

## Inwards Despatches from Lieut-Governor Eyre, New Munster

13 January 1849 to 10 March 1849

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No.1 Jan 18 Relative to Lieutenant Governor's journey up the Coast

Enclosure: Pukawa 05 Dec 1848 Te Heu Heu Iwikau to Donald McLean; Lands Mokau/Rangitikei  
Enclosure: Motuapuhi Rotoairo 09 Dec 1848 Thomas Skinner to Donald McLean – Annotation:  
Thomas Skinner "is an industrious well behaved young man employed by the Wesleyan Missionary Society as a catechist at Taupo.

No.2 Jan 26 Transmitting quarterly return showing state of Treasury Chest

No.3 Jan 26 Transmitting copy of minutes of Executive Council for half year ending 31 Dec 1848

No.4 Feb 14 Transmitting two copies of Cook's Strait Almanack

No.5 Feb 16 Transmitting copy of minutes of Legislative Council for half year ending 31 Dec 1848

No.6 Feb 14 Quarterly return of changes in Offices, additions to salaries &c &c

Return No.1 Pilot Wellington

James Calder, who received £100 per annum and all pilotages, was replaced by James Ames on 08 Nov 1848. James Ames, who received £100 per annum, 1/5<sup>th</sup> of pilot dues, a residence, boat and crew, was replaced by Daniel Dougherty on 30 Dec 1848. James Ames was appointed temporarily to act as Pilot upon the removal of James Calder. Mr Dougherty receives the same payment and allowances as James Ames drew while acting Pilot.

Return No.2 Appointments November & December 1848

Sub-Inspector of Armed Police Wellington: Arthur Edward MacDonough

Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court Otago: Alfred Chetham Strode

Deputy Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths Foveaux Straits: John Frederick Henry Wohlers

Attorney General New Munster: Daniel Wakefield

Clerk of Legislative Council: Henry Shafto Harrison

Return No.3 Payments made to:

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| Alfred Hornbrook 07 Oct 1848 | £43 11s 11d – Native Presents                      |
| R. R. Strang 06 Oct 1848     | £51 5s – Court of Requests Commissioners Salary    |
| Robert Stokes 12 Oct 1848    | £134 – Beach Road, Wellington                      |
| Henry Tacy Kemp 12 Oct 1848  | £47 5s – Land purchases and travelling expenses    |
| Donald McLean 27 Dec 1848    | £95 3s 9d – Land purchases and travelling expenses |
| Henry Tacy Kemp 27 Dec 1848  | £30 9s – Land purchases and travelling expenses    |
| William McKenzie 06 Oct 1848 | £21 – Settlement of Wanganui – 5 oared whole boat  |
| John Watson 27 Oct 1848      | £300 – Settlement of Akaroa Remittance             |
| S. Carkeek 26 Sep 1848       | £400 – Settlement of Nelson Remittance             |

P. D. Hogg 20 Nov 1848                      £884 14s 7d

– Customs – drawback on duty on spirits supplied to Troops for quarter ending 30 Sep 1848

P. D. Hogg 05 Dec 1848                      £36 4s – Return of duty to 3 parties

Return No.4 Return of Stipendiary Magistrates

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| Wellington | Henry St Hill      | Appointed 27 May 1847                                      |
| Wanganui   | Alfred F. W. Wyatt | Appointed 14 Jan 1848 Is commanding officer of the station |
| Nelson     | Mathew Richmond    | Appointed 19 Nov 1847 Superintendent of Nelson             |
| Akaroa     | John Watson        | Appointed 27 May 1847                                      |
| Waikanae   | David Stark Durie  | Appointed 27 May 1847 Paid as Inspector of Police          |

No.7 Feb 14 Transmitting abstract of revenue, expenditure & comparative return of Rev & Exp

No.8 Feb 19 Acknowledging receipt of Despatches from No 1 to No.8 inclusive

No.9 Feb 26 Requesting authority for reimbursement of arrears to Commissariat

No.10 Mar 01 Requesting that a set of statutes might be supplied for use of Legislative Council

