

No. 25.

The Hon. J. Vogel to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 6th June, 1874.

AM communicating with Mr. O'Rorke upon the subject of Mr. Stewart. I cannot understand how your Honor or the Provincial Council could suppose that an agreement dealing with so large and valuable a property could be arranged by or before Monday, nor do I understand what difficulty Mr. Stewart would have in remaining later, if he proposes to devote himself to carrying out the plan. If Mr. O'Rorke is not willing to deal with him, and he comes on to Wellington, I will endeavour to arrange with him on the basis of the original intention of the Provincial and General Governments—the land to be in accordance with the wish of the Provincial Council.

His Honor J. Williamson, Auckland.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 26.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. J. Vogel.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 8th June, 1874.

RE Kati Kati.—I did not consider it possible for any satisfactory agreement to be made with Mr. Stewart either by Mr. O'Rorke, yourself, or any one else, in time for him to get away by the mail steamer this day. Mr. Stewart called, in company with Mr. Kelly, before I received the resolution of the Council, and expressed a wish that Mr. O'Rorke and I should proceed at once to settle terms with him. I declined to take any part in the matter beyond forwarding a copy of the Address from the Council, to the Secretary for Crown Lands here, and also by first mail to Colonial Secretary. I stated my opinion that it was not possible to arrange the business in so short a time. When I received from you a copy of yours to Mr. Kelly, I urged Stewart to proceed to Wellington. This he appeared reluctant to do, lest he should lose a month by the journey. The "Wellington" has left for South. I have made inquiry, but cannot learn whether Stewart has gone in her or not.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

No. 27.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. J. Vogel.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 8th June, 1874.

HAVE just learned that Mr. Stewart is still at the Northern Club. The Tauranga people believing that Kati Kati lands were shortly to be brought into the market for sale and settlement, requested me to subsidize a small steamer to run between the harbours. Tenders were invited, but owing to the uncertainty and delay of settlement then caused by late negotiations, no tenders for the service have been sent in.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

No. 28.

MEMORANDUM of AGREEMENT between the Hon. the SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS and
Mr. G. V. STEWART.

MEMORANDUM of an Agreement made this twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, between the Honorable George Maurice O'Rorke, Secretary for Crown Lands for the Colony of New Zealand, of the one part, and George Vesey Stewart, of Ballygawley County, Tyrone Ireland, but now on a visit to New Zealand, Esquire, of the other part: Whereas the said George Vesey Stewart has proposed to organize and bring out from Ireland a certain number of families possessed of an adequate capital to occupy, improve, and cultivate land for the formation of a special settlement of farmers on certain lands hereinafter described; and in consideration that such proposals shall be effectually carried out, the said George Maurice O'Rorke has agreed, on the part of the Government of New Zealand, that the said lands shall be set apart for the said settlement upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned: Now, therefore, this Agreement witnesseth, that each of the said parties, the said George Maurice O'Rorke and the said George Vesey Stewart, doth for himself respectively promise and agree as follows:—

1. That the said George Maurice O'Rorke shall and will cause to be set apart and kept, for the purposes of a special settlement of farmers with capital, to be founded by the said George Vesey Stewart, all those lands the property of the Crown situate in the District of Tauranga, in the Colony of New Zealand, and known as the Kati Kati Block, comprising ten thousand acres or thereabouts, as defined by the plan hereunto annexed.

2. That the said block of land shall be surveyed at the expense of the Government, and convenient roads laid out through the same, and divided into suitable allotments, so as to be ready for selection and occupation on the arrival from Ireland of the said George Vesey Stewart and the party selected to form the special settlement.

3. That the said George Vesey Stewart shall and will select and organize a party of farmers in Ireland, being married men with families, to emigrate therefrom to New Zealand, with adequate capital to occupy, improve, and cultivate the said Kati Kati Block as a special settlement.

4. Provided that no person shall be entitled to be considered as one of the said party, or to any of the rights and privileges under this agreement, unless and until he shall have received from the Agent-