

NZC 107/1 – Despatches Resident Agent Canterbury to Principal Agent 1848-1850
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Resident Agent and Chief Surveyor, Canterbury: Captain Joseph Thomas
Principal Agent Wellington: William Fox

No.1 J. Thomas to W. Fox 21 Nov 1848 Reports his arrival in the colony.

Enclosure: Thomas to T. C. Harington 13 Nov 1848

Reports arrival on 05 November. Says country is perfectly quiet and settlements of New Plymouth were never more prosperous. He understands that the Government has extinguished the native title on very advantageous terms over an area extending from the Kaikouras to Otago.

No.2 Thomas to Fox 25 Nov 1848 Begg favour of an order for first quarterly instalment of salary.

No.3 Thomas to Fox 09 Dec 1848 Forwards letters addressed to secretary of New Zealand Company.

Enclosure: Thomas to Harington 09 Dec 1848

States that on arrival he immediately placed himself in communication with the Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company upon the subject of selecting a site for the Canterbury settlement. He was informed by His Excellency at an interview that the commander of H.M.S. Acheron had been requested to proceed to Hawkes Bay to report upon the harbour at Ahuriri. Later Captain Stokes would be asked to report upon Port Cooper. Thomas would proceed to examine the interior of the country adjoining Banks Peninsula, after which he would proceed to the North Island and explore the Wairarapa together with the plains of the Manawatu and Ahuriri. When he has selected the most suitable site will apply to the governor in chief and the bishop of New Zealand for their sanction of his choice. Probably three months will elapse before he will be able to come to a final decision.

No.4 Thomas to Fox 03 Mar 1849 Forwards despatches addressed to the secretary of the New Zealand Company.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington 28 Feb 1849

After a most careful exploration of the Port Cooper county has determined there to select the site of the Canterbury settlement. In the event of not being able to obtain Port Cooper district is inclined to think that country about the Bluff should be explored.

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Harington 28 Feb 1849

Describes how he and Fox explored harbour at Port Cooper and Great Plain over the hills. On return to Port Cooper found an excellent site for a town of about 500 acres at head of the harbour, and a suitable site for the Port Town. Visited with Mr Fox harbours at Port Levy, Pidgeon Bay and Akaroa.

Sub-enclosure [1]: Thomas to Fox 28 Feb 1849

Informs him that having explored the country round Port Cooper and surveyed its harbour, found it to contain all those natural advantages contemplated by the Canterbury Association in forming its settlement. Enumerates these. Has therefore decided upon it as the site for the Canterbury settlement. Requests Fox to solicit the Local Government to determine the boundary of the French purchase at Akaroa, and to furnish him with a certificate that the native title is extinguished over the land he proposes for settlement.

Sub-enclosure [2]: William and John Deans to Thomas 20 Jan 1849

Will answer in order queries left with them by Thomas concerning their experiences on the Canterbury plains during the past six years. Give Thomas information as to weather, cropping potential, etc. Suggest farming implements, breeds of stock, and housebuilding materials, the intending settlers might import. Deal at some length with remarks made by Mr Tuckett, late

chief surveyor at Nelson, regarding the district. State that "there is not a line in it, but is calculated to give a false idea" etc. Finally congratulate Thomas on acquiring the plains as a site for the Canterbury settlement (pages 28-43)

Enclosure [3]: G. Duppa to Thomas 18 Nov 1848

States that report on Port Cooper was drawn up at the request of Colonel William Wakefield for the purpose of selecting the most eligible site for the contemplated Nelson settlement. He and Captain Edward Daniell decided that a better site for a settlement could not well exist. Unfortunately, Captain Hobson, foreseeing the necessity which would exist of removing the seat of government to the southward in event of settlement being formed at Banks Peninsula, vetoed the undertaking and confined the operations of the intending settlers to either the Thames or Blind Bay. Refers to Mr Tuckett's opinions of the Port Cooper district and unreliability of same. Mentions its great possibilities and considers its deficiency in timber. (pages 45-51)

Enclosure [4]: Duppa to Thomas. Report on Port Cooper. Includes also one on Kaikoura. (pages 53-56)

Enclosure [5]: Thomas to Harington 02 Mar 1849 Is sending chart of the harbour at Port Cooper. Has changed the names of Port Cooper and Levy to those of Victoria and Albert which he trusts will meet with approval (pages 67-68)

No.5 Thomas to Fox 20 Apr 1849 Requests cheque for salary of assistant surveyor, Mr A. Willis.