No.11 Mar 01 Requesting that the Resident Magistrates and Police Officers of New Munster may be put in the Commission of the Peace

No.12 Mar 01 Requesting to be supplied with standard Weights and Measures

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No.13 Mar 05 Forwarding a letter from the Waikanae and Otaki Natives to Her Majesty the Queen Waikanae 22 Feb 1849 to the Queen – in Maori and English

This is a letter from us to you to express our gratitude to you for your good selection in sending here, your Governor and our beloved friend, Governor Grey, as a Governor for New Zealand. On his arrival here, he found the natives and the white people divided against each other. The whole people were contending to obtain possession of the lands, and we also made this a cause of quarrel with the white people – We had also our own civil wars amongst ourselves.

By his Government all these quarrels were put an end to. He brought into force, that there should be but one law for us, and for the white people, and we now live in love with the white people. He made us acquainted with your good intentions towards us, the natives.

He joined his to the works of Christ, his Ministers and his Bishop, and now for the first time good works was the result. Faith in our Father, that is in Heaven, and in our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the doing those worldly things, which God thinks good for the body.

Another benefit of his has been the building of Hospitals, by which many of us have been restored to health. He is continually coming back here to induce us to lay out towns in order that we may assimilate ourselves to the White people. We are now growing wheat and breeding cows and horses.

We the natives look upon the first and second Governors, as good ones, but we now for the first time clearly perceive the intentions of Your Majesty to us to the natives. We have now adopted him as our father and loving friend, and we consequently look upon you as our mother in the love of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we reflect upon the words of the prophet Isaiah Chapter 49 verse 23 “and kings shall be thy nursing fathers and their queens thy nursing mothers.”

We therefore ask you (but perhaps you will not consent to our request?) to leave Governor Grey always here, a Governor for us and for New Zealand because we are well disposed to the Governor. If you should send him away to some other country, you will cause us, who love him so much, great grief.

This is from us from the people of the tribes of Ngatiraukawa and Ngatiawa who are obedient to you.

Rauparaha  
Marsden Te Matia  
King George Te Puke  
Abraham Te Ruru  
The King Te Ahoaho  
Hunter Te Wharemakatea  
Moses Te Wharewhiti  
Matthew Roroau  
Te Whatanui  
Ngawhare  
Albert Hauturu  
Thompson Te Kauparaha  
Henry Martin Te Whiwhi  
Zechariah Kiharoa

Te Mahia  
Te Kapukai  
Lorimer Te Waremakatea  
Tuainane  
Edwin te Tupeotu  
Te Manutoheroa  
Michael Ngapipi  
Levi Te Ahu  
William Thompson Te Neke  
David Ngawaka  
Reihana Te Wehi  
Durie Te Hauteki  
Haowenua  
Motuhia

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No.14 Mar 07 Transmitting return of Prisoners tried at Supreme Court Wellington on 01 Mar 1849  
John Jennings, Labourer, 21 years and Robert Young, Private 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 20 years were both convicted of Assault with intent to commit a robbery and for Robbery – Transportation sentence

William Spain, Mariner for assaulting a constable and found not guilty  
Alexander Anderson, Baker, 29yrs, convicted of assaulting a constable – seven days imprisonment

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No.15 Mar 08 Forwarding Audit accounts for transmission to Commissioners of Audit in England

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No.16 Mar 08 Relative to providing expenses connected with the acquisition of lands for NZ Co.  
[1] Statement of Disbursements made by the Colonial Treasurer Wellington on account of the Special Land Commission from 01 Jan 1846 to 23 Feb 1849

Date of Payment 23 Dec 1847

Thomas Hughes for removing from Native reserve at the Taita - £80

James Smith for abandoning improvements made on land purchased from a Native - £78

No date – 13 persons for removing from Native Reserve lands (compensation) - £174 16s 6d

