

**Weekly Reports from Assistant Surveyors – August 1841 to July 1843**  
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**Dd Browne**

20-27 Nov 1841 (Report No.1)

Land, principally covered with fern. Soil - on the hills thin and stoney but near the bases good and of some depth. Men cutting lines: Arnold, Torlesse, T. Blanchet, James Cooke, Henry Lunn and John Gilliot.

29 Nov to 03 Dec Town District (Report No.2)

Generally hilly and with the exception of the summits of the hills good and loamy; principally covered with fern. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Blanchet sick for the remainder of the week. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Very wet and the men left work at two p.m. – they were afterwards engaged in bringing cargo up from the beach – of which I have no account. Men cutting and ranging lines: Mr Arnold, Mr Torlesse, Blanchet, Cooke, Lund, Gilliot.

04-10 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.3)

Gentle rising ground with swamps occasionally, soil generally good. Blanchet sick. Men cutting lines: Mr Arnold, Mr Torlesse, Cooke, Gilliot, Lunn.

11-17 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.4)

Men cutting lines: Mr Arnold, Mr Torlesse, Blanchet, Cooke, Gilliot, Lunn, Wells.

17-24 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.5)

Land of the worst description with respect to soil – being composed of clay alone and a very uneven surface. Men cutting lines: Cooke, Wells, Lunn, Blanchet, Gilliot, Brazant, Windybank, R. Newth, Mr Arnold, Mr Torlesse.

24 Dec to 01 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.6)

Hilly in general and for the most part composed of landslips and of uneven and broken surface. On the Waimai Flat on the other side of the range (the West side) Sandhills on the Beach extending into the Flat when a series of swamps extend across from the river to the base of the mountains. Thursday so wet the men could not turn out also Friday morning. Men cutting lines: Cooke, Gilliot, Blanchet, Wells. Men cutting and measuring lines: Bryant, Lunn. Mr Torlesse, Mr Arnold.

01-08 Jan 1842 Waimea District (Report No.7)

Sandbanks, swamps and occasionally patches of light soil. Wells sick on Monday and the remainder of the time. On Tuesday afternoon could not proceed on account of the tide it having flowed over the ground we were working upon. Wednesday – could not go out with the men being out of health – I still remain incapable of much exertion. Mr Arnold sick. Men cutting, ranging and measuring lines: Mr Arnold, Mr Torlesse, Cooke, Gilliot, Blanchet, Bryant, Lunn.

24-28 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.10)

On Monday measuring on the Waimea. Rest of the time assisting Mr Duffey in the wood cutting lines. For the remainder of the week Mr Duffey returns the men. Men measuring: Mr Arnold, Mr Torlesse, Lund.

12-18 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.13)

The men have not been at work since Monday on account of the arrival of their wives. Blanchett and Bryant cutting stakes – one day last week for which I did not ... them. Men cutting & staking Town acres: Blanchet, Bryant, Flowers, Windybank, Mr Arnold, Mr Torlesse.

19-26 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.14)

Tuesday showery and men obliged to leave off at intervals – afternoon cutting stakes for sections. Mr Arnold absent all the week without assigning a cause. I am very much kept back for want of an Instrument and the men as well – having to catch one as well as I can from some of the other surveyors in doing which much time is lost. Number of acres previously set out – 15. Number of acres set out in present week – 22. Men cutting lines and stakes also assisting in measuring: Blanchett, Bryant, Flowers, Windybank, Mr Torlesse.

26 Feb to 05 Mar 1842 Town District (Report No.15)

Cutting was heavy. No acres staked the men have been fully employed in cutting and getting stakes. Windybanks absent. Men cutting lines and stakes: Mr Torlesse, Bryant, Flowers, Windybanks.

05-12 Mar 1842 Town District (Report No.16)

Windybank sick. I have neglected before stating the whole of the acres staked but those now included in the total number (68) are all permanently staked. No acres staked this week – at both ends about 37 partially. Men cutting lines and stakes: Mr Torlesse, Bryant, Flowers, Windybank.

## **W. Budge**

20-27 Nov 1841 Town District (Report No.1)

Men cutting base lines: Mr Pelichet, Richard Ching, Marsh, Dent, Flowers, Blanchett (gone to Mr Browne).

29 Nov to 03 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.2)

Land uniformly good but swampy in places. Left work on Tuesday about 1 o'clock in consequence of the heavy rain. Men cutting and widening baseline: Mr Pelichet, R. Ching, Marsh, Dent, Flowers.