No.6 Thomas to Fox 18 Apr 1849 Forwards copy of despatch to Secretary of New Zealand Company.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington 18 Apr 1849

Gives account of his proceedings since last despatch. States that in interview he and Mr Fox had with the governor-in-chief, the latter was desired to write a letter to him on subject of undefined French claim. Thomas is now anxious to meet the Bishop and confer with him as to his future proceedings. (Pages 72-78)

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Bishop of New Zealand 10 Mar 1849

Submits plans of harbour and district of Port Cooper for his lordships information.

No.7 Thomas to Fox 26 Apr 1849 Forwards copies of letters addressed to the Governor-in-Chief and the Bishop requesting written sanction to his selection at Port Cooper as site for the Canterbury settlement.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Governor-in-Chief 20 Apr 1849

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Bishop of New Zealand 26 Apr 1849

No.8 Thomas to Fox 06 Jun 1849 Reports his arrival from Auckland having obtained sanction to Port Cooper as site. Forwards copies of correspondence relating to his subject. Enclosure missing.

No.9 Thomas to Fox 12 Jun 1849 Forwards copies of report and enclosures on Port Cooper district.

Enclosure: Thomas to Harington 15 May 1849

Reports on country and harbour and mode in which he proposes to carry out views of the Association. Gives general account of country. States that in accordance with instructions he intends to lay off town of Christchurch on 500 acres at head of harbour of Port Cooper. To bring to required 1,000 acres reclamation of mud flats will be necessary. If this course should appear more expensive than he thinks at present then may have to place capital on the plain.

Port Lyttelton will for some time to come be most valuable part of the harbour. Agrees with Bishop regarding possibility of speculation in land at the port and suggests that instructions be given to restrict sale of lots at Lyttelton to actual settlers.

Bishop is desirous that College should be placed at one of the inland towns so as to remove the youths from the society of a seaport.

Mentions Acheron Bay and proposed light and signal station. Road to Christchurch. Port Levy. Makes recommendations as to laying off towns. No funds at his disposal at present to lay off road from Christchurch to Lincoln.

Gives estimate of outlay and return on a 50 acre farm, based on data furnished by Messrs Deans. Refers to water power available for milling etc. Timber and fuel supplies – coal deposits. Compares cost of obtaining fuel by clearing land and importing coal from New South Wales.

Describes principal rivers and lakes on the plains. Proposes to form depots of timber and fuel at Stratford and Mandeville before arrival of the settlers. Makes remarks as to climate and best time for arrival of the settlers.

Deals with question of labour supply, prices of provisions, and methods of obtaining them. Says that land to be first surveyed will be the best and most available for agricultural purposes. Lists these. Wages and salaries of surveyors and men.

Lists public works he intends to complete with the funds at his disposal, together with cost thereof. Estimates for surveys. In conclusion offers sincere congratulations to Association on having obtained so excellent a site. (Pages 91-145)

Mentions kind of immigrant needed. Suggests that all holders of land or their agents precede the first body of settlers

Sub-enclosure [1]: Captain Thomas Wing to Thomas 18 Nov 1848
Gives opinion of harbour etc. at Port Cooper

Sub-enclosure [2]: Thomas to Colonel Bolton R.E., 14 May 1849
Suggests propriety of Bolton sending an officer to select such sites at Port Cooper as may be necessary for Government purposes.

Sub-enclosure [3]: Bolton to Thomas 17 May 1849
Will recommend an officer be sent as soon as possible

No.10 Thomas to Fox 12 Jun 1849 Forwards copies of letters

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington 15 May 1849
Forwards copies of letters respecting site of the Canterbury settlement. From these he will observe that sanction is given to the Port Cooper district, subject in the case of the Bishop to certain exceptions which he takes to the Plan of Association, and to its connections with the New Zealand Company. Thomas strongly recommends for the consideration of the committee the five last suggestions offered by the Bishop.

Estimates. Is of great importance that before arrival of the settlers should receive funds necessary for the accumulation of sawn timber and firewood and for carrying out those roads and public works on which ultimate success of scheme so much depends.

