

Taranaki Province Correspondence

Letters from Private Persons 06 January to 18 December 1860
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1	T. W. Shute, New Plymouth	24 Apr 1860
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Re Military duty and abating nuisances

2	Memorial to the Superintendent of Taranaki	02 Jan 1860
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That Paul Such?, an industrious and honest tradesman, resident in the settlement from its foundation, is now undergoing the sentence of two months imprisonment with hard labour for an offence not clearly proved against him and of which we believe him to be innocent...

3	Bain, Grahame & Co., Auckland re 60 coils Fusee	06 Jan 1860
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4	William Read Chadwick, Parininihi	25 Mar 1860
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I have tried to get natives several times to go to Town but they are afraid of William King's men so now I am in a fix. I have no money nor provisions excepting potatoes and I find I am not able to stand such work on such food. I have sent a native down by the Boat as the officer in command has kindly permitted him to go to Town. He will take charge of the stores in the Boat if you would be kind enough as to send about 50lbs of Powder and 10 coils of fusee and £12 in cash. I will guarantee to finish this work immediately but without Powder it will cost more in pay for the men and provisions than what the powder &c & extra provisions to the money I have stated would come to. I am perfectly satisfied that I have not drawn more money than what is due at least within £50 and so I am sure you would say so were you to see the work. I don't think you will say I am unreasonable it is not my wish to be so I am sure for it is my greatest wish to finish the job in a satisfactory manner to the Government and with credit to myself. I am sure I have stuck to it as well as anyone could do under the same circumstances if the Government think at the present time that it is more than is due to me I am willing to work it out for Government only let me finish this job and get out of this place _ worse than transportation all my provisions I have had of the natives on trust till the job is done and now they want their money. The next thing I expect them to do will be to take all my tools and bedding to satisfy their demands. I have had credit of them now nearly two months and that for four men soon amounts up. I have traded a good deal in tobacco for potatoes but the pigs were too expensive for to trade for thanks to Mr Hood's kindness I should not have been able to trade or even have anything at all. I hope your Honour will overlook all former mistakes and grant me my petition if you would condescend Weretou the native one of Nicodemus' men will take charge of the goods in the boat with the Officer to look over him. I will come immediately either at the _ or at the White Cliffs wherever you may deem it necessary for me to come to meet the boat the Officer can take charge of the money and powder and all things in the boat the native will look after the other things such as stores and provisions. I think you will consider this over and act according to your good judgment and help me in this affair to the best of your ability.

N.B. Let the Native have a letter from you to me and I will be ready to receive the boat wherever it may land.

5	17 Jan 1860	
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Anne Hood by her Attorney J. Stephenson Smith, J. W. Marshall, George Y. Lethbridge, James Yems and F. Newton Watt – owners collectively of Sections 650, 651, 651a, 998, 999, 1715 – seek exchange of sections – Plan enclosed – request made as we about immediately to erect extensive buildings on the land adjoining the Huatoki River.

6	William Read Chadwick – requesting provisions &c	24 Feb 1860
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7	Unsigned [William Read Chadwick]	No date
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8 Memorial New Plymouth 30 Nov 1859

From the owners or occupiers of land between the Mangorei and Waiwakaiho Rivers – asking that the land be constituted a separate district – signed by James Rossiter; William Allin; William Batten Snr; Alfred Marsh; William Poynter; John Marsh; Esau Marsh; Samuel Matthews; William Thackson?; William Batten Jnr; Henry Smith; James Batten

