No. 13.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary to the Superintendent, Auckland.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 26th January, 1865.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter No. 168, of the 21st instant, in reply to mine of the 4th instant on the subject of General Government immigrants.

I have to express my regret that your Honor does not consider yourself at liberty to propose any special appropriation of funds for the employment of immigrants in the Waikato district beyond what you consider that district would be entitled to in comparison with other districts of the Province.

I have also to request your Honor to be good enough to specify the land within the proclaimed district which you would propose to offer for sale, and also inform me of the regulations and place

With respect to the proclamation of any fresh districts under the New Zealand Settlements Act, I would refer your Honor to my letter of the 23rd instant to Mr. Newman, of which I sent you a copy on the 23rd instant.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,

HENRY SEWELL, (For the Colonial Secretary.)

No. 14.

The Superintendent, Auckland, to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, January 21, 1865. SIR,-I request to be informed whether there be any objection on the part of His Excellency's Ministry to my laying before the Provincial Council copies of the correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Secretary and myself, concerning the location of the General Government immigrants in Waikato.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT GRAHAM,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Auckland.

Superintendent.

No. 15.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary to the Superintendent, Auckland.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, January 24, 1865. Sir,--I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and have to inform your Honor, in reply, that there is no objection on the part of the General Government to your laying before the Provincial Council copies of the correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Secretary and yourself concerning the location of the General Government immigrants in Waikato.

I have, &c., Walter Mantell,

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

(For the Colonial Secretary.)

No. 16.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary to the Superintendent, Auckland.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 23rd January, 1865. SIR,-In reference to the management of the immigrants brought here by the General Government having now been undertaken by the Provincial Government, I have to inform your Honor that any advances of money required from the General Government funds for expenses in connection therewith will be made to the Provincial Treasurer, instead of, as heretofore, to Mr. Eaton, who was acting under the General Government; and I have to request you to be good enough to inform Mr. Eaton accordingly, who is now under the Provincial Government.

I have, &c.,

WALTER MANTELL,

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

(For the Colonial Secretary.)

No. 17.

The Superintendent, Auckland, to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 23rd January, 1865. SIR,-I consider it my duty to acquaint you with a piece of information which I have received. am not yet in a position absolutely to guarantee its authenticity, but it has reached me from a source entitled to confidence.

It appears that persons from Auckland, it is said with the assistance of Mr. Charles Davis, are seeking to buy land at the Wairoa from the few natives left in possession during the war, but whose friends took part in the robberies and murders which occurred in that neighbourhood. I am informed that £50 has already been paid, and that £1000 is to be paid in a few days.

I would suggest the expediency of occupying the confiscated land at the Wairoa with immigrants as soon as possible. I am not at present aware of any reason why settlers should not be sent there I have, &c.,

direct from the ship.

ROBERT GRAHAM, Superintendent.