

NZC 106/1 - Letters Principal Surveyor Otago to Principal Agent Wellington 1846-1847
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Principal Surveyor Otago: Charles Henry Kettle
Principal Agent Wellington: Colonel William Wakefield

1846/1 02 Mar 1846
Describes arrival and entry of the 'Mary Catherine' into Otakau Harbour. Considers access good and marking with buoys will help greatly. Survey of harbour and laying off of sections for the Port Town is in progress.

1846/2 07 Apr 1846
Gives account of his walk to the Molyneux to inspect the district. Considers there will be facility of communication. Assesses rivers for river transport, selects sites for market towns for the settlement.

1846/3 08 Apr 1846
Lists names of surveyors whose tenders have been accepted and encloses specifications of the contracts.
Enclosure [1]: Specification of Contract Survey No.1. Specifications detailed. Contract signed by A. Wylie & Co.
Enclosure [2]: Specification of Contract Survey No.2. Specification detailed.
Enclosure [3]: Memorandum. Specifications of Contract Survey No.3 are held by Mr Kelham to produce at the Police Office.
Enclosure [4]: Specification of Survey Contract No.4. Specifications detailed. Contract signed by S. M. Scraggs.
Enclosure [5]: Specification of Survey Contract No.5. Specifications detailed. Contract signed by Wylie & Co.

1846/4 08 Apr 1846
Reports progress on the survey of the Port Town and marking of the Harbour Channel. Asks for money, and what plans exist to build a Resident's house.

1846/5 08 Apr 1846
States that he has employed another assistant, Mr Charlton, at £200 per annum.

1846/6 19 Aug 1846
Explains setbacks to Mr Thomas' survey and reasons for advancing £25. Considers his agreement with the Company would entitle him to the salary and rank of Principal Surveyor.

1846/7 10 Aug 1846
Discusses size of reserve for towns. Has given Mr Charlton a contract for cutting lines through bush, but needs more staff. Enclosure: Specifications of Contract Survey No.6. Specifications detailed. Contract signed by Horace Charlton.

1846/8 10 Aug 1846
Reports that survey of the Port Town has long been completed. Transmits plan of the Principal Town and describes progress of surveys. Sends chart of lower harbour and quarterly returns.

1846/10 10 Aug 1846 Asks if Mr Willsher of Molyneux is to have a reserve made for him.

1846/12 14 Aug 1846 Acknowledges receipt of letters and stores.

1846/14 22 Aug 1846 Asks for direction in cutting a survey line and for an office assistant.

1846/15 26 Sep 1846

Acknowledges receipt of despatches and money. Reports on delays in survey caused by unseasonable weather. Will examine the survey of Mr Drake and see that conditions of the specification are enforced. Encloses map to show the location of Mr Willsher's property. Enclosure: Survey of Molineux Bay by J. W. Barnicoat and W. Davison, May 1844.

1846/17 29 Sep 1846

Apologises for not being able to send quarterly returns but the boat 'Mana' is not staying as long as was anticipated.

1846/18 07 Nov 1846

Forwards plan of Dunedin and plans of surveys in outlying districts. Expresses satisfaction with work of contract surveyors. Reports on his own staff. Enclosure: Joseph Thomas to Charles H. Kettle, 12 Oct 1846. Describes areas in his survey where coal has been found. Hazards opinion that it would be found in abundance.

1846/22 12 Dec 1846

Reports on trip to outlying districts. Describes coal deposits in Kaitangata area. Denies report that Molyneux is unsafe for navigation.

1847/1 12 Jan 1847

Acknowledges receipt of despatches and money. Promises to attend to reservation of land containing coal deposits.

1847/3 25 Jan 1847

Asks for a representation to be made to the Governor to appoint a Government Officer to act as Police Magistrate and Collector of Customs to counteract the effect of the large consumption of spirits in the area. Lists white population for Atakau, Waikowaiti and Moeraki.

1847/4 25 Jan 1847

Reports on surveys progress. Sends map of Principal Town. Encloses letter from Mr Davison, quarterly accounts, and meteorological journal of the preceding weeks. Enclosure [1]: William Davison, Assistant Surveyor to C. H. Kettle. Asks for small amounts of cash as bills are hard to negotiate. (copy) Enclosure [2]: Meteorological Journal (copy)

1847/7A 08 Feb 1847

States that sawyers are cutting up timber on the shores of the harbour but that he has no means of stopping them.

1847/7B 24 Feb 1847

Acknowledges receipt of cash and goods. Has visited the Molyneux district and examined the surveys.

1847/9 13 Apr 1847

Acknowledges receipt of money. Field work of the contract surveys is completed. Has finished the connection of districts. Reports on excursion to the top of the Maunga Atua and the excellent pasturing land beyond.

1847/10 13 Apr 1847

Asks to be allowed to reserve the sections on which his and Mr Park's houses stand.

1847/13 18 Jun 1847

Acknowledges receipt of despatches. Explains surplus of land surveyed and considers merits of the contract system of survey. Reports on staff situation and agrees to follow the instructions of the College of Directors. (Duplicate; triplicate is after page 192). Proposes the building of a sea wall and forwards plan.

1847/14-1 18 Jun 1847

Transmits map of the settlement. Reports on surveys. Encloses quarterly and contractors' accounts. (Duplicate; triplicate is after page 192.)

1847/14-2 07 Jul 1847

Forwards duplicate map of the settlement. Advises that he has sent quarterly accounts to Mr Kelham.

1847/18 08 Sep 1847

States that he has heard of the foundering of the 'Levin' which was carrying his general map of the settlement and quarterly returns. Arranges to send duplicates. Reports on activities. (Duplicate; original is after page 192).

1847/19 05 Oct 1847

Forwards duplicate of earlier letter and triplicates of despatches lost in the 'Levin'. Sends map of the coast between Tairoa's Head and point to the south of Cape Saunders.

1847/22 29 Nov 1847

Acknowledges receipt of despatches.

1847/23 04 Dec 1847

States that operations to complete the survey of the suburban allotments have been resumed; and that work remaining will take longer than the Principal Agent anticipates. Advises purchase of a particular design of buoy.

1847/25 14 Dec 1847

Acknowledges receipt of despatches.
