

Letter from William Jenkins to the Superintendent of the Southern Division
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William Jenkins, Wesleyan Mission Station, Motueka 30 Jul 1849

Sir, I have great pleasure in conveying to your Honor information respecting the decision of the Native Riwai and his party in favour of the proposed line of road to the Native Village. The contents of your Honour's communication of the 13th inst were fully stated to the obelurate party and after a lengthened conversation on the subject Riwai declared his willingness that the road should be carried through his ground.

Te Tana waited upon him the same evening when it was agreed that they should at once proceed to Nelson to confer with your Honor on the subject. I believe that some part of the proposed line is sown with wheat. I trust however that your Honor will be disposed to make a small allowance by way of compensation for the destruction of grain by the cutting of the road, in order to prevent the delay which might otherwise be occasioned from the parties being desirous to reap their crops before the work be commenced. Perhaps ten or twelve bushels of grain will be the extent of loss suffered by the parties if the road be commenced forthwith.

In conclusion I beg respectfully to state that I shall at all times feel it to be a pleasurable duty to use every exertion in my power to carry out your Honor's designs to benefit the Europeans and Native population of this district.

I have the honour to be Sir, Your Honourable Obedient Servant, William Jenkins.