04-10 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.3)

On Tuesday and Friday operations suspended in consequence of the rain. Men measuring lines BI 1 and BI 2 and surveying triangle included between those lines and the base: Mr Watts, Mr Pelichet, Richard Ching.

10-17 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.4)

Dent absent on Monday without sufficient reason. Men cutting and measuring lines Bb 4,5,6,7,8: Mr Watts, Mr Pelichet, Ching, Marsh, Flowers, Dent, Biggs.

17-24 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.5)

Land generally good and covered with fern and flax. Dent and Flowers transferred to the carrying party after Saturday. Base line cut omitted in former reports. Men cutting and measuring lines: Mr Pelichet, Ching, Marsh, Dent, Flowers.

24-31 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.6)

The land has been already described. On Tuesday Dent & Flowers went to work at the barracks. Prevented from proceeding with the survey on Thursday and Friday by the rain & floods. Ching very unwell since Thursday. Men measuring and cutting lines and setting out roads: Mr Pelichet, Ching, Marsh, Dent, Flowers.

01-08 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.7)

Ching has continued an invalid during the whole week is now nearly recovered. Men setting out and cutting road over the hill from the beach and surveying the road preparatory to plotting: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Marsh, Dent.

08-14 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.8)

On Saturday plotting in office. On Tuesday not having sufficient employment for Wells sent him to Mr Duffey. Men setting out, cutting and measuring streets: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Ching, Marsh, Dent, Wells.

15-21 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.9)

Ching sent for on Tuesday to attend inquest, employed by myself on Wednesday and Thursday in building chimney. Marsh & Dent attended funeral on Wednesday. Marsh unwell on Thursday. Men setting out, cutting and measuring streets: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Ching, Marsh, Dent.

22-28 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.10)

On Tuesday Ching was requested by Mr McShane to attend on W. Rawlings who was ill. Men setting out and cutting lines for streets: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Ching, Marsh, Dent.

29 Jan to 04 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.11)

Marsh and Rawlings have both been unwell and were absent in consequence. R. Rawlings came to me on Monday morning but was too unwell to work. Mr Pelichet has also been an invalid during the greater part of the week and I have been obliged to supply his place with one of the men. Men setting out and cutting lines for streets and pegging acres: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Marsh, Dent, W. Rawlings.

05-11 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.12)

Pegged 59 acres this week. W. Rawlings went home very unwell about 10 o'clock on Tuesday and has not returned to work since. Murray came on Thursday but did little. Men setting out and cutting lines and pegging acres: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Marsh, Dent, R. Rawlings, W. Rawlings, Murray.

12-18 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.13)

The acres enumerated in the annexed column are those set out last week. The arrival of the 'Lloyds' has suspended all operations since Tuesday morning. Men Re ranging lines many of the marks having been misplaced and cutting fresh ones.

19-25 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.14)

Have again to complain of the displacement of pegs &c. Rain on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Unwell on Thursday and sent the men to Mr Musgrave. Acres previously set out – 79. Acres set out in present week – 30. Men setting out acres and ranging lines: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Marsh, R. Rawlings, Dent.

26 Feb to 04 Mar 1842 Town District (Report No.15)

Marsh unwell on Monday afternoon. Acres set out this week from 510 to 517 (8), 490 to 506 (16), 463 to 472 (10) – total 34. Previous – 109. Men setting out and cutting streets and pegging acres: Mr Moline, Mr Pelichet, Marsh, Dent, R. Rawlings, Tidd, Scoller.

04-11 Mar 1842 Town District (Report No.16)

Marsh and Rawlings unwell. Men setting out streets and acres and putting in branded pegs: Mr Pelichet, Mr Moline, Dent, Marsh, R. Rawlings, Keen, Tidd, Scoller

### **William Davison**

29 Jul to 05 Aug 1842 No.3 District

Extremely fine soil in general light but very rich in appearance a considerable part of No.12 is marshy with a small clump of trees of the Pine kind the other sections and the whole of the unallotted part of the valley are dry and nearly all level or nearly so. Saturday – not out in consequence of the heavy flood in the River. Tuesday – Pinnock joined us – being unwell on the preceding day – engaged branding &c. Wednesday – completing the lines &c for sections 11,12,13 – Pinnock again unable to work. Thursday – continuing the Traverse survey of the River to the head of the valley. Friday – Ching joined us. Time reported nine hours daily but we have been late half an hour at least nearly every day – on Friday stayed out still later to make up time for Saturday. Men cutting and measuring lines – cutting, branding and driving stakes &c: Gay, Marsh, Holdaway, Hughes, Dodson, Gillett, Pinnock, Ching.

