

Miscellaneous letters 1842-1851

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Note: The following is presented in the respective order of the papers found in this file

George Moore to James Kelham [Wednesday morning - no date]

Dear Sir, I take the liberty to remind you that a Meeting of Creditors of Hort Mocatta & Co. will be held at my House at 12 o'clock today. I trust it convenient that you will attend.

R. Chilman, New Plymouth to James Kelham 01 Nov 1842

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo, enclosing a Set of Bills upon the New Zealand Company for £100.

H. W. Petre to James Kelham 07 Jun 1843

Dear Sir, I con... to you I shall be happy to receive the £1000 on (Thursday) tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Charles Mills, Wellington to James Kelham 21 Aug 1843

Sir, In consequence of disappointments I have received I am sorry to say I shall not be able to do anything with regard to my acceptance for £20 0s 8d (due tomorrow) until the end of the week. I trust you will have the kindness to take care of it and I will call on you as early as possible.

Richard Baker to James Kelham 24 Oct 1843

My dear Mr Kelham, I enclose you a cheque for £10 11s 4d. Will you be good enough to give the bearer the Bill? Thinking the Bill was made, payable at the Bank, I lodged there this day fortnight (three days before it became due), more than enough to take it up.

Wallace & Co., Sydney, New South Wales to James Kelham 30 Dec 1843

Yours favors of the 13th ult vice Bay of Islands came to hand the latter containing the document relative to the eight quarters pension due to "Thomas Pilcher"; there is no such Officer here as "Paymaster of out Pensions". I however called immediately at the Commissariat Office, where all such pensions are paid and where such a letter as you describe as having been forwarded by Pilcher, would be delivered if received at the Post Office. I was informed that no such letter had been received in the Commissariat Office, and if it had they could not pay his Pension without an order from England. The Officer who attends to this department here, assured me, if the letter of this pensioner had been received by the proper Officer in London, an order would have been sent out at once to pay the amount but he suggests that as a "Deputy Assistant Commissariat General" a Mr Turner is appointed to reside at Auckland and who is now in Sydney and just on the point of leaving for New Zealand, that the Pensions of all persons residing in New Zealand, will be paid by him. Pilcher had better apply to that Officer immediately on receipt of this, and if he finds no orders have been received for the Payment of his Pension I am told there is no other remedy for him but to write to the proper authorities in England, again, with similar documents to those you sent to me and stating where he wishes to have his pension paid when it will be attended to. I return you the documents from Pilcher as they may be of use. I am informed it is important that Pilcher should have the original document of which the Copy is enclosed herewith, said to have been sent out to Sydney in March 1842 per 'Timandra'. Extract of letter received from Mr R. M. Roby of Sydney relative to Thomas Pilcher's pension.

S. Moccato, Te Aro to W. Wakefield 08 Jan 1844

Dear Sir, I received your note late on Friday evening and in reply beg to express my extreme regret, that having unlooked for disappointments... the Settlement of the account... as promised, I now enclose a proposal for its arrangement which under the present depressed state of the Colony & consequent difficulty of collecting money, I hope you will feel disposed to accept.

Thomas M. Machattie, Wellington to Colonel William Wakefield 11 Mar 1844
Sir, Previous to my leaving for the Coast and Auckland I handed you my account through Mr Kelham for payment to which I had had no reply, may I therefore request that the amount may be sent me per bearer as the amount is long overdue.

W. Fitzherbert, Wellington to James Kelham 27 Jun 1844
My Dear Sir, Will you have the kindness to give Mr Perry a cheque for me for the amount of invoice to the Company and you will much oblige me, as I have to make a remittance per return on account of the State of China.

Ridgways & Co., Wellington to James Kelham 28 Oct 1844
Sir, We beg to inclose you sundry Cheques as mentioned below amounting to twenty pounds eleven shillings sterling, and as the Union Bank here decline paying the amount till a cheque from Colonel Wakefield appears we shall feel obliged by your furnishing us with same in due course.

