

## Copies of letters from Absentee Landowners relative to claims to land

To the Secretary of the New Zealand Company – Mr Harington  
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Includes a Plan of "Richmond" by Robert Park on the east side of River Okawtu, Hutt Valley  
Names mentioned: Mocatto, Milne, Brewer, Chetham, Bannister, J. M. Taylor, Peter Bruce, Halswell, Ridgway, Waitt & Bell, Virtue, Davies & Houghton, Partridge

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D. Sinclair, Wellington to Miss Jane Beauchamp 26 Jan 1841 (page 33)  
W. Hurst, Wellington to Miss Beauchamp 09 Feb 1841 (pages 33-34)  
J. T. Wicksteed, Wellington to Miss Beauchamp 13 Feb 1841 (pages 35-37)  
Alfred Ludlam, Wellington to Miss Jane Beauchamp 15 Jan 1842 (pages 37-39)  
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J. T. Wicksteed, New Plymouth to Miss Beauchamp 22 Sep 1842 (pages 42-43)

Received 17 Nov 1842 of Miss Jane Beauchamp at the hands of Messrs Phillips King & Co., the sum of sixty pounds for account of Mr Wicksteed of New Zealand [signed] Henry Shuttleworth

Received of Messrs Phillips King & Co., on account of Miss Beauchamp the sum of sixty pounds [signed] Henry Shuttleworth 17 Nov 1842

Alfred Ludlam to Miss Beauchamp 22 Apr 1843 (page 44)

Received of Miss Beauchamp at the hands of Phillip King & Co. twenty two pounds 10s in full of Commission for selecting certain Lands at New Zealand, we undertaking no further charge shall be made for such selection by either Mr Wickstead of Sinclair. Jeffrey Ludlam & Co., 174 Picadilly London 13 Jul 1844 (pages 44-45)

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C. M. Robison, No.66 Coleman St 08 Apr 1850, 25 Apr 1850, 30 May 1850 (pages 29-31)  
Executor for the late John Brander of Mile End Old Town

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W. B. Burgess, 111 Shad, Thames, Horsleydown 26 Nov 1849, 20 Feb 1850, 05 Jul 1850 (pages 17-26)

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William Henry Burnand, 2 Boyle Street, London February 1850 - also see Charles Ibbotson (pages 49-51)

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Edmund Buxton, 30 Arundel Street, Strand 20 Sep 1850 (pages 9-10)  
Robert Wigmore, London 28 Aug 1850, 29 Aug 1850 (pages 13-14)

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Charles Chippindale, 22 St Johns Wood Road, Regents Park 07 Nov 1849, 24 Nov 1849  
Few & Co., Covent Garden 10 May 1850 (pages 53-58)

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Ashurst & Son, 6 Old Jewry, London 11 May 1850 on behalf of William Cowan, Edinburgh (p1-7)

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Messrs Norris & Sons, 2 Bedford Row on behalf of Vincent Eyre & Thomas Eyre 06 Feb 1850, 09 May 1850, 21 May 1850, 30 May 1850, 15 Jun 1850, 26 Jun 1850 (pages 61-69)

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Messrs Colley, Smith, Hunter & Gwatkin, Lincolns Inn on behalf of John Garner 24 Sep 1850, 11 Oct 1850 (pages 105-108)

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Bethune & Hunter, Wellington 28 Feb 1849  
William Garrett, 17 Edward Street, Hampstead Road 23 Oct 1849, 26 Oct 1849, 21 Nov 1849, 29 Nov 1849, 19 Dec 1849, 29 Dec 1849; Enclosure: Letter Bethune & Hunter, Wellington 28 Feb 1849 to William Garrett (pages 87-94)

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William Gibson, St Andrews 14 Feb 1850 (pages 109-110)

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Edward Hales, 15 Bush Lane 15 Feb 1850, 15 Mar 1850 (pages 135-139)

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Edmund Halswell, Paris Hotel Mirabeau, Rue de la Paix 25 Nov 1849 (pages 113-116)

