

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE, TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF DEEDS OF PURCHASE BY THE CROWN, WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS, FROM 1853 TO 1891.

SCHEDULE OF COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

- No. 1. 2nd September, 1853; Mr. Commissioner McLean to Civil Secretary, New Munster; reporting purchase of a block of 150,000 acres at Wairarapa—Turakirae Block.
- No. 2. 7th September, 1853; Mr. Commissioner McLean to Civil Secretary, New Munster; reporting purchase of the Lower Wairarapa Valley—Turanganui Block.
- No. 3. 22nd September, 1853; Mr. Commissioner McLean to Civil Secretary, New Munster; Wairarapa Natives have signed a deed of sale for 300,000 acres—Tauherenikau Block.
- No. 4. 23rd December, 1853; Mr. Commissioner McLean to Commissioner, Crown Lands, Wellington; has agreed to purchase from Natives 19,000 acres, including the site of Featherston—Owhanga Block.
- No. 5. 30th December, 1868; Raniera te Iho and others to G. S. Cooper, Esq., Deputy Land Purchase Commissioner; requesting that no person be allowed to open by artificial means the outlet of the Wairarapa Lake.
- No. 6. 31st January, 1874; Mr. Commissioner McLean to H. Wardell; instructions to purchase certain alleged rights to closing the lakes.
- No. 7. 28th October, 1874; E. S. Maunsell to H. T. Clarke, Native Under-Secretary; suggestion as to purchase of claims of Natives in the Wairarapa Lakes.
- No. 8. 23th October, 1874; H. T. Clarke, Under-Secretary, to Hon. Native Minister; Wairarapa Lakes never ceded to Crown; also, minute of Sir Donald McLean.
- No. 9. 29th October, 1874; H. T. Clarke, Under-Secretary, to Hon. Native Minister; memorandum on Mr. Maunsell's suggestion above.
- No. 10. 8th February, 1875; E. S. Maunsell to the Native Secretary; calling attention to a paragraph which appeared in the *New Zealand Times* regarding the opening of the Wairarapa Lake.
- No. 11. 5th February, 1875; John P. Russell to the Colonial Secretary; forwarding copy of resolution of landholders round Wairarapa Lake as to opening channel.
- No. 12. 13th February, 1875; H. A. Atkinson to H. Halse, Assistant Under-Secretary, Native Affairs; to prepare telegram for Sir Donald McLean, informing him of resolution made by settlers.
- No. 13. 16th February, 1875; Sir Donald McLean to Hon. Major Atkinson; resolution of settlers preposterous.
- No. 14. 22nd February, 1875; H. Halse to John Russell; acknowledging receipt of resolution, and regretting course proposed by settlers.
- No. 15. 27th February, 1875; E. S. Maunsell to H. Halse, Native Secretary; asking for papers and instructions; also minute of Under-Secretary, Native Office.
- No. 16. 9th March, 1875; E. S. Maunsell to H. Halse, Native Secretary; reporting result of inquiries as to Wairarapa Lakes purchase.
- No. 17. 18th March, 1875; H. Halse to E. S. Maunsell; instructions to negotiate for smaller sum than £1,200.
- No. 18. 24th March, 1875; E. S. Maunsell to H. Halse, Native Secretary; reporting result of interview with principal Wairarapa chiefs.
- No. 19. 29th September, 1876; Hon. John Bryce; report on petition of Manihiera te Rangitakaiwaho and others of Wairarapa.
- No. 20. 1877; Peter Hume, Donald Sinclair, John Hume, and eighteen others to the honourable House of Representatives; petition.
- No. 21. 29th October, 1877; Hon. John Bryce; report on above petition of Peter Hume and others.
- No. 22. 20th February, 1878; Tunuiarangi Paraone and others to Hon. Native Minister; stating conditions agreed to by Natives.
- No. 23. 11th June, 1881; James Booth and E. S. Maunsell to Hon. Native Minister; questions on points of law which will probably arise during investigation.
- No. 24. 13th June, 1881; Hon. W. Rolleston to Solicitor-General; memorandum on report by Mr. Maunsell.
- No. 25. 22nd June, 1881; William FitzGerald to the Assistant Law Officer; result of proceedings in Native Land Court, at Greytown.
- No. 26. 4th July, 1881; Richard J. Gill; memorandum on Mr. FitzGerald's report of result of Native Land Court proceedings.
- No. 27. 20th July, 1881; Hon. W. Rolleston to Richard J. Gill; memorandum on Mr. FitzGerald's report of result of Native Land Court proceedings.
- No. 28. 11th July, 1881; Richard J. Gill to the Solicitor-General; asking advice as to further action.
- No. 29. 11th July, 1881; Hon. W. Rolleston to the Assistant Law Officer; to look into matter at once.
- No. 30. 12th July, 1881; W. Miller Lewis, Assistant Law Officer, to Richard J. Gill; advice as to further action.
- No. 31. 21st June, 1881; Hon. W. Rolleston to the Solicitor-General; asking what course is best to be taken.
- No. 32. 22nd June, 1881; W. S. Reid to Assistant Law Officer; instructions to prepare draft conveyance from Natives to Crown.
- No. 33. 12th July, 1881; Assistant Law Officer to Richard J. Gill; forwarding draft conveyance.
- No. 34. 23rd October, 1882; Richard J. Gill to Hon. Native Minister; reporting progress of negotiations for purchase of lakes.
- No. 35. 24th October, 1882; Hon. J. Bryce, Native Minister, to R. J. Gill; authorising expenditure of £1,000.
- No. 36. 24th October, 1882; Hon. Native Minister to R. J. Gill; latter of two courses suggested in telegram best.
- No. 37. 24th October, 1882; R. J. Gill to Hon. Native Minister; requesting him to reconsider his decision.
- No. 38. 26th October, 1882; copy of evidence taken of proceedings of Native Land Court.
- No. 39. 29th January, 1884; R. J. Gill to Hon. Native Minister; reporting action as Land Purchase Officer at sitting of Native Land Court, Greytown.
- No. 39A. 20th April, 1885; E. S. Maunsell to Under-Secretary, Native Office; reporting result of interview with Piripi te Maari.
- No. 40. 24th April, 1885; Piripi te Maari to Richard J. Gill; will consent to river being opened on being requested by settlers.
- No. 41. 28th May, 1885; E. S. Maunsell to Under-Secretary, Native Office; expressing views at length on Wairarapa Lakes question.
- No. 42. 14th March, 1886; W. C. Buchanan to Hon. Native Minister; urging Government to take steps to have lake opened.
- No. 43. 1886; P. Sheridan; memorandum showing names of Natives who sold their interests in 1876.