE.
 July 16. **W. WALTERS**
 Cow, 6 years old, red, white head, red ears, cocked horns. BRAND—J F (conjoined) off ribs.
 Ox, 4 years old, red, horns bent back. BRAND—J F (conjoined) off ribs.
 Ox, 5 years old, red and white, spotted, poley, off ear marked. BRAND—o T H off rump.
 Cow, aged, red and white, spotted, short tail, open horns. BRAND—W P off rump.
 Cow, aged, red, white rump and belly. BRAND—J F (conjoined) off ribs, D near ribs.
 Ox, 4 years old, white, spread horns. BRAND—J F (conjoined) off ribs.
 Ox, aged, red, poley, white rump, off ear marked. BRAND—o T H off rump.
 Ox, 5 years old, strawberry, cocked horns, off ear marked. BRAND—o T H off rump.
 Ox, 5 years old, red, cocked horns, off ear marked. BRAND—o T H off rump.

July 20,
 Cow, aged, red, strawberry back, near ear slit, cocked horns. BRAND—

G I near rump. O near thigh, [I] near ribs.
 Cow, 5 years old, brindle, white flanks, near ear slit, poley. BRAND—O near thigh.
 Cow, 4 years old, white, cocked horns, near ear slit. BRAND—O near thigh.
 Ox, 5 years old, white, cocked horns, off ear marked. BRAND—o T H near rump.
 Cow, aged, brindle, cocked horns, near ear slit. BRAND—O near thigh.
 Cow, aged, red and white, poley, near ear topped, off ear slit. BRAND—S W near rump.
 Cow, 5 years old, red, poley, white back. BRAND—D G near rump.

D. G. S.
 Inspector of Slaughterhouses.

AT OTAHUHU.

July 17. **J. HALL.**
 Ox, 3 years old, red, white belly, cocked horns. BRAND—T S off ribs.

Superintendent's Office,
 Auckland, 24th July, 1855.

I HEREBY notify that I have this day appointed
CORMAC PATRICK O'RAFFERTY, Esq., C.E.,
 to be Surveyor to the Waste Land Board.
 W.M. BROWN,
 Superintendent.

PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, GAOL HOSPITAL, AND LUNATIC ASYLUM.

QUARTERLY RETURN, showing the Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the Quarter ending 30th June, 1855, and the Number of Inmates then remaining.

| | Gaol Hospital. | Provincial Hospital. | | | Lunatics. | Total. | REMARKS. |
|--|----------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|--|----------|
| | | Natives. | Europe-ans. | Out Patients. | | | |
| No. of Patients remaining on 31st March, 1855 .. | 8 | 4 | 25 | 2 | 10 | The average number of Prisoners in the gaol during the Quarter was 48. | |
| Added during the Quarter | 35 | 1 | 18 | 37 | 2 | | |
| TOTAL..... | 43 | 5 | 43 | 39 | 12 | | 93 |
| Discharged during Quarter | 35 | 4 | 19 | 34 | 2 | 94 | |
| Died " " " | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | |
| TOTAL..... | 35 | 4 | 23 | 34 | 2 | 98 | |
| No. of Patients remaining on 30th June, 1855.... | 8 | 1 | 20 | 5 | 10 | 44 | |

Auckland, 16th July, 1855.

WILLIAM DAVIES,
 Provincial Surgeon,

A RETURN shewing the Number of Live Stock, and Quantities of the principal kinds of Provisions imported into AUCKLAND, from the 1st April to the 30th June, 1855

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|----|----|
| | | £ | s. | d. |
| Cattle | 71 head | 730 | 0 | 0 |
| Horses | 71 do. | 3,755 | 0 | 0 |
| Sheep | 414 do. | 450 | 0 | 0 |
| Beef, salted | 142 tierces, 6 barréls | 752 | 0 | 0 |
| Biscuit | 264 cwt. | 368 | 15 | 6 |
| Coffee | 47 cwt. 2 grs. 18 lbs. | 190 | 10 | 0 |
| Flour | 2,200 lbs. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Pork, salted | 43 barréls | 142 | 15 | 0 |
| Rice | 12 cwt. 0 grs. 15 lbs. | 13 | 14 | 0 |
| Sugar, Raw | 4274 cwt. 3 grs. 16 lbs. | 5,392 | 10 | 0 |
| Refined | 66 cwt. 1 gr. 1 lb. | 162 | 0 | 0 |
| Tea | 14,868 lbs. | 999 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL.....£ | | 12,986 | 4 | 6 |

Custom House, Auckland,
30th June, 1855.

WILLIAM YOUNG,
Collector.

