

The terms of occupation we have fixed for three years, but have not considered it advisable to fix the rental, on the supposition that it would be preferable to let each one offer whatever price he might think fit.

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD PATTEN,
Officer in Charge.

No. 3.

The Hon. J. A. BONAR to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

10th November, 1877.

HAVE you received Mr. Patten's letter enclosing conditions *re* sale of stores Jackson's Bay? I would recommend authority being sent to give notice of sale at once, so that particulars can be sent to settlement on Monday by steamer, if Government approve.

J. A. BONAR.

No. 4.

The UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to the Hon. J. A. BONAR.

(Telegram.)

12th November, 1877.

MINISTER authorizes notice of sale as requested in your telegram of Saturday, received this morning.

J. GILES.

No. 5.

The OFFICER in CHARGE, Jackson's Bay Settlement, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Hokitika, 22nd December, 1877.

I have the honor to forward herewith a requisition for the sum of £1,000 sterling, as an advance for the location and maintenance of the settlers at Jackson's Bay.

I also forward, for your information, as the Government stores will, in all probability, be closed on the 31st December, 1877, a statement of all amounts owing on special settlement account (so far as I can gather) up to the end of the year.

I may state also that notice of the sale of the stores, and other conditions referring to the liquidation of the indebtedness of the settlers to the Government, from the 1st January, 1878, was duly given, in accordance with the instructions received in your telegram dated the 12th November last, and that they gave great satisfaction to the settlers, and were universally approved.

As several accounts have been received by me from the Resident Agent for payment, I would respectfully request that the amount of imprest asked for may be telegraphed to my credit at the Bank as soon after it is approved as is convenient.

I may also state that the Bank authorities are anxious that the amount overdue on the store account should be reduced as soon as possible. This I have promised to do as soon as the money is recovered from the settlers.

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD PATTEN,
Officer in Charge.

Enclosure 1 in No. 5.

LIABILITIES, Jackson's Bay Settlement.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount due by settlers	4,805	18	6	Outstanding accounts for supplies to settlers	2,318	16	1
Marks's bill of sale of stores	111	14	11	Balance	2,613	17	4
Rent of stores, Jackson's Bay and Okura	15	0	0				
Total	£4,932	13	5	Total	£4,932	13	5