9 William King, New Plymouth 20 Feb 1860

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 18th instant requesting me in conjunction with Messrs Elliott and Barton to take the necessary steps for organizing the settlers in our neighbourhood and appointing a place of rendezvous in case of emergency. Having given the subject our best consideration we are of opinion that it would be desirable and most convenient for the settlers in the district to have more than one place of rendezvous and that the houses occupied by Messrs P. Elliot and William King are the best situations for that purpose and for erecting stockades. Both these spots are nearly on the line dividing the fern and forest country; both include a dwelling house and well and they would both be good points for the settlers to meet at before finally retiring on the barracks should such an unfortunate and unexpected event occur. Whilst should a line of posts be established taking the barracks as the centre we imagine these situations would both be made of service, and they are both within sight of the barracks. Mr Elliot's house has also the advantage of being on the most elevated ground within some distance of it and has no cover near. The house occupied by Mr King is on high land though not on a hill but is not commanded by any other spot and appears at first sight objectionable on account of being so near the forest but the free communication with the town and the convenience of house room and water offered by it seem to us to compensate for this disadvantage. In case these dispositions receive the approval of the officer commanding the troops we will on receipt of your communication to such effect make the best arrangements in our power to proceed with the erection of stockades round the places we have mentioned. With respect to the offer made us of muskets and ammunition we should be glad to receive such number as can be spared, many of the settlers being wholly unarmed.

10 J. Smith & Co., Wellington 14 Mar 1860

Sir, We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date 1st instant addressed to our Mr Smith. In reply, we respectfully beg to intimate that your letter has been submitted to Captain Hughes, the master of the *Viscount Sandon* who refuses the payment of the amount claimed by the Provincial Government £5 3d for Mr Barnes' expenses incurred during his passage to your port, without even an account forwarded shewing particulars. Captain Hughes asserts, that, by sending him on by a steamer to suit Mr Barnes' convenience, at a higher rate, than is usually charged by sailing vessels, it was distinctly understood that he had fulfilled his agreement.

11 William Read Chadwick, Parininihi 17 Mar 1860

– includes sketch that denotes the tunnel of the end towards the Beach – 250 feet are completed with the exception of 28 feet of bottom. At the upper end towards the Bush 90 feet are complete excepting the bottom in which we have not been able to work on account of a great run of water so that according to the measurement of 5½ chains which Mr James Richmond gave me...

12 Union Bank of Australia - £300 13s 9d has been duly passed to your credit 26 Mar 1860

13 Fred Renner, New Plymouth 04 Apr 1860

Memorandum of Agreement – that Frederick Renner, Master of the steamship *Wonga Wonga* agrees to take a reasonable number of passengers and luggage from this Port to Nelson direct and that Thomas King and James Richmond on the part of the Provincial Government agree to pay to the said Frederick Renner the sum of £150 in consideration of such services being duly performed.

14 Return of Town runs let by Auction on 31 Dec 1859 for the Quarter commencing 01 Jan and ending 31 Mar 1860 - No.1 J. T. Shaw £15; No.2 T. Gledhill £24 5s; No.3 A. Colson £13 10s; No.4 E. L. Humphries £19

15 William Read Chadwick 06 Apr 1860

Mentions Patrick Marks – request for money to pay for food

16 William Read Chadwick No date

Mentions Patrick Marks and McEchran

17 William Devenish, Mangorei, New Plymouth 04 Jan 1860

Owner and occupier of Sections 774 and 775 – requesting compensation for land lost due to surveying error and further land lost due to a road put through 775

18 Henry Govett, President, Temperance Alliance 31 Jan 1860

Memorial regarding gaming in Public Houses – seeking a Bill to prohibit or introduce penalties

19 Richard Kingdon, New Plymouth remuneration 04 Apr 1860

Since sending in my letter to you I have been considering that I could have been beneficially employed in my profession by visiting, giving advice and medicines to those families who might be affected by illness, belonging to the Volunteers and militia, many of whom are reduced to that state that they cannot pay for medical aid – nothing is more ungenial to my habits and nature than to be unoccupied – hitherto since I came into the Town I have been acting gratuitously in several cases. I do not seek for such compensation as one in my professional status might be entitled to, for a more moderate remuneration would content me. If you could procure such an appointment for me I should thank you and would take pleasure in administering relief to those who need assistance.