01-08 Apr 1843 Upper Wai iti District (Report No.4)

We have now reached the head of the valley above the point of pine - ... with the small valley which affords the pass westward to the Wariou. I find the valley unexpectedly wider and decidedly better in quality than somewhat lower down. There may be perhaps 50 acres or more above our present position which appears to be well worth taking in after which the stream enters the gorge and subdivides rapidly. NB. I believe that I have omitted, in last week's report, to return Hammond's time. He came up with Mahar on Tuesday and worked the ordinary hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Ching returned on Monday morning and went to Nelson on Friday morning again on private business. Panter also left on Friday morning. Mahar was engaged in grinding &c on Saturday – down the valley – being extra time. We now find the cutting very difficult for the most part and I have been disappointed in not being able to get the whole ready for measurement this week. I cannot consequently return the quantity cut. Men ranging, cutting the Traverse lines of the Hill and River in the upper part of the Wai iti Valley: Richard Ching, Richard Panter, Charles Jennings, David Hammond, Mahar.

24-31 Jul 1843 Upper Wai iti District (Report No. 20)

Monday – shifted quarters higher up and continued the cutting – started new line. Tuesday and Wednesday – continued and completed the... Thursday and Friday... first men... me – the rest getting things to... and grinding the tools. Saturday – twopit chaining... day according to promise... Jennings and Scott to be... Sunday for... and Monday allowed us to the... [Note this report is torn and damaged.] Men employed: C. Jennings, J. S. McDonald, F. McDonald, E. Round, Ch. Gauckroger, Rowboltham.

### **Thomas Duffy**

20-27 Nov 1841 Maitai District (Report No.1)

Covered with wood. Men cutting wood and fern for Base and other lines: Messrs Griffith and Cumberland, Armstrong, Wells, Mark Newth, Robert Newth, William Biggs, Bradley, Aldaway, Straith (sick on Friday).

29 Nov – 03 Dec 1841 Maitai District (Report No.2)

Covered with wood and fern. Tuesday no work owing to Wet and river Maitai so swelled as to prevent persons crossing. Men employed by Mr Tucket. Men ranging lines and cutting wood and fern: Messrs Griffith and Cumberland, Armstrong, William Biggs, Bradley, Mark Newth, Robert Newth, Wells. The offsets and short lines measured on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

03-10 Dec 1841 Maitai and Town District (Report No.3)

Land covered with Fern. Monday – Robert Newth sick. Wednesday about 11½ rain commenced and continued through to Friday with the exception of a few hours. Men chaining lines: Messrs Griffiths and Cumberland. Men cutting fern and ranging lines: Robert Newth, Mark Newth, Armstrong, William Biggs, Bradley, Wells.

10-17 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.4)

Land covered with Fern. Measured 100 chains, remainder of week sick. Messrs Griffith & Cumberland, Armstrong, William Biggs.

17-24 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.5)

Land covered with wood and fern. Biggs and Newth employed remainder of... Barrack &c. W. Biggs cutting wood and fern. M. Newth ranging and cutting lines. Armstrong engaged building my house.

24-31 Dec 1841 Town District (Report No.6)

Land covered with wood and fern. Griffiths and Cumberland – ranging and chaining lines – 50 chains cut through wood, 46 chains cut through fern. Monday morning R. Newth & Windibank employed about 1½ hour by Mr Tucket, in the evening the men left off 1 hour earlier than usual to go for provisions. Tuesday M. Newth employed at Barracks in the morning. Wednesday Windibank absent about 2 hours and when present appeared in an unfit state to work. Thursday ½ day wet. Friday partly wet. No possible means of getting to work owing to the wood being flooded in many places. Mark Newth about 2 hours absent, the evening was employed at Barracks. Men cutting wood and fern for chain lines: M. Newth, W. Biggs, Windibank, R. Newth. Armstrong building my house.

01-07 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.7)

Land covered with wood and fern. Newth worked two hours extra this work to make up a half day stopped from him a few weeks since for absence. W. Biggs also worked his two hours up last week. Armstrong employed building my house. The remainder of Newth & Murray's time engaged by Mr Tuckett. Men cutting wood and fern, ranging lines &c: Messrs Griffith and Cumberland, Mark Newth, Murray.