A RETURN shewing the Quantity and Value of Goods, the produce of New Zealand, exported from the Port of AUCKLAND during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1855.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| | | £ | s. | d. |
| Bran - - - | 1,305 bushels | 165 | 0 | 0 |
| Cheese - - - | 100 lbs. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Firewood - - - | 7 tons | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Flax - - - | 37 tons, 14 cwt. | 1,330 | 0 | 0 |
| Flax Leaves - - - | 8 cases | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Flour - - - | 10 tons | 330 | 0 | 0 |
| Furniture - - - | 3 cases | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Grain—Oats - - - | 8,713 bushels | 3,699 | 0 | 0 |
| Wheat - - - | 27,488 " | 17,535 | 0 | 0 |
| Gum—Kaari - - - | 33 tons, 14 cwt. | 420 | 0 | 0 |
| Hides - - - | 615 | 245 | 0 | 0 |
| Oil—sperm - - - | 7 tuns | 560 | 0 | 0 |
| Onions - - - | 31 tons 14 cwt 2 qrs | 704 | 0 | 0 |
| Palings - - - | 1,100 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Potatoes - - - | 1,351 tons | 13,930 | 0 | 0 |
| Pumpkins - - - | 3 cwt. | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Sheepskins - - - | 1 bundle | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Timber—sawn - - - | 20,200 feet | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| Wool - - - | 40 bales, 2 bags, 13,827 lbs. | 440 | 0 | 0 |
| Wool Lashing and Cordage - - - | 2 tons, 12 cwt. | 184 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL.....£ | | 39,775 | 10 | 0 |

Custom House, Auckland,
July 1855.

WILLIAM YOUNG,
Collector.

A RETURN shewing the Description, Quantity, and Value of New Zealand produce, imported Coastwise, into the Port of AUCKLAND; also the Number, Tonnage, and Crews of Coasters which have entered Inwards at, and cleared Outwards from, the said Port, during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1855.

| INWARDS. | | | OUTWARDS. | | |
|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. | Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. |
| 267 | 7,300 | 722 | 274 | 9,466 | 823 |

IMPORTS COASTWISE.

| ARTICLES | QUANTITY. | VALUE. | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|------|
| | | £ | s. | d. |
| Bacon and Hams | 10 cwt. | 56 | 0 | 0 |
| Bran | 217 bushels | 27 | 2 | 6 |
| Butter | 6,695 lbs. | 753 | 3 | 9 |
| Cattle | 138 head | 1,380 | 0 | 0 |
| Firewood.. .. | 2,763 tons | 1,800 | 19 | 0 |
| Fish, salted | 25 cwt. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Flax | 45 tons, 18 cwt. | 1,285 | 4 | 0 |
| Flour | 3 tons | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Fruits, Green | 57 bushels | 5 | 14 | 0 |
| “ Apples | 1,578 “ | 394 | 10 | 0 |
| Fowls | 96 | 19 | 4 | 0 |
| Grain, Barley | 226 bushels | 90 | 8 | 0 |
| Maize | 3,194 bushels | 1,357 | 9 | 0 |
| Oats | 129 “ | 51 | 12 | 0 |
| Wheat | 32,356 “ | 19,413 | 12 | 0 |
| Gum, Kauri | 3 tons | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Honey | 1,096 lbs. | 27 | 8 | 0 |
| Horses | 16 | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Lard | 560 lbs. | 18 | 13 | 4 |
| Laths | 16,000 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Lathwood | 10 tons | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Leather | 4 cwt. | 44 | 16 | 0 |
| Lime | 388 bushels | 29 | 2 | 0 |
| Oil, Black | 5½ tuns | 243 | 0 | 0 |
| Sperm | 9½ tuns | 552 | 0 | 0 |
| Onions | 23 tons, 15 cwt. | 665 | 0 | 0 |
| Ore, Copper | 45 tons | 360 | 0 | 0 |
| Palings | 8,200 | 328 | 0 | 0 |
| Pork, Salted | 9 tons 1 cwt 1 qr. | 511 | 0 | 0 |
| Posts and Rails | 13,375 | 668 | 15 | 0 |
| Posts for Gates | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Potatoes | 358 tons | 3,580 | 0 | 0 |
| Preserves | 4 cases | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Pigs | 223 | 334 | 10 | 0 |
| Pumpkins | 1 ton, 1 cwt | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Seeds, Grass | 246 bushels | 12 | 6 | 0 |
| Sheep | 539 | 808 | 10 | 0 |
| Shingles | 405,500 | 512 | 10 | 0 |
| Slush | 18 cwt. | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| Spars | 14 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Timber, sawn | 292,040 feet | 2,920 | 8 | 0 |
| Turkeys | 26 | 10 | 8 | 0 |
| Whaleboat | 1 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | | £ | 38,974 | 14 7 |

Custom House, Auckland,
July 1855.

WILLIAM YOUNG,
Collector.

A RETURN shewing the Number, Tonnage, and Crews of Coasters reported Inwards and Outwards; and of the Imports Coastwise of New Zealand Produce, at the Port of RUSSELL, for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1855.

| INWARDS. | | | OUTWARDS. | | |
|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. | Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. |
| 25 | 1121 | 143 | 32 | 3532 | 327 |

IMPORTS COASTWISE.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cattle | 40 head | £ 400 0 0 |
| Flour | 14,200 lbs. | 234 6 0 |
| Potatoes | 12 tons | 144 0 0 |
| | TOTAL ... £ | 778 6 0 |

THOS. BATEMAN,
Sub-Collector.