Has been detained since 06 April in Auckland, obtaining sanction of governor-in-chief and bishop, the former received only yesterday. Thus lost three of the finest months of the year for surveying operations.

Sub-enclosure [1]: Thomas to Governor-in-chief 20 Apr 1849 – see 7.1

Sub-enclosure [2]: Thomas to Bishop 26 Apr 1849 – see 7.2

Sub-enclosure [3]: C. A. Dillon to Thomas 21 Apr 1849

Until arrival of Bishop his excellency can take no decided steps in the matter.

Sub-enclosure [4]: C. A. Dillon to Thomas 14 May 1849

His Excellency has no objection to site at Port Cooper being selected.

Sub-enclosure [5]: Bishop of New Zealand to Thomas 03 May 1849

Cannot conscientiously give direct consent till he is informed how far the conditions agreed upon between the Company and the Association may admit of reconsideration. Wishes to be informed on following points:

- (1) Whether it is definitely agreed that £500,000 must be paid to the New Zealand Company without the usual return of a certain percentage in public works and emigration.
- (2) Whether he is to understand that this vast plan, involving so many pledges of moral and religious benefit must of necessity be confined within the limits of nine years, with the constant apprehension... of some unforeseen delay which might cause the unoccupied land to revert to the Company, and so destroy the whole unity of the plan
- (3) In the event of the dissolution of the New Zealand Company taking place in 1850 whether the sums paid up to that time by the Association to the Company would be refunded, as it is evident that the Association could derive no benefit from this portion of its outlay, after the dissolution of the Company

He offers with deference the following suggestions:

- (1) That all idea of sale of Port Town be postponed... till fever of speculation shall have subsided.
- (2) To limit the first works to the road over the hill, and the survey of a sufficient quantity of land contiguous to the Port, for the formation of two or three townships on the plain.
- (3) To recommend the Association to send out to each township its own body of land owners, emigrants, clergymen and schoolmaster, after giving at least six months notice as to which township was to be occupied.
- (4) On arrival of notice to build church, school, and parsonage and lay out roads and surveys of that district.
- (5) To arrange sailing of the ships so that each body of emigrants shall arrive in October or November, at which time he shall endeavour to meet each annual arrival (Pages 177-186)

Sub-enclosure [6]: Fox to Governor-in-chief 19 Apr 1849

Is satisfied that the views of the Canterbury Association can be carried out at Port Cooper and adjacent country.

Sub-enclosure [7]: Thomas to Bishop of New Zealand 12 May 1849

Acknowledges receipt of letter of 3rd May. Says is out of his power to supply information on points 1, 2 and 3. Will forward copy of letter to England. Shall recommend his suggestions for the attention of the committee.

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Harington 15 May 1849

Forwards copy of letter addressed by Company's principal agent to the Governor-in-chief on subject of title to the harbour at Port Cooper and in reference to French claim at Banks Peninsula, and also his Excellency's satisfactory reply.

Sub-enclosure: missing

Enclosure [3]: Thomas to Harington 15 May 1849

Informs him he has found it necessary to appoint Mr Cridland to position of superintendent of public works. Requests from that date that Mr Torlesse may be appointed an assistant surveyor. Will renew engagements with Mr Cass and Mr Torlesse.

Enclosure [4]: Thomas to Harington 19 May 1849

Has deputed Mr Wills to proceed to England to give information to the committee regarding the site of the Canterbury settlement and the country to the southward. Details Wills' past experience as surveyor in different parts of New Zealand (Pages 197-199)

No.11 Thomas to Fox 22 Jun 1849 Forwards copies of letters addressed to the Secretary of the New Zealand Company.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington 19 Jun 1849

Harington will see by report and sketch map he is forwarding that a fine district of nearly 2 million acres adjoins the Canterbury block to the southward.

Sub-enclosure: C. V. Torlesse to Thomas 27 Apr 1849

Gives account of the country between the rivers Rakaia and Waitangi – soil, afforestation, native occupation etc. (Pages 204-213)

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Harington 19 Jun 1849

Has found it necessary to appoint Mr John Ballard as accountant at salary of £150 per annum, and Mr John Golland as overseer at salary of £100 per annum.

Enclosure [3]: Thomas to Harington 21 Jun 1849

Forwards copies of correspondence between Mr Fox and editor and proprietor of a newspaper in Wellington.

