

**Henry Clapcott, Registrar, Wellington**

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Inwards correspondence of the Registrar General

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Registrar's Office, Wellington 14 June 1880

Sir, I have the honour to inform you that frequently persons apply to register the births of their children after the 62 days grace have expired and being generally quite unable to pay the fine the registration cannot be made. As I presume it is considered desirable that all children should be registered may I request you to give the matter your consideration as to whether some discretionary power should not be given to Registrars to forego the fine and if you think so would it not be possible to have the law altered to enable them to do so.

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