

APPENDIX.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,—

House of Representatives, 24th September, 1912.

I am instructed by the Chairman of the Lands Committee, Mr. E. Newman, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of to-day's date, covering letters received by you from Messrs. Hill and Frazer, and Messrs. Russell and Anthony.

Mr. Newman desires me to inform you that he will have great pleasure in laying the letters before the Committee.

I have, &c.,

W. COLLINGS,

Clerk, Lands Committee.

G. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., House of Representatives, Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 24th September, 1912.

I beg herewith to enclose for your information letters received this day from Messrs. Hill and Frazer, solicitors, and also from Messrs. Russell and Anthony, *re* the proceedings antecedent to the purchase of part of Runanga No. 1A by the Crown.

Yours faithfully,

E. Newman, Esq., M.P., Chairman, Lands Committee.

G. W. RUSSELL.

Christchurch, N.Z., 23rd September, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—

Re *Runanga No. 1A*.

Herewith we hand you letter from Messrs. Hill and Frazer with reference to their acting for Mr. Ballan in connection with the transfer of part Runanga to the Crown. We confirm the statement therein contained that negotiations for sale were conducted in Mr. Ballan's name, with his consent, and that his own solicitors, Messrs. Hill and Frazer, acted for him in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

G. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., Wellington.

RUSSELL AND ANTHONY.

Christchurch, N.Z., 21st September, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—

Re *Ballan to The King: Runanga No. 1A*.

This is to certify that we acted for Mr. Thomas Ballan in conjunction with your own solicitors, Messrs. Russell and Anthony, in connection with the transfer of part of Runanga No. 1A to the Crown, and that the negotiations for the sale were made in Mr. Ballan's name with his consent, and that we acted for him in the matter.

The transfer was approved by us, and the proportion of the purchase-money agreed upon between Mr. Ballan and yourself was received by us on his account.

Yours faithfully,

G. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., Wellington.

HILL AND FRAZER
(per R. E. GEE).

SIR,—

House of Representatives, Wellington, 15th October, 1912.

Acting under instruction of the Chairman of the Lands Committee (Mr. E. Newman), I have the honour to forward you herewith a copy of the evidence given before the Committee in connection with Paper No. 226 C, "Details in connection with the Purchase and Fencing of Part of Runanga No. 1A Block."

I am also instructed to inform you that, if after perusal of the evidence you should care to give or bring any further evidence on the matter, the Committee will be pleased to hear it. Would you kindly notify the Chairman what date will be suitable for you to bring forward such evidence (if any).

I have, &c.,

W. COLLINGS,

Clerk, Lands Committee.

G. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., House of Representatives, Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 16th October, 1912.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, covering printed copy of the evidence taken in the Runanga land inquiry.

I have read the same through, and see no reason for prolonging the inquiry.

Please convey to the Chairman and Committee my grateful acknowledgments for the courtesy extended to me in your letter.

The Clerk, Lands Committee.

Yours faithfully,

G. W. RUSSELL.