Sub-enclosure: W. E. Vincent to Fox 20 Jun 1849

Offers to start a newspaper at Port Cooper if Association provides given number of subscribers and Directors secure services of some gentleman upon whom they may rely as editor.

No.12 Thomas to Fox 28 Jun 1849

Sends agreements drawn up in reference to renewal of contracts with Messrs Cass and Torlesse and also Messrs Cridland and Bollard for approval.

Enclosure: Memorandum of agreement between Thomas and Messrs Robert Waitt and James Smith and Co., of Wellington for supply of certain materials (timber) to Port Cooper.

No.13 Thomas to Fox 14 Jul 1849 Forwards copy of letter to Secretary of New Zealand Company.

Enclosure: Thomas to Harington 06 Jul 1849

States that tenders for erecting public buildings proved so high has entered into agreement with a party to deliver at Port Cooper 200,000 feet of Van Dieman's Land timber at 14s per 100 feet, and 300,000 shingles at 14s per 1,000. Is certain that the way he proposes to put up the buildings will be the most efficient and much the cheapest. (Pages 225-226)

No.14 Thomas to Fox 14 Jul 1849 Informs him that he has decided, as the Bishop suggested, to form cart road over the hill in the first instance. Mentions conditions under which Compton and Pothill agree to do the work. Requests Fox to advance certain monies. Has determined to place Christchurch on the plain and Lyttelton in Cavendish Bay. When surveying of road is complete Torlesse will lay off town of Lyttelton (Pages 227-232)

No.15 Thomas to Fox 29 Jul 1849 Forwards letters addressed to the Secretary of the New Zealand Company.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington 06 Jul 1849
Re contract for supply of timber (see 13.1)

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Harington 28 Jul 1849
Describes working party at Lyttelton. Has determined to take works on roads into own hands for six months, by which time hopes he will be able to make more advantageous terms with contractors. The first business of party was to re-examine site for chief town which he anticipated placing at the head of the harbour. The advantage of placing the town on the plain... help induce the population at once to enter into agricultural and pastoral pursuits... has determined him to place the principal town at the site marked "Stratford". Gives information as to position and gradient of road from Lyttelton to Christchurch. Describes works being carried out by surveyors. Says all are in good health and spirits. Have nearly completed temporary houses and offices. Native reserves at Port Cooper are now being surveyed and marked off. Expects road parties in about a fortnight. Shall then have about 100 people at work. This will be increased by another 40 as days lengthen. (Pages 237-240)

Enclosure [3]: Thomas to Harington 28 Jul 1849
Reports has found it necessary to enlarge survey staff by appointment of Messrs Scroggs and Jollie.

No.15 Thomas to Fox c. 09 Aug 1849 Informing him of men and material required (fragment)

No.16 Thomas to Fox 08 Sep 1849 Forwards copy of circular addressed by him to several squatters in the district.

Enclosure: Copy of circular 11 Aug 1849
States that for the present and until instructions are received from England... the land occupied as runs by various parties will remain in their possession... it being clearly understood that no claims for compensation will be admitted for improvements made after 01 January on such lands, at the time when they may be required to be delivered up.

Sub-enclosure: Messrs Deans to Thomas and reply thereto (arising from error in copying of circular)

No.17 Thomas to Fox 08 Sep 1849 Draws attention to the fact that charges for 'Harlequin' which conveyed them to Auckland, and which it was agreed should be borne equally by the Association and the New Zealand Company, had been made solely against the Association.

No.18 Thomas to Fox 10 Sep 1849 Encloses copies of despatches addressed to Secretary of the New Zealand Company.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington 08 Sep 1849
General remarks as to construction of buildings and reserves at Lyttelton. Suggests that Botanical Gardens, Christchurch, be fitted up with house for gardener and that certain seeds be sent out from England in his charge.

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Harington 08 Sep 1849
General description of road from Lyttelton to Christchurch (Pages 259-261)

Enclosure [3]: Thomas to Harington 08 Sep 1849
Draws attention to very heavy charge made by the bank on discounting "our" bills on England.

Enclosure [4]: Thomas to Harington 10 Sep 1849
Transmits account of number of people engaged on public works, and manner in which they are employed.

Enclosure [5]: Thomas to Harington 08 Sep 1849
As to lighthouse at Godley Head. Recommends certain articles to be brought out by the emigrant ships for sale and use of the Association.

