

Prince of Wales (582 tons – ‘built especially for the “passenger-trade”, and her accommodations are very superior’) was ‘Mr C. Heaphy, late the Company’s draughtsman in the colony’.

On the same page: ‘This day is published, price 2s6d, cloth, NARRATIVE OF A RESIDENCE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF NEW ZEALAND, together with a Description of the present state of the Company’s Settlements. By Charles Heaphy. London: Smith, Elder, and Co., 65, Cornhill.’ No 70 of the *Journal*, 17 September, p 235, publishes a letter from Heaphy, written from Gravesend on 1 September, urging the setting up of a committee to encourage industrial development in New Zealand, in which he has great faith.

Heaphy sailed for New Zealand in the *Prince of Wales* on 2 September 1842, the day before the publication of his *Narrative*, and after a quick passage he arrived back in Nelson on 22 December.¹⁴ In the *Journal*, no 66 of 23 July, p 180, was an advertisement (repeated in the next issue, p 192): ‘NEW ZEALAND AGENCY. Messrs. Nattrass and Heaphy being about to return to the New Zealand Company’s Settlements in Cook’s Straits, intend (should sufficient inducement offer) to undertake the Agency of Land and other Property. Having been resident in the Colony from its formation, and being practically acquainted with each of the Company’s settled districts, and with mercantile affairs, they feel confident that the execution of any commissions entrusted to their care would give entire satisfaction. . . .’ It would seem that sufficient inducement did not offer. Although he took up some land in the Motueka Valley which he named Poenamu Farm,¹⁵ he did not spend more than four consecutive months farming.

He carried out some exploration and survey work for the New Zealand Company in the Nelson district from time to time but gradually he did more such work for the government as a free-lance until in March 1848 Ligar, the Surveyor-General, appointed him draughtsman in the Auckland Survey Office,¹⁶ so beginning his long and distinguished career as a civil servant. That Heaphy had left the employ of the Company while in England is confirmed by the Fifth Report of the Directors, 31 May 1842: ‘Your Directors are informed by Mr. Heaphy, late their draftsman in the colony,* (several of whose interesting views have already been published,) that when he left Wellington in November last . . . *The passages hereafter quoted from Mr Heaphy, have been taken from a pamphlet now in preparation for the press by that gentleman, and communicated by him to the Directors.’

Heaphy was therefore in the direct employ of the Company for only about three years, not for twelve as stated in Scholefield¹⁷ and elsewhere. Over the next few years his occupation varied in the jury lists published each February in *The Nelson Examiner* – Surveyor, Motuaka [sic], 1844; Surveyor, Trafalgar Street, Nelson, 1845; Gentleman, Nile