Lieutenant McCleverty's Establishment

W. Duncan, Interpreter and Clerk 1846-1847; J. R. Raine, Clerk 1847

Furniture and Stationery – C. Mills for Furniture Dec 1846; R. Stokes, Stationery

Presents to Natives – W. E. Wallace for 2 mares per tender Apr 1847; J. Martin for two carts for Natives Aug 1847; R. Jenkins, 1 mare Aug 1847

[2] Statement of Disbursements by Colonial Treasurer Wellington on account of the Aborigines not having reference to Land Purchases 01 Jan 1846 to 31 Dec 1848

Mentions: A. Hornbrook, M. Richmond, Johnson & Moore, J. Taine, A. Anderson, Ridgway & Co., J. B. McKain, J. Garner, Johnson & Co.

R. Armstrong for cart harness; W. M. Bannatyne for four wheat mills; R. Jenkins for a mare; W. Lumsden for seed wheat; Samuel & Co. for clothing; W. Fitzherbert for seed potatoes; Samuel King for rations Wanganui; R. Barry for tobacco

Bethune and Hunter – section of land No.19 Waiwetu 08 Apr 1846 £350,

W. F. \_ . Servantes, Interpreter to pay a reward to a native

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| 1848 Jan 22 | Pakeraki for services on East Coast £2                               |
| 1848 Feb    | E Tako – mare given to £36; Shoes to Horeta 15s                      |
| 1848 Mar    | Food to Pakukai; Supplies to Te Whero Whero & party                  |
| 1848 Mar    | Clothing to Teria and Te Heu Heu; Clothing to William King           |
| 1848 Mar    | One wheat mill to Watanui  |
| 1848 Apr    | Cart harness to a Chief Te Tupe; Food to W. King and followers       |
| 1848 Jun    | E. Tako – one cart   |
| 1848 Sep    | Repayment of money stolen from Peta at the capture of Te Rauparaha   |
| 1848 Oct 09 | Carpentering tools to Rauparaha                                      |
| 1848 Oct 10 | Wheat mill to Moturoa  |
| 1849 Apr    | Food to Tehana's wife  |
| 1849 Sep    | Compensation to Tehana for destruction of _ by troops at Wanganui £5 |

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No.17 Mar 08 Transmitting copy of minutes of Executive Council for half year ending 31 Dec 1848

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No.18 Mar 08 Relative to Mr Kemp's mission to the Wairarapa and transmitting that Officers reports and journal

Enclosure: Wairarapa 18 Jan 1849 Report of H. Tacy Kemp

Enclosure: Wellington 09 Feb 1849 Report of H. Tacy Kemp

Enclosure: Kemp - Journal of Mission to the Wairarapa 19 Oct 1848 to 30 Nov 1848

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. Reported ready to proceed, but was prevented by repeated shocks of Earthquake from starting before the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Started at 12am for the Wairarapa. 5pm arrived at the Taita near Hughe's Station and halted for the night.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Waited for Mr Bell who arrived from Town at 10am, proceeded on Journey, arrived at the Mangaroa, Mr Swainson's Station, halted for the night. Near the Station is the old Pa "Whakataka" taken from the Ngatikahuhunui's having been surrounded and starved out by the NgatiMutunga and the Ngatiawa.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Proceeded on Journey – that Mr James Northwood going into Town with reference to a Cattle Run just taken by him from Te Hapuku called the "Rua Taniwha": ascended the hill and halted at the top for refreshment. 2pm descended the hill and arrived at H. Burling's at sunset. Halted for the night....

Enclosure: Copy of minutes of meeting with the settlers of the Wairarapa held at Huangarua 14 Nov 1848. Present – Cap. Smith, Mr Revans, Mr Bidwell, Mr Tiffin, Mr Donald, Mr Caverhill, Mr J. Northwood, Mr Tully, Mr Collins. Mr Bell on behalf of Mr Kemp and himself stated to the meeting the objects for which the meeting had been called and explained the views of Government and the Company in connection with the Canterbury Settlement.