Enclosure [6]: Thomas to Harington 08 Sep 1849
Encloses copy of circular to squatters in the district. Has contracted with Mr Rhodes to supply fresh and salted meat at 4½d lb. Will encourage introduction of sheep and cattle from neighbouring settlements... they will clearly understand that they are not entitled to any remuneration on being called upon to remove from lands not their own.

Sub-enclosure: Copy of circular (see 16.1)

Enclosure [7]: Thomas to Harington 11 Sep 1849
Forwards copy of letter addressed him by Major Hornbrook and copy of agreement with him, relative to his occupation of land at Lyttelton, to establish a public house.

Sub-enclosure: missing

No.19 Thomas to Fox 11 Sep 1849 Reports death of James Mason. Suggests propriety of sending medical officer from Wellington as now have over 100 men at work.

Enclosure: Thomas Cass to Thomas 11 Sep 1849
Reports death of Mason, due he believes to brain fever.

No.20 Thomas to Fox 11 Sep 1849 Re intention of Major Hornbrook to establish a public house at Lyttelton. Doubts property without magistrate or police to enforce order.

Enclosure [1]: A. Hornbrook to Thomas 11 Sep 1849
Requests Thomas to allow him to occupy a plot for purpose of erecting a tavern.

Enclosure [2]: Memorandum of agreement between Thomas and Alfred Hornbrook 11 Sep 1839
(Pages 290-292)

No.21 Thomas to Fox 11 Sep 1849 Forwards copy of agreement made by Waitt and Smith for delivery of timber and requests that these gentlemen be required to act up to the spirit of the agreement.

Enclosure: Agreement 30 Jun 1849

No.22 Thomas to Fox 12 Sep 1849 Mentions account for goods ordered, alteration in mode of payment to Messrs Smith and Waitt, and delay on part of master of the 'Bee.'

Enclosure: Thomas to Captain Addams, brig 'Bee' 12 Sep 1849
Requests him to proceed at once to Wellington with certain passengers.

No.23 Thomas to Fox 12 Sep 1849 Has received package containing sum of £300 to be placed at disposal of Mr Mantell.

No.24 Thomas to Fox 12 Sep 1849 Forwards copy of letter addressed to him by Colonial Secretary and his reply thereto.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Colonial Secretary, Wellington
Acknowledges receipt of letter informing him that Lyttelton has been proclaimed a port of entry and an officer of customs appointed to proceed there. As to his accommodation. (Pages 307-308)

No.25 Thomas to Fox 14 Nov 1849 Requests copy of map of native reserve at Kaiapoi.

No.26 Thomas to Fox 14 Nov 1849 Encloses copies of correspondence between Messrs Deans and himself re right of road through their reserve.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to W. and J. Deans 30 Aug 1849
Informs them that in approving map of their reserve he omitted to reserve a right of road through their property.

Enclosure [2]: Messrs Deans to Thomas 30 Aug 1849
Object to reserve being made along the river for towing path or for road purposes on ground that unnecessary. (Pages 315-319)

No.27 Thomas to Fox 14 Nov 1849 Acknowledges receipt of horses, stores etc. by the brig 'Sisters' and also Mr Gollan with a party of 80 or 90 natives, to work on the roads. Has entered into contract with Mr Stewart to construct a sea-wall. Dr Donald has arrived and entered on his duties.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington Nov 1849
Informs him of latest developments at Lyttelton. States that guarantee of employment on public works should no longer be made to labourers leaving England for the Company's settlements as it makes labour scarce and expensive for the settlers. Says that the coals discovered to the southward by Mr Torlesse are anthracite.

Sub-enclosure: C. V. Torlesse to Thomas 13 Sep 1849
Forwards specimen of bed of peat found on south bank of the river Courtenay, seven miles from its mouth. Is 272 feet in thickness and shows for about 700 yards.

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Harington Nov 1849
Lists expenses from 1848 to 1850. Gives statement of men employed on surveys, roads, public works, etc. (Pages 239-241)

Enclosure [3]: Thomas to Harington Nov 1849
Refers to certain maps and progress of surveys. Survey of town of Sumner will be completed next week. Will reserve rest of land adjoining the harbour with exception of Charteris Bay (which he proposes to lay off in 10 acre lots) for public purposes.

