

No. 60.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONER.

Report on his negotiations has been laid before the Governor.

Native Land Purchase Department,  
Auckland, November 26th, 1859.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 3rd September last, reporting on the negotiations entered into by you for the purchase of land from the Natives in the Hawke's Bay Province, and to inform you that the same has been duly laid before His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &amp;c.,

Donald McLean, Esq.,  
Chief Land Purchase Commissioner,  
Napier.

THOMAS H. SMITH,  
Assistant Native Secretary.

No. 61.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Native Land Purchase Department,  
Auckland, 6th January, 1860.

CIRCULAR.  
Requesting report of land purchasing operations.

SIR,—

I have the honor by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to request that you will have the goodness at your earliest convenience to furnish for the information of the Government, a report showing the state of land purchasing operations in your district, the extent of territory over which the Native title has been extinguished, the blocks surveyed, the cost of survey of each, the land under negotiation or offered for sale, indicating also, the situation, quality, and estimated area of each block.

I have also to request that you will, as soon as possible after the end of each quarter, prepare and transmit to this office, a tabular return in the form of those laid before the House of Representatives during its last Session, and published in the blue books for 1858, of all lands purchased and under negotiation in your district; the totals of area, sums paid, and payable to be brought forward from each preceding return.

I am directed to request that you will, with the least possible delay, furnish returns as above up to the end of the December quarter 1859.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. S. Cooper, Esq.,  
District Commissioner,  
Hawke's Bay.

THOMAS H. SMITH,  
For the Chief Commissioner.

No. 62.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Native Land Purchase Department,  
Auckland, February 7th, 1860.

To report on sums required for land purchases in the Province from date to 30th April, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to request that you will have the goodness to report at your earliest convenience to the Sub-Treasurer at Napier, what sum is likely to be required for the land purchases in the Province of Hawke's Bay, between the present time and the 30th April next.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. S. Cooper, Esq., J.P.,  
District Commissioner,  
Napier.

THOMAS H. SMITH,  
For the Chief Commissioner.

No. 63.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Napier, March 5th, 1860.

Enclosing tracing showing position of Ahuriri purchases.

SIR,—

In obedience to your instructions, contained in your letter of the 6th January last, I have the honor to enclose a tracing of a map, showing the position of the Blocks which have been purchased in the Province of Hawke's Bay, distinguishing those which have been recently acquired by Mr. Commissioner McLean and those which are still under negotiation, showing also the position of the Native Reserves.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Chief Commissioner,  
Native Land Purchase Department,  
Auckland.

G. S. COOPER,  
District Commissioner.