

**NZ Company's Principal Agent Wellington – Inwards Letters (1843-1850)**

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**Miscellaneous Correspondence bundle**

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Undated

Dr Taylor has sent Mrs Swainson a blue... and Rhubarb Draught – as under all circumstances perhaps that will be more beneficial than a black draught.

Tuesday evening.

PS Pray excuse a regular professional draught bottle.

On the back is an undated and untitled plan of Pakuratahi showing sections 3-5 and 7-11

Undated

Nos of Scrip 232 to 239 inclusive – Town acres for Country Land thrown up Nos 25, 26 & 27  
1200 acres at Kaiwi S W corner Wanganui Block

Undated

Grant the men cultivation and fencing in of town lands at Wanganui, does not in the opinion of Mr Johnston constitute... according to Mr Spain's intention of the arrangements agreed to at the meeting of holders of NZ Company land orders

[Separate piece of paper]

But under the... Mr Johnston are... from... any appeal from the decisions of the Com... of Land...

Undated

Hood and Watson – 105 acres situated beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge abutting upon Section 81 and having some 9 chains frontage of the River Hutt between the said Section 81 and Section 178

15 Dec 1848 Very faded barely readable copy of a petition signed at Wellington showing original signatures. A clearer handwritten list of the signatories is provided on a separate page as follows:

1 William Hickson & Co	13 W. B. Rhodes	25 K. Samuel
2 Abraham Hort Senr JP	14 Thomas Waters	26 J. Joseph
3 A. McDonald JP	15 James Taine	27 G. H. Wallace
4 Thomas Waitt	16 Kenneth Bethune	28 A. Hornbrook
5 A de B Brandon	17 P. M. Hervy	29 James McBeth
6 John Dorset	18 W. S. Loxley	30 John McBeth
7 John Johnston	19 James Smith & Co.	31 Rowland Davis
8 George Hunter	20 William Fox	32 W. Flyger
9 I. E. Featherston	21 Levin & Co.	33 I. W. Taylor
10 W. Lyon	22 Johnson & Moore	34 J. Curtis
11 W. M. Bannatyne	23 R. T. Duncan	35 William Allen
12 John Varnham	24 Richard Baker	36 George Crawford

15 Apr 1850

Mr Hickson will... Mr Lewis to return the scrip book with the several scrip filled up, and to state at the same time... Mr Moreing has signed the agreement of 1848.

22 Nov 1850 A. De B. Brandon, Lambton Quay

Sir, I shall feel obliged if you will forward to me at your early convenience the two scrip for 150 acres each to which Dr Featherston has been declared entitled by the award of Captain Short and Mr Johnston.

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23 Nov 1850 F. D. Bell, Nelson

Dear Lewis, Herewith I send you a long letter from W. G. Bell to read – please to let me know how the matter stands as to Nixon's land order of 200 acres, alluded to in the letter & write me a line at your early convenience. I have sent by this mail applications for the land included in the Mabey affair, and I hope my memorandum will be clear – you can explain anything further required.

Enclosed letter dated 08 Oct 1850 W. Bell to F. D. Bell followed by a Memorandum dated 20 Apr 1850 and witnessed by H. C. Daniels, Accountant, Nelson and B. O. Hodgson, Writing Clerk, Nelson.

Compensation awarded in respect of:

Land Order	Choice	Original owner	To whom compensation has been issued	Acres
23 Ordinary	36	Harrison	James Bell	150
36 Ordinary	5	Nixon	Nixon	150
97 Ordinary	237	Sutherland	Sutherland	150
24 Ordinary	37	Harrison	W. G. Bell Jnr	150
49 Special	248	Gordon	Gordon	150
88 Special	258	Allison	Allison	75
89 Special	259	Allison	Allison	75

Further notes re Bell's land

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#### Correspondence relating to Dunbar's Claim

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27 Feb 1850 Charles Sharp, Wellington to James Kelham and a reply

28 Feb 1850 Charles Sharp, Wellington to James Kelham and a reply

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01 Mar 1850 Charles Sharp, Wellington to James Kelham, Wellington – two letters

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05 Apr 1850 Charles Sharp, Wellington to William Fox, Principal Agent of the NZ Company  
My Dear Sir, We quite forgot the section on the Porirua road especially mentioned in the award, when talking over the matter yesterday. I therefore propose taking that instead of the three sections at Wanganui and making the quantity at Rangitikei 600 acres. By this arrangement it would reduce the quantity of country land nearly 200 acres.

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06 Apr 1850 Charles Sharp, Wellington to A. de B. Brandon

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07 May 1850 Charles Sharp, Wellington to William Fox, Principal Agent of the NZ Company  
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant relative to an agreement entered into between Mr Duncan Dunbar and the Directors of the New Zealand Company for the settlement of his claim I beg to state that Mr Dunbar (although in treaty with the NZ Company on this subject) has left the final adjustment of the claim in my hands, under the circumstances I should be greatly neglecting his interest did I accept of any other terms than those awarded by recent arbitration, or such other modification of them as might be agreed upon by ourselves.

