

No. 7.

Mr. G. V. STEWART to the Hon. G. M. O'RORKE.

SIR,—

15th May, 1874.

As some misapprehension might occur with reference to the letter of the 29th ultimo, I beg to state that I shall be prepared to accept the Kati Kati Block from the Government upon such conditions as may fairly carry out the spirit and intentions of the previous arrangements, to which reference has been made in the official correspondence.

These remarks of course refer to my proposal on behalf of Mr. H. W. Farnall, as I find from the printed correspondence that the Government has not overlooked his just claims upon their consideration. In fact, the letter of the 29th April (as therein stated) merely contained my own suggestions in matters of detail for the consideration of the Government.

The Hon. G. Maurice O'Rorke.

I have, &c.,

GEO. VESEY STEWART.

No. 8.

Mr. G. V. STEWART to the Hon. G. M. O'RORKE.

SIR,—

Northern Club, Auckland, 15th May, 1874.

I have the honor to enclose you copy of official communication received from His Honor the Superintendent, dated 13th instant, respecting the proposed special settlement upon the Tauranga lands at Kati Kati.

You will thus perceive that His Honor states, "It is now in the power of the General Government to carry out any such (their) engagements without consultation with the Provincial Government, and without any necessity for their confirmation by the Superintendent."

I should therefore feel much obliged to you if you could kindly name an early day to meet me on behalf of the General Government, and finally close these protracted negotiations.

The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke.

I have, &c.,

GEO. VESEY STEWART.

N.B.—The enclosure to this letter was returned to Mr. Stewart.—Vide No. 11.

No. 9.

The Hon. G. M. O'RORKE to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Auckland, 22nd May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and to inform you that I have communicated to Mr. Stewart, as I had on a previous occasion, that your Honor states that the Provincial Government is still prepared to fulfil the promise made by your predecessor for encouraging the settlement of Mr. Stewart's party of small farmers upon lands subject to your administration.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of copy of the Agent-General's letter dated 24th of December last, which is attached to your letter under reply, wherein Dr. Featherston introduces Mr. Stewart to you, and commends him to your good offices.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

No. 10.

The Hon. G. M. O'RORKE to Mr. G. V. STEWART.

SIR,—

General Government Office, Auckland, 22nd May, 1874.

In reply to your letter of date the 8th instant, I have the honor to inform you that since the receipt thereof I have been in communication with His Honor the Superintendent, and that he repeats the statement which he had already made to me, and which was intimated by me to you on the 4th instant, that the Provincial Government is still prepared to fulfil the promises made by his predecessor Mr. Gillies, for encouraging the settlement of your party of small farmers upon lands under his administration.

In regard to an inference you endeavour to establish, that because your original application was made to Mr. Farnall, the General Government are in the first instance responsible, I think, on reflection your knowledge of the history of the whole matter will lead you to admit that the General Government only heard of your proposals through the late Superintendent, Mr. Gillies, and that Mr. Farnall corresponded directly with the Superintendent in order to bring this scheme of settlement within the terms of the Auckland Homestead Act. It will therefore be necessary for you, as I stated in my former letter, to arrange with the Superintendent for the settlement of the business with regard to which Mr. Gillies requested the Agent-General to accredit you to the present Superintendent.

G. V. Stewart, Esq., Auckland.

I have, &c.,

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.