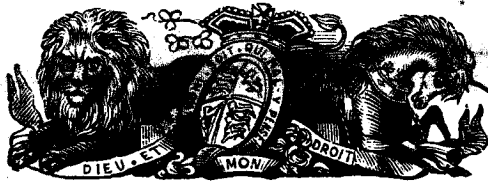

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JOHN HYDE HARRIS, Superintendent.

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Provincial Secretary's Office,
Dunedin, 16th May, 1863.

The following Dispatch from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary is published for general information, and with the view of enabling persons who may be so desirous to avail themselves of the intention of the General Government, relative to the occupation of the block of land in the Province of Taranaki therein referred to.

Applications from intending Settlers will be received at this Office, for the purpose of being forwarded to the General Government.

By His Honor's command,
ALEX. WILLIS,
Acting Provincial Secretary.

New Plymouth,
10th May, 1863.

To his Honor the Superintendent,
Otago, &c.

SIR.—The Government has determined to take possession of the Block of Land between Omata and Tataraimaka, in this Province, upon which the late murders were committed, in order that a settlement may be placed thereon of persons able to protect themselves.

The intention is to give each settler 50

acres of land, with one acre at the site of the Village, on the condition that they shall hold the land on a system of military tenure.

Much of the land to be allotted is of a very fine quality—corresponding land at Tataraimaka, which is further from the town of New Plymouth, having been bought by Settlers before the war, at from £5 to £10 per acre.

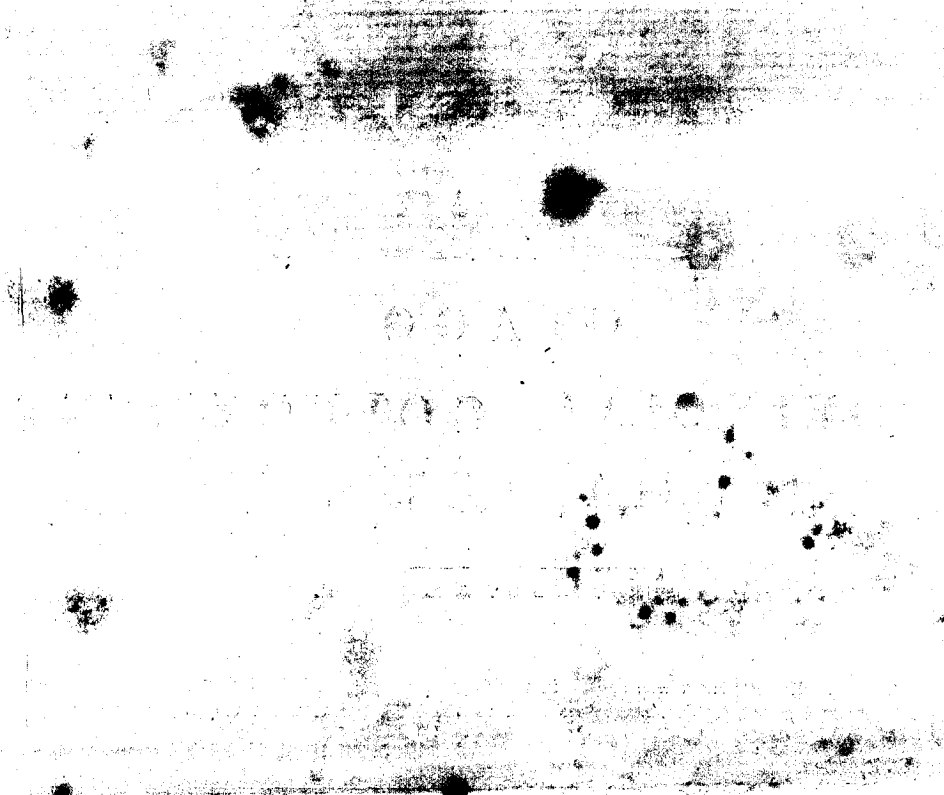
It has occurred to Government, that there might be many active young men at Otago qualified to form such a settlement, who would be willing to become settlers, on the above conditions of military tenure and free Grants of Land.

Your Honor would oblige me by giving me your opinion on this point by return of Post, the object being to place the men on the land with the least possible delay.

Further particulars will be sent next mail. I will only add now that Government will undertake to have Stockade or Stockades built for them, and find them arms, ammunition, and with necessary rations.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
ALFRED DOMETT.



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