William Fitzherbert, Wellington 22 Nov 1844 to James Kelham
My dear Sir, I enclose Mr Scrogg's certificate in my favour for £13 16s 10d. Would you oblige me by informing me whether I can do anything with it? I am so ill this morning that I am unable to come up myself.

S. M. Scroggs, Wellington to A. Wylie Esq., 14 Nov 1844
I hereby certify that thirteen pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence is the sum still due to Mr Fitzherbert for rations on the Hutt Road.

Joseph Boulcott & Co., Wellington to Colonel Wakefield 21 Dec 1844
Sir, I beg to advise you that the Bill of Exchange for £71 4s 6d drawn by you upon the Secretary of the New Zealand Company in favour of the Union Crown Glass Company Liverpool dated 23 Dec 1843 has been presented for acceptance and refused, on the ground of want of instructions. I give you the earliest notice.

Charles B. Brewer, Barrister at Law, Nelson to William Wakefield 25 Jan 1845
Sir, Having been informed that you had lately received funds for the purpose of taking up certain of the Companys Dishonoured Bills, I have been instructed by Mr Clarke to inform you that four Bills drawn by your late brother as agent of the Company for Nelson on the Secretary of the Company at London now lie unpaid at my office Nelson (the dates amounts &c of which and the expenses thereon you will find on the other side. May I request you will by the earliest opportunity remit to me through the acting agent of the Company here the amount of them together with expenses reexchange interest up to date &c (as per other side).

H. S. Tiffen, Wellington to James Kelham 04 Mar 1845
Dear Sir, In compliance with your request bearing date March 1st I have looked over the "list of Instruments Maps" and deposited in Mr Wills' charge and find the list of Instruments to be correct as far as my knowledge of the matter extends; but I cannot find the following maps in the list viz: Index Plan drawn by Mr Jollie, scale one inch to one mile; Folding Map of Town of Wellington, scale five inches to one mile; Folding Map of Wanganui, scale one inch to one mile; Folding Map of Upper and Lower Hutt and a set of tracings which I think should be considered the property of Mr Brees.

William Fitzherbert, Wellington to James Kelham 27 Jul 1845
My dear Kelham, Would you have the kindness to send me word per hearer which time I could wait on you & when to talk with you on some subjects connected with Mr Brees.

S. Mocatta, Wellington to James Kelham 05 Jun 1846 [difficult to read]

My dear Sir, I received a letter yesterday from the Bank relative to... Estate. I have seen Mr Moore this morning who says... be happy to accompany you this morning at... on the subject, he will be at that part of the... at that time.

Bethune & Hunter, Exchange, Wellington to Colonel W. Wakefield 20 Oct 1846

Dear Sir, In the beginning of June last we had sent for Collection by Mr A. Perry of Nelson drafts drawn on the Accountant of the NZ Company here by Messrs Wylie & Drake for £100 2s 3d being for supplies & stores furnished these parties at Nelson when fitting out for the surveying expedition to Otago. When these advances were made by Mr Perry there was little doubt by either party but these Bills would have been paid long ere this, according to the arrangement made with the Surveyors and yourself, but they were drawn pro forma at 3 months and were duly presented for acceptance to Mr Kelham on receipt of them here. Mr Perry at that time & since, has been depending on the proceeds of these Bills for a particular remittance to Sydney – and authorised us to negotiate them for this end, at a liberal discount, but which we could not effect, they not having been accepted. Mr Perry's credit may consequently suffer at Sydney by reason of this remittance not having been duly made as promised when he took these surveyors drafts middle of May last and having every confidence that such paper would be convertible. We have no doubts ourselves but they will ere very long be paid off by advices from Otago on this subject to yourself, but the communication is so very uncertain that we have to request on behalf of Mr Perry that you will be good enough to give a cheque for the amount, there being an opportunity for remitting to Sydney in a few days. We think we could now perhaps discount them at 5 per cent loss – but we should be sorry that Mr Perry should have to pay this, having waited so long – and under the circumstances in which the debts were Contracted, he having been induced to give liberal credit, not doubting the responsibility and good faith of the parties. Hoping these circumstances may induce you to accede to this request on behalf of Mr Perry.

