

R E T U R N

OF THE QUANTITY OF

LAND PURCHASED FROM THE NATIVES;

ALSO THE

AMOUNT SURVEYED TO 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 1861.

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RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1861.

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(*Mr. Fox.*)

## MEMORANDUM.

In reference to the Order of the House of Representatives, calling for “ a Return shewing the number of acres over which the Native title has been extinguished during the twelve months ending the 1st June, 1861, and the purchase money paid, or agreed to be paid for the same ; also the number of acres surveyed during the same period by surveyors acting under the orders of the Land Purchase Department,” the Chief Commissioner supplies the following information :—

*Bay of Islands District.*

The only two purchases are as under :—

Ahipara Block, 9000 acres, purchase money.....	£700
Hikorangi Block, undetermined, do., .....	£260

The Ahipara Block was purchased prior to 1st June, 1860, but was not included in the last Return furnished.

The Commissioner residing at the Bay of Islands has been called upon to supply information as to the number of acres surveyed.

*Whangarei and Kaipara Districts.*

The following purchases have been effected :—

	£	s.	d.
Mairitahi Block, 5,950 acres, purchase money.....	297	10	0
Omapou Block, 8,842 acres, do., .....	442	2	0
Te Kari Block, 13,320 acres, do., .....	661	10	0
Waionike Block, 20,600 acres, do., .....	1030	0	0
<hr/> 48,712 acres.	<hr/> £2431	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 0

Number of acres surveyed during the period, Fifty thousand eight hundred.

*Thames and Piako Districts.*

Number of acres purchased, 6000.

Amount of purchase money, £350.

No surveys executed as the Commissioner was detached from this district in August, 1860.

Province of Wellington. No purchases have been made since 1st July, 1860.

Twenty seven thousand and sixteen acres have been surveyed during the same period, an amount apparently small, but large when the number of district surveys (40 in number) is taken into consideration.

These surveys include lands purchased ; lands under negotiation ; lands reserved for Natives ; and lands in the hands of the Natives.

Much time has been spent during the same period, in determining and surveying the back boundaries of former purchases in the Wairarapa.

In the Province of Ahuriri no fresh purchases have been made, but a surveyor attached to the department has been employed in surveying the external boundaries of blocks under negotiation and reserves for the Natives.

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