07-14 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.8)

Land covered with wood and fern. Wells employed by W. Budge previous to coming to me. Gillet employed by Mr Stevens previous part of week. Dent employed by Mr Budge remainder of week. Men cutting wood and fern: Wells, Gillet. Armstrong employed by me. Dent chaining lines.

14-21 Jan 1842 Town District (Report No.8)

Covered with wood, fern and flax. Ground very difficult to cut through owing to the immense growth of fern and flax. Wells on the Doctors list Wednesday and Thursday. Bradley absent about 1½ hours attending to Wells and going to Doctor. Armstrong, Bradley & Gillett attended Straith's funeral on Wednesday. Bradley... with Mr Musgrave previous to coming to me. Men cutting wood and fern – Gillet, Wells. Armstrong employed by me. Bradley cutting fern.

21-28 Jan 1842 Town and Maitai Districts (Report No.10)

Mr Brown assisting me cutting streets to Wood from Tuesday up to this date. Lunn employed by Mr B. previous to coming to me. Smith employed by the Company previous to coming to me. Messrs Griffiths & Cumberland part of work Messrs Arnold and Torlesse. Men cutting lines for surveying & streets: Wells, Bradley, Gillett. Men cutting lines for streets: Lunn, Smith. Armstrong employed at my House.

28 Jan to 04 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.11)

Wells absent ½ day on Friday. Bradly absent ½ day on Tuesday. Lunn employed Wednesday to Friday by Mr Tuckett. Work not measured this week. Mr Brown assisting me during the week. Men cutting wood for streets: Messrs Griffiths & Cumberland, Arnold & Torlesse, Wells, Bradly, Gillett, Lunn, Smith. Armstrong employed at my house.

04-11 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.12)

Land covered with wood. Gillett & Bradly ½ Tuesday. Cutting fern owing to Fires by order of Captain Wakefield. Bradly absent on Wednesday and Thursday. Wells absent from Monday to Friday inclusive. Blanchett & Bryant sent to my party by order of Mr Tuckett on Saturday & Friday owing to want of axes & hooks. They are not of so much service as they ought to be. Biggs only joined my party on Friday morning. Flower only ½ day with me. Armstrong employed by me. Men cutting wood for streets: Messrs Griffiths & Cumberland, Bradley, Wells, Gillett, Smith, Blanchett, Bryant, William Biggs, Flower.

11-18 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.13)

Land covered with wood. Messrs Bradly, Gillett, Biggs & Smith not been at work for me since Monday. Wells not at work for me from 12 o'clock on Thursday. Armstrong employed by me. Men cutting wood for streets &c: Messrs Griffiths & Cumbeland, Bradley, Gillett, Wells, Biggs, Smith.

18-25 Feb 1842 Town District (Report No.14)

Wood and some fern. Bradley, Gillett & Smith ¼ day off work on Monday owing to wet. Smith 1/8 day absent on Tuesday owing to wet. Biggs commenced work with me on Tuesday. Armstrong at work on the pound on Monday & Tuesday. Men cutting wood and fern for streets: Messrs Griffiths & Cumberland, Bradley, Biggs, Gillett, Smith, Armstrong.

25 Feb to 04 Mar 1842 Town District (Report No.15)

Land covered with wood. Wednesday Armstrong employed with me laying out work for Mr Browne &c. Men employed cutting wood for streets: Messrs Griffiths & Cumberland, Armstrong, Biggs, Wells, Bradley, Gillett, Smith.

04-11 Mar 1842 Town District (Report No.16)

Gillett sick from Saturday to Friday. Men carrying and selecting stakes, digging Holes, staking, making... and handling axes and cutting wood &c: Messrs Griffiths & Cumberland, Armstrong, Biggs, Bradley, Gillett, Smith, Wells.

05-19 Aug 1842 N. E. District (Report No.8)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday wet. Blanchett absent last week without leave. Armstrong absent from Thursday... Wm. Griffiths not given work yet. Men employed: Arnold & Cumberland, Wells, Bradley, Bryant, Blanchett, Smith, Armstrong, Biggs, Boy Bradley, Biggs wife.

### **Thomas Musgrave**

5-12 Aug 1841 Waimea District (Report No.15)

Holdaway and Gillet joined me on Monday and Roach on Tuesday morning – the latter would have been with me on the previous day but was compelled to go to Mr Duffy's station to fetch his bed &c, it is therefore to be hoped that Monday will be allowed him. The days on which the men are marked short work, a great deal of rain fell. Was in Town myself for the three days it rained so much, on one of which I plotted by work but could not number the sections, as I had my plan with the Improvers. Men listed: M. Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, Newth, Feary, James Gibbs, J. Gibbs, Holdaway, Gillet, Roach.