Enclosure [4]: Thomas to Harington Nov 1849
States that natives residing at Port Victoria are so pleased with treatment of the working natives that joining in considerable numbers.

Enclosure [5]: Meteorological table register for October 1849

No.28 Thomas to Fox 26 Jan 1850 Forwards copies of despatches and certain maps.

Enclosure [1]: Thomas to Harington 26 Jan 1850

Reports arrival of timber and carpenters from Hobart Town. Latter are employed putting up emigration houses and the agent's house. Will complete jetty in course of another six weeks. To be 160 feet long and 16 feet wide. When carpenters are finished at Lyttelton will send them to Christchurch to put up the Emigration Barracks and Survey Office. Refers to difficult construction of road to Sumner. Considering the very rough characters who form most part of the labouring population works of all kinds are proceeding satisfactorily and hopes to complete them by the end of the year.

Sub-enclosure: Meteorological table for December 1849

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to Harington 26 Jan 1849

Refers to progress of surveys. Now at work on Ashley and Lyttelton districts, which together with the town of Christchurch, will be completed in the course of next two months.

No.29 Thomas to Fox 28 Jan 1850 Re statement of bills drawn by him upon Fox, amounting to £3,345 18s 11d.

No.30 Thomas to Fox 29 Jan 1850 Forwards letter from Mr Smith which he hopes will show Fox "that we are doing our best for the place."

Enclosure [1]: James Smith to Thomas 29 Jan 1850

Expresses warm acknowledgement on behalf of himself and captains of barque 'Rebecca' and brigantine 'Camilla', of kind services received from him in discharging timber and merchandise. Says could not have been performed more quickly in the port of Wellington.

Enclosure [2]: Thomas to J. Kelham 13 Mar 1850

Acknowledges receipt of certain correspondence.

Enclosure [3]: Thomas to Harington 14 Mar 1850

As to progress of affairs generally. Hopes that road to Christchurch will be passable for drays by beginning of next year. All the buildings (listed) will be finished by June.

Sub-enclosure: Meteorological tables for January and February 1850.

Enclosure [4]: Thomas to Harington 18 Mar 1850

With reference to limiting of expenditure to £20,000. Reports that Mr Fox has authorised him to draw on him from time to time for an additional sum not exceeding £3,500 should he require it. Proposes to accept the offer as many expenses have occurred which could not originally be foreseen. Right however that expenses should be incurred in moderating the difficulties opposed to the first settlers, to whom such a task is not only novel and disheartening, but often ruinous. Road to Sumner much heavier task than anticipated. Also found it necessary for occupation of Lyttelton, to level many of the streets, and to make quays, as well as jetty to facilitate landing of passengers and goods. Lists works he is anxious to complete.

Enclosure [5]: Thomas to Harington 18 Mar 1850

Forwards copies of plans of Christchurch and Sumner. Has adopted the names of the Episcopalian towns and colonial bishoprics for different streets as heretofore. These towns and Lyttelton have been surveyed and laid off by Mr Jollie in little more than seven months. Refers to state of trigonometrical and topographical surveys. May look forward to completion of survey of whole million acres within a twelvemonth. Intends to include Banks Peninsula in Canterbury Block, now that French have sold their claims.

No.31 Thomas to Fox 03 Apr 1850. On arrival of Mr Godley will hand over to him all papers and matters connected with the Agent's office. Expresses appreciation of confidence and support he has received from Fox in carrying out the affairs of the Association.

Enclosure [1]: H. F. Alston, London to Thomas 05 Nov 1849

Apprises Thomas of fact that the Association being about to enter on their permanent operations, have determined to dispatch Mr Godley to New Zealand as their Resident Chief Agent. From the time of Godley's arrival... he is to consider himself as under his control and direction. Is instructed by Association to assure him of their warm approval of the manner in which he has hitherto discharged his duties, and of their wish that he may continue to co-operate with Mr Godley as he has done with themselves.

Enclosure [2]: H. F. Alston to Thomas 14 Nov 1849

Is directed by the Committee of Management to express their entire satisfaction with his proceedings... gratification they derive from successful result of his operations in final selection of Port Cooper.

No.32 Thomas to Fox 03 Jun 1850 Re cashing bills for Mr Newlings who has worked most satisfactorily. (Page 380)