Resolved – That the settlers present at the meeting having been informed of the intentions of Government to require the District of the Wairarapa for the site of the proposed Canterbury Settlement hereby express their readiness to give their assistance to the Officers of the Government and the Company in their negotiations for that object.

That Mr Bell and Mr Kemp having stated the principles on which it is proposed to deal with the interests of the squatters in the Valley a Committee be appointed to estimate the value of the Improvement &c on the several stations and generally to treat with the Commissioner and the Agent of the Company on any matters affecting the Settlers' position.

That the Committee do consist of Cap. Smith, Mr Revans, Mr Tiffin and Mr Russell.

Enclosure: Kemp – Journal of Mission to Wairarapa continued 27 Dec 1848 to 03 Feb 1849

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. In obedience to instructions started from Wellington with Captain Collinson R.E. and halted for the night at Orongorongo Mr Riddiford's station.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Natives with baggage overtook us at Mr Riddiford's at 10am – proceeded on journey and halted at the Maori village of Mukamuka or Rocky Point.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. Detained by the tide until midday proceeded on journey and reached the village of Turanganui at the entrance of the valley at sunset (Thr. 84 to 88)...

Enclosure: A Return of Population within the block of land proposed to be sold in the Wairarapa compiled by H. T. Kemp January 1849

Enclosure: Translation of letter dated 23 Jan 1849 by Wereta Kawekairangi

Enclosure: List of Squatters in the Valley of the Wairarapa and coast with the names of the Native Chiefs to whom the rents are paid – H. T. Kemp January 1849

Enclosure: Translation of letter from the chief "Ngairo" addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor dated 01 Feb 1849

Enclosure: Government House, Wellington 26 Feb 1849

In my letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1848 I forwarded for your information a copy of the Instructions which it was proposed should be given to Mr Kemp for his guidance in conducting negotiations for the acquisition of the Wairarapa District from the Natives....

Enclosure: Wellington 08 Mar 1849

Sir, After the interview which I had a few days ago with Your Excellency and Mr Kemp on the subject of the Wairarapa purchase I think the best course for me to pursue is to request that the negotiation may be suspended for the present.

Having, however some expectation that a private party resident in the Valley might be more successful in such negotiation in consequence of great personal influence which he possesses over the Natives, I have the honor to suggest that your Excellency should sanction my employing him privately for the purpose, and in case of his reporting the negotiation to be ripe, the Local Government should then employ a Government Officer to conclude the matter. If that design meets your Excellency's view I will at once take the necessary steps, but would suggest that the transaction be entirely private till such time as it may be necessary for the Government to step in.

Enclosure: Wellington 09 Mar 1849

... in reply I beg to inform you that I shall have much pleasure in requiescing in the course suggested by you... after ascertaining that suitable and sufficient reserves have been set apart for the present and future want of the Natives and defining the sites and boundaries of these reserves... PS It is scarcely necessary for me to add that in any negotiations by the party who may be employed on behalf of the N.Z. Company it will be necessary for him to be guided by the same general principles which were laid down in the instructions to Mr Kemp, a copy of which was submitted to you in my letter of 11 Oct 1848.

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No.19 Mar 10 Reporting the successful conclusion of Mr Mantell's mission to the Middle Island and enclosing his reports

- [1] Forest near to Kawari 03 Sep 1848
  - [2] Akaroa 21 Sep 1848
  - [3] Te Punaimara Waitaki 08 Nov 1848
  - [4] Akaroa 23 Dec 1848
  - [5] Akaroa 17 Jan 1849
  - [6] Mantell, Wellington 30 Jan 1849 (Long report)
  - [7] Table of Population, Reserves, Payments Ngai Tahu Block Aug 1848 to Jan 1849
  - [8] Alfred Domett, Wellington 13 Feb 1849
  - [9] Mantell, Wellington 14 Feb 1849
  - [10] Lt Governor Eyre, Wellington 26 Feb 1849
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