

months, resigned my appointment, and came to Melbourne. After residing here for some time, I applied to the Government for 20,000 acres of land, and was ordered a special survey; after a considerable time, labour, and expense, I could plainly see that the 20,000 acres could only be had by paying down thirty to forty thousand pounds, in thirty days. This we were neither able nor willing to do. Many of my people have now arrived, and are sadly disappointed; others are on the way out, and all will deeply regret having been persuaded to leave their comfortable homes in Canada.

It is under these circumstances, that I take the liberty of asking you whether we can get about 20,000 acres in New Zealand, so as to have from 300 to 500 acres for each family, and upon what terms? They are all cultivators, and consequently the sea board or a good navigable river, with good agricultural land, would be very desirable.

Anxiously awaiting an early reply, I beg to remain

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) WALTER TAYLOR.

P.S.—Please address as above, 56, Chancery Lane, Melbourne.

Should your reply be favourable, I will immediately leave for any part of New Zealand that you may advise, with ten or fifteen families.

(Signed) WALTER TAYLOR.