

**Petition of Ann Howlin widow of Pensioner John Howlin**  
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Parnell 30 October 1862 To His Excellency Sir George Grey, Governor of New Zealand.

May it please your Excellency I am the Widow of John Houlden late private in the New Zealand pensioners Force and as it appears preemption land is allowed to the widows of deceased pensioners I beg to bring most respectfully to your Excellency's notice that not having till a few days ago heard anything of the notice published on this point I beg to enclose the claim now and most humbly request your Excellency will with your usual goodness cause it to be investigated for which your petitioner will be duty bound every pray.  
Ann Houlden.

Form of Claim

To the Commissioner appointed under the Pensioners claims Act, 1861 Amendment Act.

I hereby give you notice that I claim to be entitled to the benefit of the Provisions of the above mentioned Acts or one of them. The particulars of my claim are annexed. My late husband John Howlin was discharged from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Queens Royals of foot at 1 / 1½ per diem and arrived in this Province in 1849 under the command of Staff Officer Major Kenny and died in the last year of his servitude in the New Zealand Pensioners Force – therefore did not receive his cottage and acre.

Dated at Auckland the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 1862 Ann Howlin.