

Hutt Company of Militia
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Letter written by A. E. MacDonogh, Captain Wellington Battalion of Militia 02 September 1846 to His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington

Sir, I do myself the honor to report that in accordance with your instructions I yesterday relieved Captain Dorset's Company at the Taita by those men of the Militia placed under my command and whom I had marched the previous day from Porirua to the Hutt by order of Major Last 99th Regiment, commanding the forces in the Southern Division.

Having returned to my old quarters I have the honor to solicit you will be pleased to inform me if I am now to carry out the instructions contained in your Honor's letter of the 18th of July last namely "to employ any of the Company of Militia under my command who can be spared from duty to complete and make thoroughly practicable the Road leading from Boulcott's Farm to the Taita and that the men so employed would be entitled to the regulation working pay."

I make this request from your Honor having stated to me yesterday that I had better not proceed with the aforementioned work for the present as it was His Excellency the Governor's wish to disband the whole of the militia as soon as possible, and that of course Government could not keep up such a for the purpose of making Roads.