

Deputy Registrar to be appointed at the Hutt
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1853/113 Feb 19 A Deputy Registrar to be appointed at the Hutt (Sir George Grey)

Letter 1853/113 River Hutt St James Parsonage 7th January 1853

Sir, Many of the settlers in this district have requested me to represent to your Excellency the great inconvenience that arises from the want of a person duly authorised to register.... At present they must personally go to Wellington for that purpose, which involves expense and loss of time which some of them can ill afford. If your Excellency would devise some plan to meet this want it would I am sure be a great benefit to the people here. If I might so far presume as to offer a suggestion, I... person whose duties kept him at home during a portion of the day should be appointed Deputy Registrar for this District. Such an one as Mr Stephenson the master of our parochial school would be fitted for this office, and would gladly undertake it at a trifling salary. I have the honour to be your Excellency's obedient servant. T. Biddulph Hutton.

I do not see any objections to the appointment of a Deputy Registrar at the Hutt but it will be That a proclamation should be issued revoking the proclamation of 9th October 1851 so far as relates to the District of Wellington and refining anew the boundaries of Wellington, and the District of the Hutt, which last should be made to include the district of ... including the Hutt & Wairarapa & Hawkes Bay. A gentleman holding the office of parochial school master should imagine must be qualified to perform the duties which are important and onerous and might probably consider a salary of £25 per annum – a sufficient remuneration. Robert Strang, Registrar General 11 Jan 1853.