

reference to this, the Sub-Treasurer at Auckland was informed about the 15th of May ultimo, that the sum required to meet the engagements for the month of May would be about £8000, but no provision was made to meet this sum, nor were the debentures forwarded.

The other condition, namely, the handing over of the Tuakau Block to this Government in such manner as would enable me to sell, lease, or borrow money upon it, was to have been completed before the Ministers mentioned, left Auckland. It is still unfulfilled, and you will perceive that it is necessary it should be complied with, in order to enable me to obtain advances on the debentures referred to, on advantageous terms.

I have therefore to request that you will comply with the conditions of the letter herein referred to with as little delay as possible.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT GRAHAM, Superintendent.

Enclosure to No. 66.

Dr. KNIGHT to the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,—

Auckland, 11th May, 1865.

In reply to your letter of yesterday, informing me that you are willing to agree to certain conditions for the settlement of the immigrants arrived and expected in the Province of Auckland, I am directed by the Ministers in Auckland to propose for your Honor's acceptance the following modification of the proposed conditions :

1. The Provincial Government of Auckland to provide out of Provincial funds the whole expense, except surveys, of introducing, maintaining, and locating the immigrants arrived or expected, and of providing employment for them from the 1st instant, for such period as the Provincial Government may think fit, not less than two months after the land has been allocated for their settlement.

2. The General Government to hand over to the Province the Tuakau Block in such manner as will enable the Superintendent either to sell, lease, or borrow money upon it. The consideration money for this block is £18,000.

3. The General Government will from time to time transfer to the Provincial Government, at par, 8 per cent. debentures, not exceeding altogether £15,000, to cover the expense of providing employment for the immigrants, and of carrying out the proposed undertaking ; the sums so transferred, together with the purchase money (£18,000) of the Tuakau Block, to be a charge against the Province; the time and manner of repayment of the said sums to be determined upon by the General Assembly.

4. That the Provincial Government shall be free to employ the immigrants in any part of the Province, keeping in view the original intention of forming permanent settlements.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

CHARLES KNIGHT.

No. 67.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 24th June, 1865.

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the arrangement entered into between the General Government and your Honor respecting the location of immigrants introduced at the instance of the General Government into the Province of Auckland, I have to inform your Honor that directions have been issued for the transfer to the Provincial Government of Auckland of £15,000 worth of New Zealand Debentures, dated the 1st May last, and for the issue of a Crown grant to your Honor of the Tuakau Block.

I have, &c.,

WALTER MANTELL,

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

For Mr. Weld

No. 68.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 30th June, 1865.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 166, of the 19th ultimo, referring to the arrangements for the settlement of the Government immigrants in the Waikato, and to certain conditions which had not at that time been fulfilled.

Mr. Weld's letter of the 24th instant, will have informed your Honor that directions had been issued for the transfer of New Zealand debentures as agreed to, and for the preparation of a Crown grant to your Honor, of the Tuakau Block.

With respect to that Crown grant, there are special difficulties connected with the carrying out the intention of the arrangement entered into with your Honor, about the Tuakau Block. The transaction will however be completed before the term limited for its completion.

I have, &c.,

J. C. RICHMOND.