

2. The amount of such lands under cultivation by the inmates of the institution, or which are otherwise occupied and cultivated.
3. The total amount of public funds which have been given by the Government and devoted to buildings and other permanent improvements upon the estate since the establishment of the institution.

I shall also esteem it a favour if you will furnish me with a statement of the receipts (from all sources) and expenditure of the institution for a period of one year, ending the 30th September, 1866.

I enclose for your information a letter addressed by me to Dr. Kinderdine, and have to request that he may have the necessary information given him in carrying out the inspection I have requested him to make.

I have, &c.,

The Rev. J. Buller, Auckland.

W. ROLLESTON,
Under Secretary, Native Department.

Copy of a Letter from the Rev. J. BULLER to Mr. ROLLESTON.

SIR,—

Auckland, 15th December, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th, requesting me to furnish you with information relative to the Three Kings Institution, &c., on the following points:—

(1.) The extent, position, and character of the lands held in trust, the proceeds of which are wholly or in part devoted to the maintenance of the institution.

In reply to this question I beg to furnish you with the subjoined particulars, viz.:—At the Three Kings about 824 acres of land were conveyed at five different times to the Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission in New Zealand for the purposes of an institution, to include an industrial occupation, together with instruction in religion and the English language, for Natives, half-castes, and destitute European children. A portion of this land is under cultivation, and the proceeds applied wholly to the maintenance of the school. A large proportion of this land is full of scoria, and a great deal of the rest swampy and unavailable until drained.

On the Grafton Road six acres and three roods are held for the purposes of a Native institution. For many years a number of Native youths were under instruction in buildings erected on this ground, but for some time past it has been under lease at a yearly rental of fifty pounds, the whole of which is devoted to the maintenance of the institution of the Three Kings.

In the Mechanics' Bay one acre and twenty-three perches were given by the Crown, part of it for the general purposes of the Wesleyan Mission, and the remainder as a site for a Maori church. The portion including the store has been recently leased, but no rent has yet been received.

(2.) The amount of such lands under cultivation by the inmates of the institution, or which are otherwise occupied or cultivated.

This question is already answered, so far as the land on the Grafton Road and in Mechanics' Bay are concerned. At the Three Kings there are, I suppose, about thirty acres under crop, and one hundred and sixty acres in grass, the whole of which is farmed by the pupils, under the direction of an English farm overseer.

(3.) The total amount of public funds which have been given by the Government and devoted to buildings and other permanent improvements upon the estate on account of the institution.

I do not pretend to give an account of the amount of money thus expended. For this I must refer you to the accounts annually submitted to the Government by the Chairman of the Board of Management. As nearly as I can estimate, from three to four thousand pounds would represent the whole, spreading over a period of twenty-one years.

You further desire me to furnish you with a statement of the receipts (from all sources) and expenditure for the period of one year, ending 30th September, 1866. This will appear from the abstract that follows:—

Quarter ending 31st December, 1865.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
EXPENDITURE	499	4	4
RECEIPTS—			
General Government	59	0	0
Provincial Government	117	15	0
Farm	242	19	1
Rent from Grafton Road	50	0	0
Donations	6	16	8
								476	10	9
Quarter ending 31st March, 1866.										
EXPENDITURE	393	6	4
RECEIPTS—			
General Government	72	1	8
Provincial Government	117	16	3
Farm	57	5	6
								247	3	5
Quarter ending 30th June, 1866.										
EXPENDITURE	392	3	4
RECEIPTS—			
General Government	70	8	4
Provincial Government	110	16	8
Farm	25	13	9½
Donation	1	0	0
								207	19	8½
Quarter ending 30th September, 1866.										
EXPENDITURE	317	9	2½
RECEIPTS—			
Provincial Government	116	5	0
Farm	144	15	6½
								261	0	6½
Expenditure for the year	1,603	3	3½
Receipts for the year	1,193	19	8½
Balance due to the Treasurer	£400	19	8½