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06 Jun 1850 Charles Sharp, Wellington to William Fox, Principal Agent of the NZ Company  
Sir, Referring to your letter of yesterday's date on the subject of Mr Dunbar's claim I have again to repeat that I cannot accept (on the part of Mr Dunbar) any other terms than those awarded by arbitration, or such modification of the same as may be agreed upon by ourselves.

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### Loose Correspondence

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10 Jan 1843 Copy of a letter from Messrs Hanson & Alzdorf to Colonel Wakefield

Dear Sir, We have, according to your kind permission, perused the Documents concerning the Estate of the late Richard Hughes Esq., and we have the honor of returning the same and enclose accounts and particulars wished for. With regard to the cause of delay in this matter we are anxious to show that there is no fault on our part – we have been waiting for instructions from the representative of the deceased and we have been dayly expecting them. In May 1840 we wrote to a Mr John Blurton, Stonebridge who by the servants of the late Mr Hughes was represented to us as a particular friend of his and probable heir, and we were led to believe that he at all events would give the necessary information to the deceased's representative, who up to this time were to us utterly unknown. We did receive an answer of the said Mr Blurton, but it was so unsatisfactory that we could not do otherwise but await further information from persons concerned who could not fail to learn from Mr Blurton that Mr Hughes was dead and the circumstances in which his Estate was placed; we were however disappointed in receiving any communication until we read the Documents now before us. We are happy to inform you that for the different articles as wearing apparel, furniture and other goods of the deceased we have realized very high prices the auctioneers account of which we will furnish a copy of before the sailing of the 'Clydeside' if time will permit. The Cash we received of you on behalf of the Estate as well as the proceeds of Sales, we have after deduction of all disbursements and Commissions invested as soon as an opportunity offered, and we have done so advantageously for a certain time as specified in the accompanying account. The lands we have chosen, to the best of our judgment, for so high a number of choice as No.817 are very advantageously situated. The Town acre is a corner section No.813 on the Surveyor General's Plan with three building frontages, namely one with the view to the Belt of the town and two in two different streets. The Country Section has been chosen as late as the second of this month but we are happy to say that the great quantity of land offered for selection has enabled us to choose a first rate agricultural section in the Manawatu District No.245 on the Surveyor General's Plan. It has the advantage of a frontage to the Tokumara River, is only about half a mile distant from the Manawatu River, and has on it Groves of fine Pine besides other timber fit for log houses fencing and a vast deal of firewood, and it is a very short distance from the spot which has been laid out and partly sold for a town and which can hardly fail to be eventually established. Considering the present market price of land we should rate the value of the town acre not less than £30 and the Country Section not less than £150. Both sections are however so situated that they particularly must become much more valuable as the country about them gets more settled. Respecting the investment of the Capital we would request of the representatives of the late Mr Hughes to inform us by the earliest opportunity whether they would fell inclined to leave the same invested in this Colony for a longer time after the expiration of the terms mentioned in the accompanying account at the rate of ten per cent per annum on good security, and for how many years – and in case they should be willing to do so, we would propose to remit the interest due at the expiration of the first terms and send home the necessary Documents.

PS A case containing a gold and silver watch, silver snuff box, Plate, Jewels &c, will be sent to England per 'Clydeside' addressed to John Ward, Esq.

Account of the late Richard Hughes' Estate

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1840 Apr	To Cash received of Colonel Wakefield	£197 10s
1840 May	To Proceeds of Sale	£215 13s 6d
1840 May	To Proceeds of Sale	£60 7s 7d
1840 Nov	To Proceeds of Sale	£27 11s 8d
1840 Nov	To Proceeds of Sale	£2 10s
1842 Jan 20	Invested for two years at 7½ percent	£200
	Interest due on 20 Jan 1844	£30
1842 Jul 16	Invested for two years at 10 percent	£219 13s 2¼d
	Interest due on 16 Jul 1844	£43 17s

For these sums the representations may please to draw upon the firm of Hanson & Alzdorf for the dates on which the investments will be liquidated – or draw for the interest only should they feel inclined to leave the capital invested for a further term at 10 percent per annum.