20-27 Nov 1841 (Report No.1)

Land covered with fern, flax &c. Men ranging and cutting lines: Mr Wilkinson, George Macdonald, James Spital.

29 Nov to 03 Dec 1841 (Report No.2)

35 chains densely wooded – the remainder chiefly covered with fern. Tuesday being so wet a day the men in consequence were obliged to leave off work at 11am. At 2pm they again commenced cutting &c. Mr Wilkinson was obliged to remain at home on Thursday on account of a bad leg. Men Ranging and Cutting Lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, George Macdonald, James Spital, John Holdaway, William Strath.

04-10 Dec 1841 (Report No.3)

Land densely wooded in part the remainder covered with very thick fern. Throughout the week there has been a good deal of wet – on the Wednesday we were obliged to leave off work about 1pm and on Thursday and Friday it rained so much that the men did not go out at all with me. John Holdaway has not been able to attend to his work this week through sickness. On Thursday Spital and Strath were employed at the Barracks and Macdonald by Mr Stevens. On same day I commenced making fair copy of Chart of Nelson Haven. Men ranging and cutting lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, George Macdonald, James Spital, John Holdaway, William Strath.

10-17 Dec 1841 (Report No.4)

Covered with fern, rushes, flax and about 30 chains measured over boulders and stones. Absent myself on Saturday and Monday engaged in ... Buoys in Channel and making fair copy of Chart of Nelson Haven – part of Wednesday and the whole of Thursday was not able to work on account of sudden illness – Mr Wilkinson was not able to work during the week with the exception of Wednesday and Thursday, on account of a bad leg – George Macdonald has been ill since Tuesday and Holdaway throughout the week. Men Ranging, Cutting and Measuring lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, Mr Watts, James Spital, William Streath, Court, George Macdonald, John Holdaway.

17-24 Dec 1841 (Report No.5)

When on the coast stoney and marshy – otherwise covered with fern, Toi &c. Mr Wilkinson was absent up to Friday on account of a bad leg. G. Macdonald was absent on Saturday not having recovered from his illness. Streath was employed on Tuesday and Wednesday by Mr Stevens. Holdaway still remains too ill to work. Men cutting and measuring lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, Mr Molines, George Macdonald, James Spital, William Streath, John Holdaway.

25 Dec 1841 to 01 Jan 1842 (Report No.6)

Land covered with fern, rushes &c. Mr Wilkinson, J. Holdaway and J. Streath ill all the week. Mr Malines absent part of Tuesday and all Wednesday being employed by Mr Tucket the Chief Surveyor. W. Spital absent on Wednesday being employed by Mr Tucket. On Wednesday was late myself about 30 minutes. Thursday it rained all the morning did not commence work until 4pm. Friday – rained heavily until 8.30am – left off at 2pm all hand being wet through. Men ranging, cutting and measuring lines: Mr Boys, Mr Malines, George Macdonald, William Spital.



01-08 Jan 1842 (Report No.7)

The land I have been employed upon this week is covered with the most gigantic fern, and the most dense masses of rushes, flax, toi &c – that I have ever seen. It is also very swampy. Taking all together the men had very severe work of it. Mr Wilkinson was not well on Saturday. G. Macdonald and Spital absent without leave on Saturday & Streath through sickness – the other men were not appointed to me until this week. Spital hurt his leg on Monday and could not work in consequence either on that or the following day. M. Newth was absent 3 days through illness. Bradley was absent from me 6 hours on Monday – and he states as his reason that he could not find out where I was working. Cook was only appointed to me on Wednesday. Men ranging, cutting and measuring: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, Mr Watts, Mr Davison, Mr Malines, G. Macdonald, Spital, Streath, R. Newth, Bradley, Cook.

08-14 Jan 1842 (Report No.8)

Land covered with very high fern, flax, wood &c. Streath has absented himself during the week to make up (as he says) for the 5 days the Company stopped his wages when he was ill. Cook has been ill for the last four [days] and Macdonald and Bradley for the last three days. Spital was absent on Wednesday having been obliged to sit up with G. Macdonald all Tuesday night. Newth only came to me on Thursday. Men ranging, cutting and measuring lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, Spital, Streath, Bradley, Cook, R. Newth.

