

APPENDIX A 26.

DEAR SIR,—

Mount Royal, Palmerston, Otago, New Zealand, 22nd April, 1893.

I have yours of the 19th before me, and which I found waiting my return from Wellington last night. I am not disposed to lease the Pomahaka Downs, but rather to sell same right off.

I shall be anxious to learn particulars should you hear anything of our expected buyer from the Home Country.

Thanking you for the trouble you are taking.
William Turnbull, Esq.

Yours, &c.,
JOHN DOUGLAS.

APPENDIX A 27.

SIR,—

Clinton, 11th May, 1893.

I had a party called on me to-day wishing to know if you would sell 1,000 or 1,500 acres of your Pomahaka Downs.

If you think of selling a portion like this, kindly send me particulars as to price, &c.; also map you spoke of, as it would be very handy while showing people the land.

No word from the English gentleman to date.

I am, &c.,
WM. TURNBULL.

John Douglas, Esq.

Quoted as near £4 per acre as possible.—D.

APPENDIX A 28.

DEAR SIR,—

Mount Royal, Palmerston, Otago, New Zealand, 13th May, 1893.

I have yours of 11th instant, and carefully note contents. I would prefer selling the whole Pomahaka Downs property in a lump, but would not object to sell 1,600 acres if a decent price could be obtained—say Block XIV., including Burning Plains. In it I have fully 2,200 acres, but some of the sections adjoining Block XIII. could be kept out to make the quantity wanted; or the sections between the present settlement and Mr. Gibson's, to the extent required, I would sell.

If any of these blocks would suit, and I knew the terms wanted, I would try and meet your buyer as regards price. I would like as near £4 per acre, but might make a concession to a suitable purchaser.

I am going to Dunedin on Monday, and will send you map of the property, as well as of the settlement portion, meantime.

William Turnbull, Esq.

I am, &c.,
JOHN DOUGLAS.

APPENDIX A 29.

MEMORANDUM.

From W. Turnbull, Clinton.—To John Douglas, Esq., Mount Royal, Palmerston.

DEAR SIR,—

26th June, 1893.

In answer to yours of the 23rd instant, I regret to say that the young man who wanted to purchase a portion of Pomahaka Downs thought the price too high, and has left this district, I think, for the North.

There has been no word from the English gentleman up to date; when there is, I shall immediately acquaint you.

I am, &c.,
WM. TURNBULL.

APPENDIX A 30.

DEAR SIR,—

Mount Royal, Palmerston Otago, 29th June, 1893.

Many thanks for yours of the 26th. I wish I had known your buyer's views of value of the land for my guidance. I met Mr. D. Murray in Dunedin at the Agricultural Conference. We were speaking about the land. He said he knew it well, but would not have liked to give more than £3 per acre for the lot. That is, assuming he was in a position to buy.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. say their Gore agents have been selling a lot of land. I said I would give them a map, and get their views, but was not anxious to push meantime, until we learned whether your Home buyer turned up.

William Turnbull, Esq.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DOUGLAS.

APPENDIX A 31.

DEAR SIR,—

Mount Royal, Palmerston, Otago, 29th June, 1893.

Would you kindly say whether the party whom you wrote about, respecting part of my Pomahaka land, made any definite offer. In the event of the gentleman from Home that you expected as a buyer not turning up in July, the time you expected his return, it might be well to try the Government; but to secure success in that direction the district would require to indicate by petition their views that this was desirable, and really wanted in the interests of the public.

William Turnbull, Esq.

Yours, &c.
JOHN DOUGLAS.

APPENDIX A 32.

MEMORANDUM.

From W. Turnbull, Clinton.—To John Douglas, Esq., Mount Royal, Palmerston.

SIR,—

17th July, 1893.

I postponed answering yours of 29th June, expecting to hear something of the English capitalist, but there is still no word from him. I saw his friend (Mr. Roseveare) yesterday, and he