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1840 May	By Boat charges and portorage	£3 17s 6d
	By Portage and petty expences	£1 12s 3d
	By Mr Hughe's debt to Mr Davies	10s 6d
	By Martha Draper on account of wages	£10
	By Sarah Draper on account of wages	£10
	By John Box on account of wages	£5
	By Mattress replaced to Mr Hornbrook	£5
	By Commission on £197 10s at 5 percent	£9 17s 6d
	By Commission on proceeds of sales	£22 19s 3d
	By Selecting Town & Country lands	£10 2s
	By Commission on Disbursements	£1 19s ¾d
	By Warehousing	£1 16s
	By Packing Case & Packing Postage	18s
	By Shipping Case per 'Clydeside'	7s 6d

Freight Insurance for Case per 'Clydeside'

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16 Jun 1843 John Salmon, Wellington to Colonel Wakefield, Principal Agent of the NZ Company Sir, I take the liberty as the Agent of Mr Duncan Dunbar of London... re his claim [long letter] mentions George Hunter as Dunbar's agent in Wellington.

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Jul 1843 D. Lewis, Wellington, C. Clerk, Land Office to the Principal Agent of the NZ Company Sir, I have to report for your information regarding Mr Thomas Perkins Land Order (Preliminary) is No.240 Town Section Wellington No.121 selected by D. Riddiford 10 Aug 1840 and Preliminary Country Section No.31 Kinapora District selected by D. Riddiford 03 Jun 1841. This is all I can gather from the books with the addition of the fact of a certificate of selection for the Town Section No.121 having been received from this Office by Mr Riddiford on 09 Mar 1841, No. of Certificate No.57. The cheque of the same being duly signed by Mr Riddiford and producible immediately. If Colonel Wakefield requires any more information, or any instructions to give on the subject I can make farther at the time of selection I think Captain Daniell and Riddiford were joint agents which joint agency some short time after the selection was dissolved.

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10 Jul 1844 Edward Abbott, Clerk of Land Office to James Kelham, Accountant, NZ Company Sir, Herewith I beg to forward you for transmission to England a "Statement of Notices of Transfer of Land Orders received by the New Zealand Company from October 1841 to May 1844.

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A Group of letters written by H. Seymour to William Fox, Agent to the NZ Company, Nelson  
07 Sep 1844, 19 Sep 1844, 19 Dec 1846, 21 Dec 1846, 29 Dec 1846

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20 Sep 1844 Memorandum of Agreement between Charles Clifford of Wellington of the one part and James Muir, Printer of the other part. The said Charles Clifford agreed to let property in Abel Smith Street Te Aro Wellington on Town Acre 96 for the term of four weeks at the rent of 3s per week... The signature of James Muir is clear.

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27 Feb 1845 Daniel Sutherland, Wellington

I hope that you will approve more of my second epistle than you did of my first... Since I had the pleasure of talking with you about Wanganui I have seen several families who would willingly remove to that place provided it was made a practical thing for them to do so... [long letter]

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17 Mar 1846 Copy of letter from John Constable to the Court of Directors of the NZ Company witnessed by Jn. Watson, 10 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, Sol.

Take notice that my mutual agreement entered into in or about the month of September 1839 between me the undersigned, John Constable of Lime Street in the City of London and Samuel Revans late of Brompton but now of the Town of Wellington, the following eleven certificates of choice for Country and Town Sections at the New Zealand Company's first and Principal Settlement were purchased on our Joint Account for the sum of £1160 – numbers 8, 86, 135, 186, 190, 316, 349, 597, 1059, 1063 and 1099... I do hereby claim to be entitled to have delivered to me Grants...

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30 Apr 1846 George Scott, Wellington to Colonel Wakefield

Mentions: his legal adviser Mr Hanson; the late Mr Johnson who had 300 acres of land in a fine valley close to the settlement; Mr Sinclair of Pidgeon Bay

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12 Jan 1847 George Scott, Wellington to Colonel Wakefield

Sir, A copy of the enclosed letter and advertisement will appear in the New Zealand Journal next Saturday unless some arrangement is entered into for the settlement... claim.

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A Land Order For Sale

This Land Order entitled the holder to the first choice of 100 acres of Country land in any of the New Zealand Company present or future possessions. For further particular enquire of Geo. Scott at Mr Lyons, Lambton Quay.

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12 Jan 1847 George Scott, Wellington to Colonel Wakefield – very long letter

15 Apr 1846 George Scott, Wellington to Colonel Wakefield

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17 Feb 1847 Letter to James Kelham – signature incomprehensible – mentions St Hill

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15 Jan 1848 James Muir and Thomas Hendry, Wellington

Will agree to rent from the New Zealand Company the acre No.96 in Abel Smith Street from 01 Oct 1846 up to which day we have paid rent to Mr Clifford, upon the same terms as paid to him viz 3s per week to be paid by James Muir and 10s per month to be paid by Thomas Hendry. Colonel Wakefield agreeing to write to the Company for permission to be given us to purchase the said acre at such a price as may be agreed upon by Arbitration...

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15 Jan 1848 John Evans, Wellington

I agree to rent from the New Zealand Company the acre No.97 in Webb Street and to pay for the same the sum of 2s per week rent. Colonel Wakefield agreeing to write to the Company for permission to be given me to purchase the same at such a price as may be agreed upon by Arbitration.