15-22 Jan 1842 (Report No.9)

Land covered with wood, flax, fern &c and in general very swampy. G. Macdonald absent on a plea of illness 3½ days. Spital and Cook absent 3 hours on Wednesday to attend the funeral of poor Streath who died on Monday night. M. Newth ill four days. Bradley with Mr Duffey after Monday, and ill on Saturday. Men ranging, cutting and measuring lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, Mr Torlesse, G. Macdonald, Spital, Streath, Cook, R. Newth, Bradley.

22-29 Jan 1842 (Report No.10)

Land covered by fern, flax, Toi &c. G. Macdonald was ill on Saturday and also on the afternoon of Friday. R. Newth ill on Saturday and Monday. Forster came to me on Tuesday and was obliged to leave on Thursday on plea of illness. Mowbray and Logree came to me on Wednesday. The three last named men came to me for two hours on Friday, having lost sight of Mr Stevens and consequently not knowing what to do. Men ranging and cutting lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, Spital, Cook, R. Newth, Forster, Mowbray, Logree, Bryant, Flowers, Windibank.

29 Jan to 05 Feb 1842 (Report No.11)

Land covered with fern, toi, &c. All the men absented themselves on Wednesday without leave. M. Newth has not come to work this week and Mowbray and Logree were missing on Tuesday and Wednesday. Forster says he has been ill till this day. Mowbray & Logree have taken 1½ hours and the rest of the men on the average 30 minutes to walk home in the evening and come in the morning to work. Men ranging and cutting lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, Macdonald, Spital, Cook, Mowbray, Logree, R. Newth, Forster.

05-11 Feb 1842 (Report No.12)

Land covered with fern, and in part with very thick toi &c. G. Macdonald absent without leave on Monday. M. Newth and Forster also absent without leave 1½ day each. Logree and Mowbray were added to Mr Steven's party on Wednesday and Windebank & Flowers to mine. Cook absent Tuesday. Not so much cutting has been done as might be expected for it is a long way to go for poles, of which many are wanted. Men ranging, cutting and measuring lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, Macdonald, Spital, M. Newth, Logree, Mowbray, Cook, Forster, Windebank, Flowers.

12-18 Feb 1842 (Report No.13)

Land in general covered with dense masses of flax, toi, &c. Holdaway came to me on Thursday and was employed during that day in the wood cutting pegs. The rest of the men absent for work according to the time specified. Men ranging, cutting and measuring lines: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, Spital, Cook, M. Newth, Forster, Holdaway.

18-25 Feb 1842 (Report No.14)

Land covered with very thick Toi, Flax, &c. On Monday at 1pm all hands left off work on account of the rain. On Tuesday no work was done from 8.30 to 10am on account of the rain. The times the first 6 men are marked absent, they were so without leave – Mr Budge's men were with me only one day. Some time has been spent this week in cutting pegs and poles. Cook & Holdaway took 3 hours on Thursday having worked the same time on Saturday over time. Men ranging, cutting and measuring: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, Spital, Cook, R. Newth, Forster, Holdaway, Dent, R. Rawlings, Marsh.

26 Feb to 05 Mar 1842 (Report No.15)

G. Macdonald was absent part of Thursday and all Friday on account of illness. Spital and Forster absent one day each without leave. The Toi valley is very dense, but still the men take too much time going and coming, and in consequence but little work has been done. Men ranging, cutting and measuring: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, B. Spital, Cook, Forster, Holdaway, R. Newth.

05-11 Mar 1842 (Report No.16)

Number of acres staked – from No.916 to No.1037 inclusive. G. Macdonald was ill on Monday. Spital absent on the same day without leave. Cook took four hours on Thursday. R. Newth also and the whole of Friday. Holdaway was ill Monday, Wednesday to Friday. Forster I have not seen all the week – he is but little use in the survey, so I should be glad to have another man in his place. Men ranging, cutting, measuring and staking: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, Spital, Cook, Holdaway, R. Newth, Forster.

24 Jun to 01 Jul 1842 District Waimea (Report No.9)

Land covered with high fern, flax &c. On Saturday it rained until about 9am. R. Newth at home from 12 of each day to cook &c. Much more work would have been done had it not been for the steepness of the hills, covered as they are also with very, very high fern – which renders the ranging and measuring of the lines a very tedious operation. Men ranging, cutting and measuring: Mr Wilkinson, Mr Boys, G. Macdonald, Spital, R. Newth, Feary, James Gibbs, Isaac Gibbs.