A. McDonald to James Kelham 02 Nov 1846

Dear Sir, I have enclosed the documents you refer to they are treated by the Bank simply as Cheques on the Account. You will therefore please to hand me Cheques as under to supply their places. Scroggs draft on NZ Company 05 Aug 1846 £129 15s 8d; A. Wylie & Co. draft on NZ Company 05 Aug 1846 £126 11s 4d; Scroggs draft on NZ Company 18 Aug 1846 £22

Robert Waitt, Wellington to James Kelham, Thorndon 06 Dec 1847

My Dear Sir, I have received the enclosed from Taranaki, but my correspondent... neglected endorsing – but his letter enclosing the Bill I have no doubt will be sufficient. I have therefore... the Bill & if not out of the ordinary Course of Business will be glad to receive a cheque for it, as I am making up a much as possible to... When the second... I have no doubt but it will be endorsed if however an... is necessary I will give it to you.

R. D. Wallace, Union Bank of Australia, Wellington to James Kelham 27 Sep 1848

Sir, Enclosed I beg to hand for collection on account Morrison & Sclanders Draft – William Fox on the late Colonel W. Wakefield.

Robert Waitt, Wellington to James Kelham 02 Feb 1849

Mentions Mr Cridland and “timber of assorted sizes”

James Brown to James Kelham 17 Mar 1849

Sir, Will you be good enough to let Mr Brandon inspect the papers relating to the exchange between the New Zealand Company and myself.

Henry W. Petre, Wellington to James Kelham 02 May 1849

My dear Sir, Having been directed to receive & remit to Wanganui the money for the Rangatiki purchase I shall be happy to receive the amount £1000 from you as soon as convenient as the Brig is to sail with it immediately on her arrival.

F. D. Bell, Nelson to William Fox, Esq., 24 Sep 1849 [No.79/49]

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on Saturday of your Dispatches as marked in the Margin. [No.33 to 38 – 1849 inclusive] With reference to No.33 I beg to return you the Memorandum as to accounts (New Plymouth Settlement) with the required explanations endorsed thereon. Mr Stafford's absence from Nelson prevents my reporting any arrangement of the dispute between himself and Mr Duppa as to the Motueka Run. I have brought the claim in respect of Dr Macshane's Rural Landorder before the Arbitrators, but I believe they will not entertain it, having excluded several other cases in which secondary purchasers asked for compensation. If they reject it, perhaps you would not object to granting a reasonable amount of land to Dr Macshane's widow under the peculiar circumstances which make hers an exceptional case. With regard to Mr Mackay's case as it now stands by your refusal to entertain his appeal, I think he will have to fall back merely on his right of selection of Rural Land: as the Arbitrators have declared to me they can see nothing which would entitle him (after his _ refusal of the offer I made him) to receive any part of the Company's Private Suburban Estate in Exchange for the Landorder in question, especially as the Land he requires is claimed by others under Resolutions II and XIX of July 1847. Nor will they entertain any claim for compensation on his part in respect of the Landorder. I fear the arrangements suggested for securing the Suburban Section for the Race course cannot be carried out, as Mr Wither who has never yet compromised any of his claims for Land, makes a point of obtaining the Section which the Turf Club require. Upon the other matters I write separately and beg leave to refer you to my further dispatches accordingly.

Robert Waitt, Wellington to William Fox, Esq., 04 Jan 1850

Mentions Captain J. Thomas of Port Cooper

J. C. Raymond, Union Bank of Australia, Wellington 08 Jan 1850 [No.77]

Dear Sir, Mr Waitt has handed me your note under date 31st ultimo and I now beg to enclose to you the necessary authority, signed by James Smith & Co and Robert Waitt, for the proceeds of Cargo sold ex 'Rebecca' to Captain Thomas Canterbury on account of the New Zealand Company to be handed over to this Bank. I will feel obliged by you informing me if you deem the authority sufficient.

