

No. 25.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Public Works Department, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 27th February, 1906.

YOUR memorandum, 27/1/06: Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay: I beg to refer you to your memorandum of 18th March, 1902, on the above-noted subject, of which I enclose a copy.

I attach copy of memorandum of the 6th instant [not printed] to the Postmaster-General, and the Minister's approval of the action proposed therein. I shall be glad if you will arrange to have the land purchased from Mr. Harris—namely, 13 acres 2 roods—which is still in the name of the King, transferred to the Pacific Cable Board, which has already paid the capital cost of that portion and the transfer-expenses. Will you also kindly arrange for the lease to the Pacific Cable Board, at a peppercorn rental, of the 15 acres 2 roods 16 poles of Crown land set aside for a cable station, and for a refund of the amount of £32 paid by the Cable Board as the value of such land?

THOMAS ROSE, Acting-Secretary.

The Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, Wellington.

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Enclosure in No. 25.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Public Works Department, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Public Works Department, Wellington, 18th March, 1902.

(Memorandum.)

Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

THE title to the land purchased for the Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, has been received, and has been deposited in the Lands and Survey Department as No. 3465. The piece of Crown land adjoining, also required for the cable station, has been permanently reserved for the purpose by Governor's Warrant published in *Gazette* No. 12 of the 13th ultimo.

H. J. H. BLOW, Under-Secretary.

The Secretary, Post and Telegraph Department.

No. 26.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Public Works Department, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

Public Works Department, Wellington, 7th March, 1906.

I AM duly in receipt of your memo. of the 27th ultimo. To enable me to adjust the matter of the land acquired from Mr. Harris I shall be glad if you will kindly let me have an intimation stating that the Superintendent of Electric Lines, in asking this Department to secure the land, intended it to be purchased for and vested in the Pacific Cable Board, and not for the Government (see his memo. of the 16th September, 1901) [not printed]. Also kindly advise the full title and address of the Board in whom the land is to be now vested, and also to whom and when the Board paid the cost of the land and legal fees, and what was done with the money.

Will you please refund the £32 for the Crown land and forward the voucher to the Public Works Accountant?

H. J. H. BLOW, Under-Secretary.

The Acting-Secretary, Postal Department.

No. 27.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Public Works Department, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 26th March, 1906.

YOURS of the 7th instant: Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay: The Superintendent of Electric Lines in his memorandum asking that the land be acquired from Mr. Harris intended that the land should be purchased for and vested in the Pacific Cable Board, and not for the Government. The title of the Board is "The Board of Management of the Pacific Cable, commonly called 'the Pacific Cable Board,'" doing business at Queen Anne's Chambers, Tothill Street, Westminster, London, S.W. The amount of £32 paid by the Cable Board for the Crown land will be refunded, and the voucher forwarded to your accountant. The capital cost—namely, £138 3s., including transfer-expenses—of the land purchased from Mr. Harris was included in your Department's claim of 16th December, 1902, for £5,918 11s. 4d. on account of expenditure for buildings, &c., at Doubtless Bay. A bank receipt in payment of the total amount was sent you on the 6th November, 1903, with a memorandum from this office.

THOMAS ROSE, Acting-Secretary.

The Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, Wellington.