**Samuel Stephens** 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Surveyor

29 Nov to 03 Dec 1841 Town of Nelson (Report No.1)

Tuesday was too wet a day to proceed with the survey as regards ranging and measuring; consequently the labourers and improvers were engaged in removing the goods left by the boats on the beach to the Tents. The labourers left off for about 2 hours on account of the wet in the middle of the day, but they made good their time by working until nearly 6 p.m. Work completed: 200 chains ranged, measured and staked at 10 chains apart. Men engaged in ranging, recutting and measuring the base lines for the town Survey: Improvers – William Davison and Watts; Labourers – John Cawte and Windybank.

04-10 Dec 1841 Town of Nelson (Report No.2)

Mostly marshy and very wet with thick Toi Toi, Flax and Rushes – rendering the cutting a very tedious process. Saturday – Ranging lines North side of base. Monday – Ranging and cutting lines at right angle to Base and parallel thereto for Mr Browne's Survey also ranging and measuring line S.2 Tuesday – Ranging another line at right angle to Base on Mr Browne's Survey – surveyed line S.3 Wednesday – Ranging and cutting part of proof line S.4, measuring S.5 – men left work 2½ hours on account of heavy rain remainder of the day. Thursday – ranging and cutting parts of several lines – Cawte and Windybank worked 10½ hours. Friday – men did not go out to work all the day in consequence of very heavy rain and the marshes being impassable from the swelling of the freshes. Improvers: W. Davison and Watts. Labourers: John Cawte, Windybank, George McDonald.

11-17 Dec 1841 Town of Nelson (Report No.3)

Improver William Davison Mon-Tue directing the cuttings. Wed-Thu absent on leave to build own house. Watts Mon-Tue directing the cuttings. Wed-Fri absent on leave to build own house. John Cawte - ranging, cutting & measuring lines – Saturday assisting Mr Musgrave – 2hrs due to J. Cawte for working over hours on Thursday. Windybank – cutting lines and driving in stakes – Thursday & Friday getting goods up from shore. Men cutting lines – principally heavy cutting through very wet marsh covered with high flax, rushes and Toi Toi: Robert Newt, Wells, Bradley, George McDonald, Spittle.

18-24 Dec 1841 Town of Nelson (Report No.4)

Principally land covered with high fern and manuka. Mr Davison – mapping and assisting generally. Watts – Assisting generally in measuring &c. John Cawte – Ranging – cutting and measuring – remainder of Friday given for over hours this and previous week. On Tuesday these six men (Windybank, Robert Newt, Flowers, Dent, Straight, Gillett) cut about 110 chains through very high thick fern, manuka and bushes – being an average of upwards of 18 chains per man. The remainder cut by Flowers and Dent was mostly through a dense mass of very high fern and thick bushes. N.B. Flowers and Dent were occupied the remainder of Friday in levelling for house.

27-31 Dec 1841 Town of Nelson (Report No.5)

Monday engaged on Map – fixed Mr Budge's lines & part of Coast line. Tuesday – surveying line of High Water Mark and part of River. Wednesday – measuring line to shew boundary of Wood near the stream. Thursday and Friday engaged on map. The remainder of J. Cawte's time has been occupied on the building. Men: William Davison, C. F. Watts, John Cawte.

01-07 Jan 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.6)

Self – Saturday, Monday and Tuesday engaged on the Map of Nelson – laying down streets. J. Cawte engaged on the previous days on the Buildings. Messrs Watts and Davison occupied on their buildings the intermediate time by permission. Amount of cutting up to 24<sup>th</sup> December 1841 – 300 chains. Men ranging lines of streets for division of Town Acres – cutting same on both sides 3 feet broad mostly through fern and flax: William Davison, Watts, John Cawte, Job Flowers, John Windybank, Thomas Blanchard, John Gillett, Thomas Bryant.

08-14 Jan 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.7)

W. Davison and Watts – ranging and cutting lines for the streets of the Town. J. Cawte – Tuesday to Friday occupied for self by permission of Capt. W. Mr Windybank absent without leave on Saturday – Tuesday to Friday occupied for self by leave from Capt. W. Mr Gillett – part of Tuesday and Wednesday to Friday – engaged with Mr Duffey on Survey. Men who worked a full week: Job Flowers, Thomas Bryant, Thomas Blanchard.

15-21 Jan 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.8)

Country covered with flax, Toi Toi, bush, manuka &c of various growth – mostly rather high. Improvers – Mr Davison, Mr Watts – assisting generally in ranging streets and on Thursday and Friday on Survey for part of the site of town. Thomas Bryant – absent on Wednesday, reason alleged that he had been sitting up all night and assisting with Strath's funeral. Job Flowers – absent Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from illness. Thomas Blanchard – absent remaining four days from illness. Men employed in cutting lines of streets, excepting on Friday when Bryant assisted on Survey.

