

Sub-Enclosures.

SIR,—

Civil Commissioner's Office,
Auckland, 9th April, 1869.

I have the honour to forward for your information a copy of a letter from the Lord Bishop of New Zealand to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, requesting the exclusion of certain lands from the operation of "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," and also a copy of the relinquishment of the same by Mr. James Mackay as Crown Agent.

I have, &c.,

A. Sinclair, Esq., Chief Surveyor, Auckland.

C. MARSHALL.

To the COLONIAL SECRETARY of NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

Ngaruawahia, 9th January, 1867.

I have the honor to request that the following estates held in Trust, under Crown Grant, by me and other co-trustees, under the powers vested in me by "The Bishop of New Zealand's Trust Act," may be excluded from the operation of "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," under the provisions of section 6 of the said Act.

						Acres.
Hopuhopu Estate, right bank	}	...	...	...	...	1,385
Pepepe Estate, left bank						
Kohanga Estate..	...	...	...	...	...	900
Puniu, near Te Awamutu...	...	...	...	...	...	900
Rangiaohia Church	...	...	...	...	...	1

I have, &c.,

Mr. C. Marshall.

G. A. NEW ZEALAND.

Ngaruawahia, 10th January, 1867.

IN accordance with the provisions of "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and "The New Zealand Settlements Amendment and Continuance Act, 1865," I do hereby, on behalf of the Crown, abandon and relinquish all claims, right and interest, to and over certain portions of the lands confiscated by the Governor by Order in Council of the 2nd September, 1865; that is to say, all those pieces or parcels of land situated at Hopuhopu, Pepepe, Kohanga Puniu, and Rangiaohia, as the same are granted to the trustees appointed under "The Bishop of New Zealand Trust Act."

Given under my hand at Ngaruawahia, this 10th day of January, 1867.

JAMES MACKAY, Jun.,
Crown Agent
(for the Colonial Secretary.)

Mem.—The land at Puniu and Rangiaohia was taken under an Order in Council dated 29th September, 1864.

No. 11.

Mr. THEOPH. HEALE to Mr. ROBT. HART.

SIR,—

Inspector of Surveys' Office, Auckland, 7th May, 1869.

I have the honor to transmit the evidence obtained by me from Mr. Mackay respecting the Hostelry Reserves here and at Onehunga. Mr. Braithwaite's illness, and Mr. Mackay's absence and engagements, have prevented my obtaining it until now.

I have, &c.,

Robt. Hart, Esq.,

THEOPH. HEALE.

Chairman of Commission on Trust Estates.

Mr. James Mackay being sworn, states: My name is James Mackay. I am Commissioner of Native reserves in Auckland. The first instructions I received respecting Native reserves was in October, 1867, at which time I was instructed to take charge of the Auckland and Onehunga Hostelry Reserves, viz.:—

No. 19, of section 9, containing 2 acres and 14 perches, in the Town of Auckland, on which the Native Hostelry stands.

No. 4, section 12, in the Town of Auckland, containing 2 roods 13 perches.

No. 89, section 1, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 6 acres 1 rood.

No. 11, section 20, Village of Onehunga, containing 2 acres 9 perches.

On entering on my duties, two of these reserves (Nos. 4 and 19) were occupied by several squatters, and some time elapsed before I could get rid of them. The last notice given to these squatters was on the 4th January, 1868. I then agreed to lease quarter of an acre of reserve at Mechanic's Bay to Messrs. Archard and Brown for five years, at £20 per annum, from 18th April, 1868, for a timber yard; and to Messrs. Hunter and Son another quarter of an acre, at same rate, for seven years from same date. I found one man on reserve No. 4, who said he had been on it twenty-three years, and I only succeeded in getting rid of him by threatening legal proceedings.

I believe that the 6-acre section, No. 89, has been leased to Mr. Blackett for twenty-one years, and has to run about three years more. I believe the rent has been paid to some agent in Auckland, but I have failed to discover the particulars; no rent has been paid to my department for this allotment. The only amount I have received for rent is £10 from Messrs. Archard and Brown.