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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE  
PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

GENTLEMEN,—

I HAVE this day forwarded to His Excellency the Governor my resignation of the office of Superintendent of the Province of Auckland.

At a time of great anxiety and excitement, when an angry contest for the Superintendency was imminent, it was pressed upon me that it was in my power to prevent a contest, and that I was in a position to render essential services to the Province as its Chief Officer. I had for some time retired from active political life, and my inclination and interest would have led me to continue that retirement, but I felt that under the circumstances, a public duty, which I would not ignore, was incumbent upon me. A requisition to become a candidate for the office of Superintendent was presented to me, signed by influential men of all parties. I accepted it, and was elected without opposition.

The sole object that I had in view was to promote the interest of the Province, and I have laboured hard to do so. How far I

have been successful it is for you to judge; time will assist to lead you to a just conclusion.

When I was elected there was a general understanding that on main points all parties were agreed, that in minor matters concessions on all sides would be made, and that private views and feelings should be laid aside for the common good. For some time this understanding was acted on, but it now has become obvious, (at all events if I remain in office) that the Province must again be governed by one party, opposed by another, and that the acerbity which has prevailed in former times will not be absent from the contest.

As I did not undertake the duties of office with any such expectation, or with any intention of taking part in such a contest, I feel that it is now fairly open to me to consult my own feelings and interests and to retire from the position in which you were pleased to place me in so flattering a manner.

I sincerely thank you for the confidence you have shown in me, and I beg to subscribe myself,

Your faithful Servant,

FREDK. WHITAKER

Auckland,

March 2nd, 1867.

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