

**Letter re Major Hornbrook's Claim dated 20 Nov 1848**  
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By the Arbitrators - Isaac Earl Featherston and John Johnston

*"The Arbitrators before entering into the case appointed Capt Collinson R.E. to be Umpire. Major Hornbrook purchased of the Compy in 1839 land order 113 with which was deducted section 66 Porirua. Never attained possession in consequence of opposition of the natives, who have since erected a Pah upon it. The Section has been re... of the Govt. full natives been forwarded to the Court of Directors a behalf of W. Swainson Esq., for a lease with purchaser's claim for Sec. 82 Upper Hutt, and that no answer has been received. The Arbitrators award that the Sections requested by Major Hornbrook be given to him in satisfaction and compensate for his landorder and all types damages incident thereto. That the same be transferred to him on his producing and delivering up the Land Order freed for the Bank Claim. That the Company having placed the whole of its private situation at the disposal of the Govt. for the purposes of the arrangement under which this Arbitrator is held, Mr Swainson application cannot be permitted to interfere with Major Hornbrook's claim – but that the Section 82 Upper Hutt was to be considered as absolutely unencumbered and for the disposal of the Arbitrators."*

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A Meeting of Resident Land Purchasers was held on Wednesday evening last, at Barrett's Hotel, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed to decide on the claims of those deeming themselves entitled to compensation from the New Zealand Company. It appeared that the Committee had received 240 claims; 202 of which were allowed, 37 refused and 11 deferred. The following resolutions were passed unanimously. Moved by Dr Taylor and seconded by Mr Catchpool:- "That this Meeting will sanction any arrangement that may be made by the arbitrators under the agreement in the special case of Major Hornbrook." Moved by Mr Hort and seconded by Mr James Parker:- "That on re-selecting lands, the holders of Landorders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> series shall be allowed to re-select in the Wanganui block according to the present order of choice previous to the holders of the 1<sup>st</sup> series." Moved by Major Baker and seconded by Dr Taylor:- "That a sum of £50 or thereabouts, has been incurred by the Committee in legal and other expenses during the investigation into the Land Claims, and that the same be repaid by a charge of 5s. upon each Compensation Scrip." Moved by Mr Bethune and seconded by Captain Sharp:- "That the Company's Agent be requested to prepare a statement of all lands unchosen or belonging to the Company's private estate, such statement to be open for inspection at the Company's office, and that applications in writing by parties desirous of re-selecting be received at the office until the 2<sup>nd</sup> January next; and that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February following the re-selections do take place according to original priority of choice." Mr Hickson then left the chair, which was taken by Mr Hort, when the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously voted to Mr Hickson, and the other members of the Committee for their services.