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22 May 1848 Memorandum by J. T. Wicksteed re purchase of five NZ Company land orders

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19 Jul 1848 James Kelham to James Muir

Dr to William Wakefield – for 92 weeks rent of cottage and garden situated on part of Town Acre No.96 in Abel Smith street from 01 Oct 1846 to 06 Jul 1848 at 3s per week - £13 16s

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21 Aug 1848 John Colville, Wanganui to Colonel William Wakefield

Sir, About 1841 I selected a Section of land at Wanganui bought from the New Zealand Company and that there was a good deal of wood on it and only one or two natives and no cultivations on it, but in a short time the missionaries sent me plenty. In applying to Mr Thomas your agent and surveyor he told me that if I could buy off these Mouries the Company would sustain anything less than £10... [long letter]

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22 Aug 1848 Charles Sharp to William Wakefield, Principal Agent of the NZ Company

Sir, As Agent for Messrs Duncan Dunbar & Sons of London, I am requested to make application for possession of the acre in the township of Wellington known as No.1 order of choice, as also that the Natives may be removed from Section No.3 at Kawarra (being part of the same order) and shall be obliged by you forwarding me with such information on the subject as you may consider necessary, in order that the same may be forwarded to the gentlemen above named.

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08 Feb 1849 George Scott, Wellington to William Fox, Principal Agent of the NZ Company

Sir, Nearly three months has elapsed since you left Wellington for Port Cooper and I was then informed that you had instructed Mr Dillon Bell to settle the dispute pending between myself and the New Zealand Company. I scarcely need remind you sir that I have lost the best part of the summer daily and anxiously expecting Mr Bell's decision, without reference to the loss of time and inconvenience I am put to on that account. I am very anxious to have the matter settled previous to the sailing of the 'Cornelia' for England, for this reason. When I left England for New Zealand I was to be followed by several friends and relatives provided I could give them any encouragement to do so, up to the present time I could not conscientiously recommend them to come to New Zealand and I am now desirous of informing them that all matters of dispute between the New Zealand Company and their purchasers of land are amicably arranged. In my last letter from England I am sorry to hear that a Brother and Sister of Mrs Scott had almost decided upon going to America this summer and I am afraid will have left England before the 'Cornelia' arrives. I beg to remind you sir that the New Zealand Company in 1839 sold me 100 acres of country land and a right to select at pleasure in any of their present or future possessions. I have not yet selected but I proposed to you through Dr Featherston that you should put me in possession of Section No.48 in the Hutt District at present occupied by Mr Brown but in case you did not approve of buying Mr Brown right of agreement which he hold, you should give me a section of land at Perarua at present occupied by Mr Collins as an equivalent for the money I must pay Mr Brown for his Lease. In conclusion I would beg to remind you that the New Zealand Company publicly avow that they are anxious not only to settle all legal and just claims their purchasers of land may have against them, but they are desirous of giving compensation in land for the loss of time and inconvenience their first purchasers may have been put to in consequence of not being able to get possession of their land. Surely, sir, the Directors never contemplated depriving the like of me from participating in this compensation yet in my anxiety to get this matter finally settled I relinquished all right and title to compensation and asked for nothing but what I considered the New Zealand Company were legally bound to give me and I hope I may be pardoned for saying that I think it very hard that I should be left month after month in inactivity in consequence of this question not being decided.

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10 Feb 1849 F. D. Bell – Memorandum on Mr Scott's letter

On hearing Mr Scott's demand for the two sections at the Hutt & Porirua I obtained an estimate from Mr Park of their value, which was £500. This appeared to me so high as to be out of the question to accede to in the Principal Agent's absence – but it appeared to me that if Brown would take from 50 to 100 acres of unselected land as a bonus to surrender his lease, then the section held by him at the Hutt could be at once be put into Mr Scott's hands. I have frequently seen Brown, but he cannot make up his mind to select, it being no easy matter to find any good land unchosen. The day before yesterday he promised to come to some arrangement. Mr Scott

complains of the delay, but it only arises from his demand of compensation which I believe Dr Featherston equally with myself considered exorbitant.

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12 Nov 1849 A. W. Shand, Custom House, Wellington to William Fox

13 Nov 1849 A. W. Shand to William Fox

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27 Nov 1849 Wellington

Having after due consideration granted to Mr Archibald Shand who was the purchaser and holder of No.1060 choice of the 1<sup>st</sup> series we consider that he is the only person entitled to the compensation awarded under the recent arrangement entered into between the New Zealand Company and the Land owners of the first and principal settlement. Signed Charles Sharp, George Hunter, Kenneth Bethune and one other.

29 Nov 1849 Annotation by William Fox

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