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Harry Hughlings, Halifax 13 Apr 1849, 15 Apr 1849, 17 Oct 1849, 20 Oct 1849, 04 Jan 1850, 10 Jan 1850, 14 Jan 1850 (pages 121-133)

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Harrisons, 5 Walbrook 14 Jan 1850

Sir, We beg to inform you that Mr Henry Herbert Swinford has deposited with John Jones of Billiter Square London Merchant, Timothy Smith of Cambridge Terrace Hyde Park Esquire and Patrick Francis Durham of Savile Row Bond Street Esquire three Land orders of the New Zealand Company for Land in the Settlement of Nelson bearing date respectively the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1841 and numbered 119, 210 and 244 as security for the payment of £123 4s 9d and interest thereon at 5 per Centum per annum. (page 141)

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George Hart, 21 Mornington Road, Regents Park on behalf of the Trustees for the children of R. H. Pike 16 Nov 1849 (pages 117)

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Charles Ibbotson, Thorp Arch, Tadcaster 12 Dec 1849, 20 Feb 1850 (pages 145-155)

William Henry Burnard, 2 Boyle Street 29 Nov 1849, 29 Dec 1849

Harry Hughlings, Halifax 01 Dec 1849

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Richard Johnson, Blackburn 04 May 1849 (pages 157-168)

R. H. Wood, 36 Great King Street, Edinburgh 09 May 1849

John Edwards, Halifax 11 May 1849

George Leach, Reform Club, London 12 May 1849

Samuel Appleyard Sutcliffe, Grocer and John Ingham, Bread Baker, both of Halifax 30 May 1849

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Joseph Lewthwaite, Halifax 04 Apr 1849, 06 Nov 1849 (page 169-175)

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J. W. Liddiard, Streatham 29 Nov 1849 (pages 177-179)

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A. Ormsby, Castle Town, Isle of Man 14 Nov 1849, 21 Nov 1849, 24 Dec 1849 (pages 180-182)

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Samuel Page, No.5 Catherine Court, Trinity Square, Tower Hill, London 11 Jul 1849, 29 Nov 1849 (pages 184-186)

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Thomas Trevenen Penrose, Coleby near Lincoln 30 Oct 1849, 19 Mar 1850 (pages 188-192)

Enclosure: Re Estate of Revd Thomas Arnold, late of Rugby 15 May 1841

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T. S. Rawson, Bridgen Place, Bexley, Kent 29 May 1850 (pages 192-199)

I hereby authorise and request you to record upon the Company's Registry of Transfers of Land Orders relating to Lands in New Zealand the name of my brother William Henry Rawson of Mill House in Sowerby in the parish of Halifax as sole Owner of the lands comprised in the undermentioned land orders inasmuch as I have no interest whatsoever in the same and my name has only been made use of as Trustee in his behalf in three several indentures respectively dated 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1849 and produced to you. Settlement of Wellington Preliminary numbers 17,18,90,118,159,178,260,261,314,333,335,436,853,856,933,943,945,966; ordinary numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and special number 55. Settlement of Nelson Town accommodation and Rural land orders numbers 248,249,250,251,252,253,254,255,256,257,283 and 284. Signed in the presence of W. Malings, 62 Moorgate Street, clerk to Messrs Rawson, Norton & Co.

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Andrew Reid, Draffan Frewarton, Ayrshire 28 Nov 1849 (pages 202-204)

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F. W. Remnant, 52 Lincolns Inn Fields 16 Oct 1849 (pages 206-212)

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Henry Shuttleworth, London 09 Jan 1850 (page 214)

Sir, I beg to inform you that Town Acres No.642 & 643 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 489 and Country Section No.24 Manawatu belong to me and I have to request that no Conveyance be issued to any other party than myself or my duly appointed agent.