Henry W. Petre, Wellington 27 Jan 1850

Sir, Referring to your letter of the 28th November 1849 I have now to request that you will be good enough to place the money therein mentioned to my credit at the Wellington Savings Bank, as I am the only trustee at present residing in New Zealand. I believe the site for the church to be vested in the name of the Bishop of the Diocese.

J. C. Raymond 10 Feb 1850

Dear Sir, The New Zealand Company's account is overdrawn about £250 – as this is Monday I would (if possible) be glad to have it covered...

J. C. Raymond, Union Bank of Australia, Wellington to James Kelham 18 Feb 1850

Dear Sir, Some inconvenience having accrued owing to your not being able to give checks this day for the drafts left at your office for acceptance on 12th instant I have directed that any drafts so left in future shall be called for the day after being left. If you will favour me by having them accepted payable at the Bank you will then be able to send checks for them at your leisure. It is my practice to make the Balance of everything complete on the Monday and which I am prevented doing this day in consequence of not receiving the amount of the drafts alluded to. You will remember to get the necessary authority from Mr Fox to sign checks &c during his absence.

J. C. Raymond 14 Mar 1850

Dear Sir, Your Balance for the Company is only £1 odd and some drafts have been presented. I will pay them, but would much prefer you not overdrawing unless you apply to do so. As my instructions are that there shall be no overdrafts, unless I am at hand to be referred to, it ... so happen that the Company's drafts come in during a temporary absence which will be unpleasant to all parties.

J. C. Raymond, Union Bank of Australia, Wellington to William Fox, Esq. 08 Apr 1850

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date. In reply I beg to inform you that the amount of the New Zealand Company can be overdrawn to the extent of £1,500 for such period (not extending to the 30th June) as you may require, the overdraft to bear Interest at the rate of 10% per annum, and to be covered by Bills on the Court of the New Zealand Company London or by Cash at your discretion. Should your Accountant verbal suggestion to avoid an overdrawn account be approved by you viz to discount your draft on account of the Canterbury Association for the amount, the draft to fall due before the 30th June it may be acted upon, the term of payment to be as before stated.

J. C. Raymond 15 Apr 1850

Dear Sir, The Company's account was overdrawn last Monday & is now overdrawn £200 odd. I only wish to know if the overdraft is on account of the £1500 applied for at Port Cooper in order that I may so advise it or will the account be squared today. Be kind enough to send me an answer before 3 o.c.

J. C. Raymond 29 Apr 1850

J. C. Raymond, Union Bank of Australia, Wellington to William Fox, Esq. 01 May 1850

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 27th ultimo. I have forwarded to the Inspector a statement of the transactions between the New Zealand Company and this Bank showing the amounts of Credits unexhausted &c together with a copy of my instructions from the London Office. Until I can have from the Inspector in reply, and in the absence of further advices from London, I have pleasure in stating that I consider it my duty to afford the usual accommodation to the New Zealand Company – relying however upon your guarantee, that in the meantime your drafts will be limited as much as possible in amount, and that they will be drawn strictly in accordance with the credits given to you by your Directors in London.

J. C. Raymond to William Fox 06 May 1850

My Dear Sir, The New Zealand Company's account is overdrawn by £137 2s 9d. Oblige me by having it put square...

J. C. Raymond to James Kelham 06 Sep 1850

My dear Sir, At the time you showed me the power of attorney you promised to furnish me with a copy of the same, but I have not got it – either that or a short letter from Mr Fox to the effect, that in his absence or otherwise when necessary checks will be signed by you for the Company and that such checks are to be honoured is all that I require. I enclose you our usual form which perhaps you will have signed when Mr Fox returns and send it to the Bank.

J. C. Raymond to William Fox November 1850

My dear Sir, Robert Edwards accepts with thanks the arrangement relative to the £15. His Brother lives out of Town he has taken the Bill for his endorsement when it will be sent to you without delay. [Relative to R. Edwards' liability to the Company for passage per "Larkins".]
