

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

Believing as the Superintendent does, in the future of the Province, he asks the Provincial Council at a time when the employment of labour by private individuals will not be affected by it, to concur with him in the necessary measures for the employment of the surplus labor now here, and to place it on such a satisfactory and permanent basis, as to offer sufficient inducement to the soldiers that will be discharged from the 65th Regt., to come and settle here.

Pending the consideration of the question by the Provincial Council, the Superintendent has undertaken to give four shillings a day, wet or dry, to the men who have sought employment from the Government; in wet weather it is proposed to employ them in breaking stone under sheds. This stone might with benefit be substituted for the money contribution of the Province in aid of the rates in the town district.

In dry weather the Superintendent recommends that the men be employed in levelling so much of the Kawau pah and Mount Elliot as the General Government will sanction, subject to Military requirements, allowing for which the land to high water levelled and acquired will amount to about twelve acres, equal in value from its position to more than four times the value of the labour that is required to do the work. Irrespective of the great improvement to the town, the Superintendent sees in this work, a profit that may be reasonably devoted to the execution and maintenance of Harbour improvements.

CHARLES BROWN.
Superintendent.

Sub-Enclosure 1 in Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, TARANAKI, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, 15th April, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to make the following statement, and recommendation for the favourable consideration of the Government.

The number of men now employed road making by the General Government are on an average one hundred and twenty, of this number about one half are men driven from their homes by the war, the remainder are either town residents whose homes have never been injured, or strangers who have arrived from other Provinces during active hostilities to enlist in the militia or Volunteers, for the pay and rations.

The latter half receive on an average over five but under six shillings a working day for their labour, and I submit have no equitable claim on the employment offered by the Government, but should be left to find private employment for their labour, or leave the Province to seek it in some other part of the Colony.

I therefore recommend that those who have not been driven from their homes by the war, be struck off Government pay and that the troops in garrison be employed in their stead—which will obtain for the Government for the expenditure now incurred for sixty men at five shillings a day, the services of three hundred soldiers at ten pence working pay per day.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

Sub-Enclosure 2 in Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, TARANAKI.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 3rd May, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter No. 18, dated the 15th ultimo, making certain suggestions with reference to the employment of Militiamen in the Province of Taranaki on Public Works, and to return to you the thanks of the Government for the same.

I have to request your Honor to be good enough to assist Mr. Carrington in distinguishing the persons who are not entitled to employment, as he will be instructed to take immediate steps to discharge them.

The suggestion about the substitution of soldiers will have to stand over until His Excellency the Governor can be communicated with, which I propose to do forthwith.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX.

His Honor the Superintendent,
Taranaki.