22-28 Jan 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.9)

Covered with fern, flax, manooka, and rushes of various height and thickness. Improvers W. Davison and C. Watts – assisting generally in ranging and measuring lines of streets and survey. W. Lodder – engaged in Branding Stakes and ranging. J. Windibank – entered again in Company's employ on Tuesday but was absent on that day without leave – engaged in cutting lines for survey. T. Bryant – engaged in cutting streets and lines for survey – complaint made by Mr Watts that he had used very abusive language to him on several occasions on being requested to... with his work – it does not however appear that he refused to work. Job Flowers – engaged in cutting lines for streets and survey. Self occupied in survey and ranging streets parallel to the Base.

29 Jan to 04 Feb 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.10)

Saturday all the men were cutting lines for the Survey. Monday – Lodder and Windibank were on the survey partially – the remaining time all the men have been occupied in carrying bricks. On Thursday Windybank in the afternoon was unwell and went to the Medical man to be bled and is stated to have been unable to work since. Men employed: Mr Watts, William Lodder, John Windibank, Thomas Bryant, Job Flowers, Thomas Blanchard.

05-11 Feb 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.11)

Thomas Bryant, Job Flowers, Thomas Blanchard and John Windybank – Saturday and Monday cutting lines of streets through the wood about 20 chains – on and from Wednesday Windybank and Flowers were transferred to Mr Musgrove's employ – and on and from Thursday Blanchard and Bryant were transferred to Mr Brown. The men as above with Henry Lunn, Mowbray and Logree have been employed excepting as specified in cutting stakes and lines and also in branding and driving in stakes for division of Town acres at the Port.

12-18 Feb 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.12)

Improver Mr Brunner - engaged setting in Stakes &c at Nelson Haven for Town Allotments – Acres staked out from No 1 to 10. Henry Lunn, James Logree and John Mowbray were absent nearly all the week – on Saturday they were requested to assist in manning the boat – on Monday and other days Mowbray was required to attend the sick – the others were absent on account of the arrival of their wives – but did not appear at the muster roll at the expiration of the 48 hours allowed them to get their wives and goods on shore.

19-25 Feb 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.13)

Men were occupied this week in cutting lines &c for setting out Town Acres, branding, carrying and driving stakes. The ground being very hilly and troublesome the progress is necessarily slow and apparently inadequate to the time employed but I do not consider it to arise from any want of exertion on the part of the men. H. Lunn having 2 or 3 days due to him for own time whilst employed by Mr Howard the half of Wednesday and whole of Friday has been given him by permission of Captain Wakefield. McMahon commenced working under my direction on Wednesday. Men employed: Improver Mr Brunner; Labourers – McMahon, Henry Lunn, Joseph Logree, David White.

26 Feb to 04 Mar 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.14)

Improver – Mr Brunner – Ranging, measuring, carrying and driving stakes for Town Acres. Labourers: Henry Lunn – Saturday given for over time due to him – Monday attending on Mr Bell and Mr Howard; McMahon – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday was absent – reason alleged that he had injured his knee – Friday absent – no reason assigned; Mark Newth – partially occupied on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in carrying stakes... Other men: Joseph Logree and David White.

05-11 Mar 1842 Town of Nelson (Report No.15)

Completing the staking of Acres given last week also Nos 40 to 50 partially. Improver Mr Brunner – engaged cutting and ranging lines of road and sections – also in driving stakes. Labourers: Joseph Logree – Illness assigned as the cause of absence on Wednesday and Thursday; David White – Stated he had time, ½ a day, due to him and Saturday morning was given him as most convenient; Henry Lunn – also had been working extra hours and Saturday was given him on that account – the other days he states he was required to assist at the Port; McMahon – was an hour behind his time on... and left his work at 12 without leave and did not return – on Friday he was absent altogether.

## Tuckett

July 1842 Men's absent time

Number of days in each week occupied in building houses...

Labourer	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
B. MacMahon				5	6	
J. Patten		6	6	6	3	
J. Duncan		6	6	6	3	
J. Logree		6	6	6	6	
J. Graham		6	6	6	6	
W. Bryden		2				
D. White		6	6	6		
H. Lunn		6	6	6	3	
J. Cooke		6	3	6	6	
J. Flowers		6	6	6	4	
J. Windibank		6	6	6	4	
W. Dent		6	3	6	2	
Wilson			3	6	2	