

yourself drew up a declaration, a copy of which is signed by Mohi Tawai, admitting that the land has been already ceded. Enclosed, I send you extracts from correspondence in further elucidation of this subject.

V. Letters Nos. 12, 15,
21.

Instructions have been forwarded to you with reference to the Taraire and Whakapaku blocks. I have now the honor to request that you will get the following blocks surveyed, on as reasonable terms as possible, with a view to their being purchased without delay:—

Pukekohe,	7000 acres.....	£350
Kokako,	500 „	35
Whangaruru,	3000 „	200
(If really good land.)		
Okaihau,	3000 „	204

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN,
Chief Commissioner.

H. T. Kemp, Esq., J.P.,
District Commissioner,
Bay of Islands.

P.S.—You must, of course, get the surveys of the several blocks conducted under your own direct superintendence, on the most reasonable terms possible; and all boundaries should be distinctly defined previous to any payment being made to the Natives.

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 25.

MR. COMMISSIONER KEMP TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

District Commissioner's Office,
Bay of Islands, 16th November, 1856.

R 56-172.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, with extracts, and other particulars in reference to the proportion of land commonly known as Herd's Point.

As I think that some misconception has arisen on this question, I think it will be right if I state briefly,—

First, that the portion proposed to be purchased forms no part of the land described within the sketch by Mr. Aubrey, which is exceedingly limited.

Secondly, that with a view to enlarge the property of the Crown in that particular locality, the offer made by Moses Tawhai of an additional quantity, although small, was not rejected, until finally decided upon by the Government.

The offer was made in a generous manner, and I think as much to benefit the Governor as himself, there being no other spot so eligible for the site of a township on Hokianga.

I have, &c.,

H. T. KEMP,
District Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner, Auckland.

No. 26.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER TO MR. COMMISSIONER KEMP.

Land Commissioner's Office,
Auckland, December 9th, 1860.

SIR,—

A letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from a Chief named Ruhe, has been received at this office in reference to certain claims at Oruru, but there is no means of ascertaining, except through you, whether the land is comprised within the claims recently settled by you, or whether it is a new piece of land.

If the land is situated within the purchase already settled, no fresh claim can be admitted, but if it is land which he wishes to sell outside of the Oruru Block, his best course is to confer with you on the subject.

I have written to him accordingly, and transmit the letter through you, for your information and report.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN,
Chief Commissioner.

H. T. Kemp, Esq., J.P.,
&c., &c.,
Bay of Islands.

HERD'S POINT.
Reporting on offer by
Moses Tawai of land at
Herd's Point.

V. Letter No. 24.

ORURU.
Relative to claims pre-
ferred by Ruhe to Oruru.
V. Letter No. 20.