20 William Read Chadwick, Parininihi or Puckaroa 21 Apr 1860

Re lack of resources for tunnel

21 Bain, Graham & Co., Auckland 19 Apr 1860

Invoice for items shipped per *Airedale* £42 15s 11d

22 Thomas Gilbert, Nelson 19 May 1860

Sir, I have no available property here, no income, no employment. These things will not come at my bidding, or constant seeking. I have had my wife and three of my children dangerously ill, one child still in a very precarious state. I am living four miles out of the town of Nelson, in a home which a kind man has let me have rent free, for which I feel bound occasionally to help him on his farm. My lads obtain but a mere trifle (in all 8s) per week more than their board and lodging – and it is uncertain how long even this may last. My eldest daughter (16) is required at home as nurse. Such being the case I trust you will give instructions to Mr Gray to afford me and mine some more relief than the present scale of rations allow (12 6d per week). Even under the shortened allowance my wife and remaining children would be entitled to 19s 2d but for the fact of my being here. Pray let my name be struck off, if it must be so, but do not let my wife and children suffer on my account although I see no present prospect of getting employment in any way, not even on the roads.

23 Bain, Graham & Co., Auckland 26 May 1860

Re two coils of rope sent via *Airedale*

24 F. M. Gledhill, New Plymouth 31 May 1860

Sir, I beg to apply to you to know whether you have placed Samuel Crann and family in the House belonging to Mr T. Tuffin near Fort Niger. Your replying to this will much oblige.

25 F. M. Gledhill, New Plymouth 03 May 1860

Sir, I have the honor to apply for (in the event of my requiring) the aid and assistance of the Police Force under your direction in seizing and securing the property of the Rev Jacob Samuel D.D. L.L.D. at the residence of Mr Edward Cudlipp or elsewhere and I shall feel obliged to let me know whether you will be pleased to grant such aid and assistance or not.

26 Memorial 09 Mar 1859

We the undersigned request that your Honour will be pleased to call a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of this Province for the purpose of considering the best means of obtaining a further supply of land

27 Bain, Graham & Co., Auckland – copy of letter in [23] above 26 Mar 1860

28 F. M. Gledhill and James Yems, New Plymouth 23 Jun 1860

Sir, We the undersigned Auctioneers of this place are desirous to draw your Honor's attention to the following facts. That the license taken out last March caused a suspension of our business up to the present time and consequently nearly one fourth of a year's License is paid for without yielding any returns. Taking these statements into consideration we trust your Honor will see the reasonableness of remitting a portion of the cost of the Licenses for which we have paid.

29 The respectful Memorial of John Letchfield Newman 15 Jun 1860

Sheweth that your Memorialist was fined five pounds in the Resident Magistrate's Court on the 22nd May last for an assault arising out of aggravating language. That your Memorialist considers and believes that it is also the general opinion that the nature of the case considered, the fine is excessive. Your Memorialist therefore respectfully prays that your Honour will take his case into consideration with the view of exercising the power reposed in you of remitting the said fine in whole or part, as to your Honor shall seem _.

30 George St. George 05 Jul 1860

Sir, As your Honor was making enquiries last evening respecting some sections for Cottages I beg leave to offer you several viz, 3½ in Courtenay Street, the half is on which my house stands, 2 on the hill the back of the Natives home and one the back of Scott's house – one under Fort Niger near Nelson's – one near Blind Grey's (Fill Street) – one in Powderham Street near the Oxenham's house – two in Leardett Street. Should you think any of these would answer your purpose I shall be most happy to come to your terms.

31 Thomas Wood, New Plymouth 12 Jul 1860

Sir, I write to you to inform you of the peculiar circumstances under which I am placed when the war first commenced in this settlement. I offered an _ in March last to a country family in my house – this family becoming disagreeable. In May last I gave them one month's notice to quit. When the notice expired they took no notice of it whatever and are now living in my house in defiance of me. To the 21st June they paid me 5s per week – they are now paying nothing. I pay £50 per annum for the premises – they occupy one half. I am losing £1 every week by them. What am I to do – they have nine children. I am sorry to trouble you but I think they ought to be compelled to go to Nelson or be otherwise provided for.