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Alexander Shand, Manse of Nesting, Shetland 30 May 1849 (pages 218-219)

Sir, There is a block of Land marked in the Company's books No.1060 which belongs to me having been purchased in my name by Mr Archibald W. Shand (Wellington) from Mr Frank Johnston. It contains about 100 acres and lies in the district of Lourie Bay, Port Nicholson. The land order issued by the Company to Mr F. Johnston was dated August 1<sup>st</sup> 1839 and the Transfer took place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1840. I shall be happy to transact with any person wanting such an allotment and withdraw the permission given to Mr Archibald Shand to Act for me in respect to it. Hoping that this intimation may be forwarded to the officer of the Company in Wellington.

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T. C. Harington, New Zealand House 12 Jun 1849 to Reverend Alexander Shand

Reverend Sir, In reply to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, received on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, I am sorry to inform you that the appointment or dismissal of Agents being matters altogether private, it is not in the power of the Company or the Directors to interfere in them. With reference, however, to the Rural Land Order Wellington No.1060 I do myself the honor further to inform you that, in the Company's Books, the transfer from Mr Johnston stands recorded as made, not to you, but to Mr Archibald Watson Shand, who is therefore considered as the Owner.

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James Stansfeld, Halifax 13 Dec 1849 (pages 222-227)

Refers to a Memorial where the following are listed as signatories: Henry Blakey, Lawrence Bramley, William Briggs, Thomas Richard Farrar, John Ingham, James Kidd, John Stancliffe, James Stansfeld, William Sutcliffe, Samuel Appleyard Sutcliffe.

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E. C. Strobe, Colney House, Finchley 27 Nov 1849 (pages 230-232)

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1849 communicating the proposal made by the Directors of the New Zealand Company to compensate non resident owners of land in their first settlement. In reply I beg to submit that my case differs materially from that of the body of absentee proprietors. I went out to the Colony among the earlier settlers and remained there 6 years and I may therefore fairly claim to be placed in the Class of those who "have in the formation of the Colony risked their persons and families as well as their Capital." I may mention also that although I went out with the intention of settling on the land I bought of the Company, I never had the power of doing so – the land in question being situate at Wanganui and the purchase being always disputed by the natives. It is possible too, that my present absence from the Colony may prove to be temporary – but in any case I submit that my claims on the Company are very different from those I should have had as a mere purchaser of land. Under these circumstances I trust that the Directors will make a distinction in my favour and allow me the same proportion of lands, as I should have been entitled to under the recent arrangement had I been at the present moment in the Colony.

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T. C. Harington, New Zealand House 19 Dec 1849

Sir, The Directors of the New Zealand Company have had before them your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> November, and have fully considered the several circumstances therein represented regret to state that it is not in their power to consider you in any light but that of a non resident land owner, or to accord to you therefore any larger quantity of land than is offered to non residents by the Circular of 6<sup>th</sup> October last.

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William Selwyn, Melbourn Boyston 01 Mar 1850 (page 234)

Sir, I beg to inform you that I have transferred long since my Land Order for 100 Rural and 1 Town Acre, in the Settlement of Wellington, to the Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors forever, the Bishops of New Zealand and I presume that the Bishop will make the proposed application to the Company's Agent in New Zealand.

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Colonel R. Torrens, Reform Club 10 Nov 1849, 15 Apr 1850 (pages 238-250)

Colonel R. Torrens, Ramsgate 26 Jun 1850 (pages 252-257)

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Joseph Tyrrell, Sutton Wick, Abingdon 27 Nov 1849 heir at law to the late W. R. Tyrrell, Esq. (pages 258-261)

