

No. 1 is a return of sums required to complete purchases of lands surveyed, partly paid for, and the balance fixed—£4,055.

No. 2. Estimate of sums required to complete purchases of lands partly paid for, and the balances of the purchase money for which, depend on surveys—£1480.

No. 3. Estimate of sums required to effect new purchases, negotiations for which have been opened, and the sums named to the Natives, but no instalments paid—£7000.

2. These amounts will probably be required in the following proportions:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	Total.
December Quarter, 1856	£1625	—	£2600	£4225
March Quarter, 1857	1130	700	2200	4030
June Quarter, 1857	1300	780	2200	4280
	<u>£4055</u>	<u>£1480</u>	<u>£7000</u>	<u>£12,535</u>

3. I have not made any return in regard to the sum of £765, estimated for opening new negotiations. It may not be required at all this year; and is not at any rate likely to be wanted sooner than the beginning of the June Quarter, 1857.

4. The sums required during the ensuing Quarter will be—

Under No. 1.—Cape Kidnapper.....	.....	.....	£1000
Te Mata .....	.....	.....	500
Scinde Island .....	.....	.....	25
Tutakuri .....	.....	.....	100
			<u>£1625</u>

Under No. 2.—Maraekakaho .....	.....	.....	£500
Otaranga .....	.....	.....	500
Porangahau .....	.....	.....	1000
Waimarama .....	.....	.....	600
			<u>£2600</u>

In all, £4225.

—All these sums will be absolutely required immediately, as those under return No. 1 are now overdue; and I am aware that the Natives are prepared to receive payment for the Maraekakaho and Otarauga Blocks, and that settlers are waiting to occupy the land. The sums estimated for Porangahau and Waimarama will not, I think, be accepted by the Natives: but provision ought nevertheless to be made for the service, in case I may be mistaken on this point.

5. The amounts put down under March Quarter, will be required for the Forty-mile Bush, in case satisfactory arrangements can be made to purchase it, and for payments in Wairarapa. On these points, I shall do myself the honor more fully to report, when the time approaches.

I am not aware what arrangements have been made to enable Commissioners to draw such sums as they may be authorized to expend in Land Purchases and contingencies; but I trust that instructions upon this subject, as well as the mode in which the Accounts of the Department are to be kept, may be furnished to me, prior to my departure from Auckland.

I have, &c.,

G. S. COOPER,  
District Commissioner.

Donald McLean, Esq.,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Auckland.

### Enclosure No. 1 in No. 14.

Return of all sums required to complete purchases of lands which are surveyed, partly paid for, and the balances fixed.

HAWKE'S BAY.			
Cape Kidnapper, due March, 1856	.....	.....	£1000
Te Mata .....	.....	.....	500
Scinde Island, due April, 1856 .....	.....	.....	25
Tutae Kuri .....	.....	.....	100
Ruataniwha, due March, 1857 .....	.....	.....	100
Aorangi .....	.....	.....	1000
			<u>£2725</u>

G. S. Cooper,  
District Commissioner.