32 Philip Moon, Nelson 20 Jul 1860

May it please your Honour to accept the Petition of your humble Petitioner Philip Moon and family. As your Honour has prohibited the landing of families from Nelson I have taken the liberty of writing you to inform you that I am not able to get any employment to assist in supporting my family in Nelson and the little rent I have from New Plymouth as the house wants shingling painting and not finished on the inside the rent I can take from it can be but very Little as the tenants can't live in it unless those repairs be done. And I hope your Honour will not be hard as I see both tradesmen and labourers here who have had as good or better chance of getting something to keep them in Old age as I have, who are kept here and their families clothed and shod at the expence of Government. And your humble Petitioner having four children and the mother sick and afraid to have a doctor as he can't afford to pay the expense. And if your Honour cannot afford the same to me as to others who left Taranaki by the Request of The Doctor of the Militia as I had taken cold when on duty and I have suffered ever since on the lungs. I hope your Honour as I am getting old and my wife likewise hope you will not oblige me to sell or mortgage the little property I have if any in New Plymouth. Please to allow me and my family to come back. If your Honour will oblige by letting your Humble Petitioner know if you allow any of your Petitioner's request.

33 George St. George 30 Jul 1860

Sir, I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of yours of 28th instant requesting the refusal of the small building in which J. French is now residing upon his departure from this Settlement. I respectfully by leave to say that both the Engineer and Commissariat department had the refusal prior to your application, and also D. Jordan at... rental, upon consideration of adding more building to it. The former parties promised to give me an answer on Saturday which they did not, consequently the latter (D. Jordan) took it.

34 T. E. Rawson, Surgeon Taranaki Militia 06 Aug 1860

Sir, I beg to state that Mrs Robert Thompson was confined but a few days ago – about the 3rd instant and that it would not be safe for her to go to Nelson by the *Airedale* this week. Mrs William Read was also confined last Friday, and could not be safely removed to Nelson by the next ship.

35 T. E. Rawson, Surgeon Taranaki Militia 03 Aug 1860

Sir, I beg to certify that I have this morning visited Charles Simpson's family, and that two of his children are too ill to bear the voyage to Nelson at present. I have also seen Manual Simpson's wife and can certify that she is not fit for the voyage by the next vessel. I visited _ Rossiter's family last night – his wife is ill and confined to bed and unfit to be removed at present.

36 T. E. Rawson, Surgeon Taranaki Militia 02 Aug 1860

Sir, I beg to certify that I have visited Thomas Harrison's family and that his wife and two of his children are at present unable to bear the voyage to Nelson from ill health.

37 B. W. Mountford, Christchurch 16 Aug 1860

Sir, The enclosed letter is for a Mr Harrison who I heard some time since was settled at New Plymouth. I have no means of ascertaining if he is still in your province. The letter is to apprise him that if his mother and sister think fit to come to Canterbury I can for the present give them house room. Would you have the goodness if he or his family are in New Plymouth to forward to him the enclosed letter of if they have left to return the letter to me by the first post as the assistance can then be applied elsewhere, and the return of the letter will be an assurance that Harrison is no longer in the province. I hope you will excuse the trouble in consideration of the cause of my application.

38 William King, Captain No.1 Company Taranaki Militia 25 Jun 1860

The boatsmen who received Militia Pay in No.1 Company for the month of May are: William Ballantyne £1 1s; Henry Faulk £1 1s; Edward Lye £1 1s; Hector Mathieson £1 1s

39 Henry Shuttleworth, Taranaki 31 Aug 1860

Sir, With reference to our conversation of today. I beg leave to state that after an application to Colonel Carey, D.A.G., I was informed that it is to yourself I am to seek for aid relative to the disposal of my furniture and other property on the compulsory embarkation of my wife and family from this Province. You will therefore much oblige me should you be pleased to advise me as to its disposal in this emergency.

