

went to Melbourne. I was getting satisfied with my prospects there when I heard of the breaking out of hostilities here, and that my wife and children had been sent to Nelson. I felt it my duty under these circumstances to look after them, and finding them cared for at Nelson, I came on to Taranaki, and became a Volunteer, December 1860, that I might contribute my experience and services for the defence of this settlement.

Captain King, R.N., the Superintendent, C. Brown, Esq., the Officers of Volunteers here, and Mr. Ligar, Surveyor General, Victoria, can speak to my integrity, industry, sobriety, good conduct, and attention to my duty.

I have, &c.,

W. BLASCHKE.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Auckland.

### No. 7.

SUPERINTENDENT OF TARANAKI TO THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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

SIR,—

I have the honor to return Mr. Blaschke's letter, referred to in your letter of the 6th instant.

I believe the statements made by Mr. Blaschke to be correct, and I believe him to be well qualified to explain to his countrymen the capabilities of this country for settlement, and to assist them with his advice and experience in locating themselves as settlers. I am further of opinion that his military training and experience might be usefully rendered available, if, in the military organization of his countrymen, he were appointed to the same rank he formerly held, of Lieutenant in the Landwehr.

I believe the principal reason he has not been recommended for a Commission in the Militia is, there are none of his countrymen here, and Mr. W. Blaschke does not possess that fluency in the English language to enable him to address others in it with readiness in a moment of emergency.

I have read the foregoing portion of my letter to the Captains of Volunteers, who concur in the remarks I have made.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES BROWN,  
Superintendent.

### No. 8.

THE UNDER SECRETARY TO MR. KELLING.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 6th January, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor, by the direction of Mr. Domett, to transmit for your information, the accompanying copy of a letter from Mr. W. Blaschke, of New Plymouth, on the subject of the introduction of Prussian emigrants into New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,  
Under Secretary.

F. A. Kelling, Esq., Nelson.

### No. 9.

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO MESSRS. GODEFFROY AND CO.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
23rd December, 1862.

GENTLEMEN,—

Referring to your letter dated 25th June last, tendering your services in furtherance of German immigration to New Zealand, I have the honor to inform you that this Government