

the kainga, which place I left at 3 p.m. on the 18th instant, and arrived at the redoubt at 5 p.m. the same day.

I have, &c.,  
Major Noake,  
Commanding W. and P. Militia District.

THOS. KELLS, Captain,  
Wanganui Veteran Volunteers.

### Enclosure 3 in No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. C. A. WRAY to Major NOAKE.

SIR,—

Survey Department, Patea, 18th January, 1870.

I have the honor to forward return showing estimated area of confiscated lands between Waitotara and Waingongoro Rivers.

I have taken an average distance of five miles from the beach throughout as the limit of available lands. In some parts of the country (from Tangahoe River to Waingongoro) the available lands would stretch much further inland, but as it has never been surveyed, and we have no knowledge of its extent, I have not considered it necessary to take it into consideration in this return.

Three blocks of land, consisting of about 137,800 acres, are I believe at the present disposal of the Government, and might be cut up and sold at once.

The first of these, the Railway Reserve, consists of about 12,000 acres of first-class land, and runs through the centre of surveyed blocks. The next, which I have called waste land, is situated in the Okotuku block. That portion to southward of Military Settlements includes a good deal of swamp and sandhill, but from its position, and the fact of there being a considerable quantity of good land in it, would, I have no doubt, fetch a fair price; the other portion, to eastward of Military Settlements, and having frontage to Waitotara River, is first-class land.

The 4,800 acre piece between Carlyle and Kakaramea includes township of Carlyle and suburban allotments, and might, if required, be laid out on the ground ready for sale.

The block of 8,400 acres which I have described as waste land between Patea and Whenuakura Rivers, has not, to my knowledge, been treated as confiscated land, further than that the Railway Reserve and public roads have been run through it. The Natives who occupied it were Tauroa's hapu of the Pakakohe Tribe, now suffering imprisonment.

The Native Reserves on the maps are shown much further back than has ever been surveyed, but I have thought it best in my estimate to confine myself to the limits we have actual knowledge of.

There is some very superior land in these blocks, which I presume have now reverted to the Government.

I beg to forward for transmission to the Hon. Mr. Fox, a finished plan of my survey at Hawera, on a scale of ten chains to the inch, accompanied by my charges for the same.

I have to inform you that Mr. G. W. Williams, surveyor, a gentleman employed for some years in the Government Survey Department at Auckland, has joined me, and that surveys will in future be carried on by us jointly.

I have, &c.,

Major M. Noake, Commanding Patea Militia District,  
Patea.

C. A. WRAY, Surveyor.

ESTIMATED AREA OF LANDS in PATEA DISTRICT, between Waitotara and Waingongoro Rivers, the external boundaries of which have been surveyed, and which includes MILITARY SETTLEMENTS, GOVERNMENT, and (available portion) NATIVE RESERVES.

Descriptions of Block.	Where Situated.	Remarks.	Estimated Area.
Railway Reserve ...	Between Waitotara and Waingongoro.	This is a strip of land half a mile in width, running through entire district.	Acres. 12,000
Waste land ...	Okotuku Block, southward and eastward of Military Settlements.	This block is, I believe, at the present disposal of Government.	21,000
Government Reserve ...	Between Carlyle and Kakaramea.	Includes Township of Carlyle and suburban allotments—the latter not yet marked off on the ground.	4,800
Waste land ...	Between Patea and Whenuakura Rivers.	This block has not been treated as confiscated. It was in possession of Pakakohe Tribe. (Railway Reserve and roads run through it.)	8,400
Military Settlements ...	Between Waitotara and Waingongoro Rivers.	... ..	45,000
Native Reserves ...	Chiefly between Tangahoe and Waingongoro.	In estimating area of Native Reserves, I have merely taken the average distance of about five miles from the beach. These Reserves are shown on the maps as extending further inland, and consequently of larger dimensions, but as they have not been actually surveyed, and we are not acquainted with the quality of the lands, I have shown only that portion of these Reserves, the external boundaries of which have been surveyed.	10,000
Total ... ..			101,200

Patea, 19th January, 1870.

C. A. WRAY,  
Surveyor.