Enclosure: Messrs Morland and Godfreys Letter to Mr Francis Dillon Bell Abingdon 19 Jun 1843  
Dear Sir, Before this reaches your hands you will no doubt have received our letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ulto. We now forward a Power of Attorney from Mrs Tyrrell the Mother and Guardian of Joseph Tyrrell who is entitled to the Lands of the late William Rufus Tyrrell as his heir at Law to you to manage such lands at Wellington and Nelson. You will observe that the form of power is not that you were so good as to send but one prepared by Counsel and therefore we have adhered to it. The Power is marked No.1. Under the advice of Counsel we have prepared and send with the power the following documents to be produced in the Courts at New Zealand if necessary to shew the Title of the Heir at Law viz: Pedigree marked No.2 shewing how Joseph Tyrrell becomes heir at law of William Rufus Tyrrell. Copy of the Will of William Rufus Tyrrell marked No.3 shewing that it did nor pass Real Estate. Certificates of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials each being marked alphabetically from A to Z both inclusive to prove the pedigree. The declaration of Mary Tyrrell marked No.4 verifying the Pedigree and identifying the parties therein named with the several Certificates and also verifying the execution of the Power of Attorney by Mr Tyrrell certified by a Justice of the Peace pursuant to the Statute. The declaration of Thomas Bennett marked No.5 verifying the several Certificates he having examined all of them with the original registers. We hope all will be found correct and satisfactory and shall be glad if you will acknowledge their arrival. Signed Morland and Godfrey.

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Archibald Todd, 76 Buccleuch Street, Glasgow 20 Apr 1849 (pages 262-265)

... This is exactly my case, I went out to New Zealand in the 'Bengal Merchant' which sailed from the Clyde in the Year 1839 having purchased from the Company 101 acres of land at Wellington, and took out with me a considerable Capital, besides farming and other utensils but year after year, to my great loss and disappointment passed away after landing, without my getting possession of my section of land, and when it was at length surveyed and chosen, my means were all gone, besides it was in a locality which (from want of roads or other means of access) cannot be turned to the least profitable use for a long series of year yet, being 10 miles up the river Hutt, and literally covered with snow. After subsisting as long as I could at Wellington, I was compelled to give up my plans, and return home as a steerage passenger in the 'Tyne' arriving in London in October 1844. I still hold my Land Order the number of which is 896 and I may here mention that my Town Section is also at present worthless, being so far back from the inhabited part of Wellington...

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Clement Tabor, New Zealand House 01 Feb 1850 (pages 266-269)

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O. P. Wathen, Bury St Edmonds 16 Jan 1850 (pages 270-273)

Gentleman, I have received a letter from my son "James Bateman Wathen" who bought 400 acres of land of your Company in October 1840 and left England by the 'Lady Nugent' for Port Nicholson where he remained a considerable time, and was then told his land would be allotted to him at another settlement at Wanganui consequently he removed to that place, where he built a House, and remained there 12 months, till all his available effects were nearly exhausted, without getting his land – he then returned to England hoping to obtain redress from your Company – but although he laid his case before you he obtained no other satisfaction than being told his land would be made over to him in some Settlement, or Station in New Zealand when

certain arrangements were completed with the Government, but I do not hesitate to tell you, that his disappointment and loss were of the most serious consequences to him...

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S. J. Waley, Devonshire Place 26 Nov 1849 (page 274)

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John T. Wingfield, 36 Old Broad Street 06 Feb 1849 (page 278)

Sir, Having revoked and cancelled a Power of Attorney given by me to Mr Francis Bradey at Wellington as well as all Letters of Instruction and wishing to have this notified to the New Zealand Company's Agent at that place I have to request that this letter may be registered in the Company's Books for that purpose.

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Francis Young, 20 Medway Street, Westminster, London 19 Feb 1850 (pages 286-287)

Sir, I have to acknowledge your Circulars and to say that my Brother Arthur Stephen Young resided in New Zealand for 7 years after purchasing Land of the Company and that he temporary left there about two years ago intending to return as soon as he could get possession. He is now at the Navigators Islands S. Pacific and the communication from here so uncertain Letters being upwards of 8 months before delivery, that I could not expect an answer for 18 or 20 months. I have therefore to entreat you to allow him to have the Deeds and additional land handed over to him in New Zealand allowing him some longer time to reach there. P.S. In a letter I received from my Brother A. S. Young 3 or 4 weeks ago dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1849 he says he still holds possession of his Land Order but is then wholly unacquainted of any arrangements being made by the New Zealand Company in settlement of the compensation claims.

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