A RETURN of Exports, the Produce of NEW ZEALAND, from the Port of RUSSELL, from the 1st of April to the 30th June, 1855, inclusively.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Apples | 116 bushels | £ 58 0 0 |
| Bacon | $\frac{1}{2}$ ton | 45 0 0 |
| Cattle | 131 head | 1310 0 0 |
| Grass Seed | 27 bushels | 13 0 0 |
| Horses | 15 | 420 0 0 |
| Leather | 4 bundles | 20 0 0 |
| Pork, Salt | $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons | 140 0 0 |
| Sheep | 50 | 70 0 0 |
| Timber Sawn | 13,600 feet | 136 0 0 |
| Wheat | 440 bushels | 251 0 0 |
| | TOTAL..... £ | 2,463 0 0 |

THOS. BATEMAN,
Sub-Collector.

RETURN of SMALL CATTLE Slaughtered in the Auckland District.

| Week ending. | Place of Slaughter. | Pigs. | Sheep. | Calves. | Goats. |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| June 30th, 1855 .. | Public Slaughter-house, Newmarket | 39 | 65 | 5 | Nil. |
| July 7th, " .. | Licensed Slaughter-house, Otahuhu | 6 | 7 | Nil. | Nil. |
| " " " .. | Public Slaughter-house, Newmarket | 45 | 56 | 3 | Nil. |
| " 14th, " .. | " " " " | 49 | 82 | 2 | Nil. |
| " " " .. | Licensed Slaughter-house, Otahuhu | 3 | 2 | Nil. | Nil. |

DAVID G. SMALE,
Inspector of Slaughter-houses.

A RETURN of EXPORTS (COASTWISE), the Produce of New Zealand, from the Port of HOKIANGA, from the 1st April to the 30th June, 1855.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Bacon | 3 cwt. | £ 7 10 0 |
| Bricks | 1000 | 5 0 0 |
| Firewood | 38 tons | 19 0 0 |
| Fruit—Apples | 7 cases, 3 kits | 10 0 0 |
| Preserved | 1 case | 2 0 0 |
| Honey | 2 casks | 5 0 0 |
| Grain—Wheat | 210 bushels | 94 10 0 |
| Onions | $\frac{1}{2}$ ton | 12 10 0 |
| Piles—Totara | 162 | 300 0 0 |
| Timber, sawn | 51,000 feet | 382 10 0 |
| TOTAL..... | | £838 0 0 |

H. M. Customs, Hokianga,
2nd July, 1855.

H. R. AUBREY,
Sub-Collector.

A RETURN, showing the NUMBER, TONNAGE and CREWS of COASTERS, reported Inwards and Outwards; and of the IMPORTS COASTWISE, of New Zealand Produce, at the Port of HOKIANGA, for the Quarter ended June 30th, 1855.

| INWARDS. | | | OUTWARDS. | | |
|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. | Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. |
| 4 | 98 | 14 | 6 | 164 | 21 |

IMPORTS COASTWISE.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

H. M. Customs, Hokianga,
July 2, 1855.

H. R. AUBREY,
Sub-Collector.

A RETURN of EXPORTS, the Produce of New Zealand, from the Port of HOKIANGA, from the 1st April to the 30th June, 1855.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |

H. M. Customs, Hokianga,
2nd July, 1855.

H. R. AUBREY,
Sub-Collector.

A RETURN. showing the NUMBER, TONNAGE, and CREWS of COASTERS reported Inwards and Outwards; and of the IMPORTS, Coastwise, of New Zealand Produce, at the Port of MONGONUI, for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1855.

| INWARDS. | | | OUTWARDS. | | |
|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. | Vessels. | Tonnage. | Crews. |
| 11 | 260 | 46 | 13 | 279 | 54 |

IMPORTS COASTWISE.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | £ s. d. |
| Flour | 600 lbs. | 12 0 0 |
| Grass seed | 17 bushels | 8 10 0 |
| Oil, shark | 80 gallons | 16 0 0 |
| Potatoes | 9 tons | 90 0 0 |
| Sheep | 16 | 22 10 0 |
| Wheat | 848 bushels | 466 8 0 |
| TOTAL | | £ 615 8 0 |

H. M. Customs, Mongonui,
June 30, 1855.

W. B. WHITE,
Sub. Collector.

A RETURN of EXPORTS, Coastwise, the Produce of New Zealand, from the Port of MONGONUI from the 1st day of April to the 30th June, 1855.

| ARTICLES. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | £ s. d. |
| Fish, Salt | 25 casks | 12 10 0 |
| Grass Seed | 17 bushels | 8 10 0 |
| Honey | 800 lbs. | 20 0 0 |
| Oil, shark | 80 gallons | 16 0 0 |
| Pork, salt | 10 casks | 75 0 0 |
| Pigs | 3 | 3 0 0 |
| Potatoes | 10 cwt. | 6 0 0 |
| Timber, sawn | 300 feet | 3 0 0 |
| Wheat | 868 bushels | 477 8 0 |
| TOTAL | | £ 621 8 0 |

H. M. Customs, Mongonui,
June 30th, 1855.

W. B. WHITE,
Sub. Collector.