

APPENDIX.

I.

RETURN showing the Number and Details of Crown Grants issued from General Crown Lands Office for Twelve Months, ending 30th June, 1872.

Ordinary Grants issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,386
Public Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Native Lands Court Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	157
Antevested and Corrected Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
									<u>4,636</u>

Of the above, the following were executed on the Land Transfer Form, *i.e.* in duplicate:—

Ordinary Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	621
Public Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Native Lands Court Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
									<u>687</u>

Note.—The Crown Grant, under the Native Lands Acts, issued under the Land Transfer Act, involves the preparation of five documents, which are—

- Original Grant.
- Duplicate Grant.
- Record Copy for Secretary, Crown Lands Office.
- Duplicate Copy for Commissioner, Crown Lands.
- Maori Translation.

These have each to be dated and numbered on face and back, and the two first to be sealed.

Each Crown Grant has to be read over with the copy before execution. In the case of the Duplicate Grants, this work requires the services of three persons.

Number of Grants in the Office in course of completion, nearly all of which will be issued during this month (July) 1,044

Statement of Transactions in the Secretarial Department of the General Crown Lands Office from 1st July, 1871, to 30th June, 1872, inclusive:—

Number of Letters received	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,309
Number of Letters written and despatched	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	677
Number of Papers referred to Secretary for action	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	251
Number of Papers referred by Secretary to other Departments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	417
Number of Records under action	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

II.

The Drafting Department has been engaged as follows:—

In examining Land Claim records and maps of granted and surplus lands for transfer to the Provincial Government of Auckland.

Preparing descriptions of reserves and districts.

Comparing all grants under Native Land Acts with maps in the office.

Preparing descriptions and maps of Electoral Districts under “The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1871,” and various plans and tracings.

Examining all Crown grant copies filed in the office; reporting upon value of all Crown grants issued for purposes of Land Transfer Act, and upon the preparation of future grants.

Reporting and advising generally on questions of survey, &c., coming before the Secretary for Crown Lands, or referred from the various Government Offices.

The Chief Draftsman, who is also Assistant Inspector of Surveys, has been detached on inspection of surveys, and has been engaged in calculating the triangulation of the Patea District; and generally advising and reporting upon surveys, &c., of the West Coast Confiscated Land, and on the expenditure thereof.

This Department has also prepared a map of Province of Wellington for Native Office; examined Land Claim records; and prepared and examined tracings of Land Claim plans.

Compared grants under Native Lands Acts with maps in office.

Indexed and arranged over 1,460 plans in office.

Prepared map of Colony showing Electoral Districts.

Prepared maps of Electoral Districts for Clerk of House of Representatives.

Prepared descriptions of Electoral Districts, and office maps of same.

Usual routine work of office:—

Lithographed various plans.