40 Edmund Lee, Auckland 24 Sep 1860

Sir, I have received a letter from my Uncle Dr Lee dated Honolulu April 28th 1860 wherein enquiries are made on behalf of Mr Johnson Wilkinson, who formerly resided in Auckland, whether his Brother Thomas Anderson Wilkinson or any of his family are living in the Province of Taranaki. Thomas Anderson Wilkinson was it is believed engaged in farming. His brother has written to him, but has received no answer, and is anxious to know what he is doing if alive, and if dead whether he has left any family, and if so how they are situated. Mr Johnson Wilkinson is in good circumstances and would be glad to know whether he can render any assistance to his Brother or his family. I am sorry that I cannot afford to Your Honour more full information, whereby Wilkinson may be identified. I trust however that this will be sufficient. If Your Honour will by notification in the Gazette or by any other method which may seem advisable, endeavour to discover the information above requested and forward the results to me I will communicate with the Brother Johnson Wilkinson. By obtaining such information Your Honour will relieve the Brother from much anxiety and oblige.

41 Thomas Sole, New Plymouth 19 Nov 1860

Sir, Enclosed I beg to hand account of fencing taken from my land at the Henui and used in the fortification of Hammerton's House, which I trust will be forwarded to the proper authorities for liquidation.

42 John Furness, Preston, Lancashire 15 Feb 1860

Sir, As one of the executors of the late Mr Joseph Sutcliffe, wine and spirit merchant, Halifax, I received two notices from you about the imposition of a rate on unoccupied lands. One of these notices refers to Town Sections 89, 221 & 752, the other refers to Town Sections 112, 222 & 235 (query 255) and is addressed to Mr William Sutcliffe who died, his brother Joseph inheriting the above property. Mr John Lewthwaite, formerly of New Plymouth, and now Hotel Keeper at Nelson, is the appointed agent for the above, and all other of the late Mr Joseph Sutcliffe's lands in the district of New Plymouth, and I expect has attended to the paying of the rate due. I wrote him to pay it on 10 Aug last; however as I have not received the confirmation of his having paid the rate and as I promise the rate shall be paid, I beg, that if through any contingency such has not been paid, you will consider the injustice this estate would incur by the forfeiture of lands. I again write to Mr Lewthwaite by this mail, on this subject, and if the rate is not paid, perhaps you would be so kind as to apply by letter to Mr Lewthwaite as you might be better acquainted with his address.

43 J. Wilson? Health Officer, New Plymouth 15 Sep 1860

Sir, I beg to acquaint your Honour that Sergeant Porter of the Royal Engineers reported to me last night that the Town Slaughterhouse to the southwest of the Barracks is in a very offensive state. I have now to report to your Honour that according to this intimation I walked over to the said Slaughter House within the last hour, and have now to lay before you that in the course of all my experience and observation of abattoirs, I have never witnessed such disgraceful and culpable neglect in any community or in any country. As a measure of health I would recommend to your Honour that not a day be lost in causing all the accumulated pestiferous nuisance to be removed from the vicinity of the town and deeply buried; that, previously, that which is in a putrid state – which, indeed, forms the mass, be sprinkled over liberally with lime or charcoal dust, as the various layers are removed.

44 Philip Trescawthick Priske No date

Gentlemen, Some time ago I called on the Superintendent to know if my family were likely to be sent to Nelson which he did not think likely, but assured me if it was the case he would in every respect be comfortably provided for ten pence a week and five pence each for two of the children and four pence for the other, which is not sufficient to get necessary which the Agent at Moteweka allows but he said it was not in his power to grant any more. My wife states she have to give him sixpence to eight per pound for meat and all groceries considerably dearer than in New Plymouth. I would therefore ask the question if I am obliged to assist in their support where ought my family to be in Nelson or New Plymouth where they would be of some service to me. I wants also to state my disapproval of so many families crowded into so small a compass which I think must be injurious to health peace and morals.

45 William Devenish, Mangori, New Plymouth 04 Jan 1860

Sir, I am desirous to reselect Town Section No.1195 within the proposed limits of the new Town of New Plymouth.

46 J. H. Holford, Onehunga 08 Apr 1860

Please deliver the same quantity of Timber as you shipped per *Emma* to... for the New Plymouth Government and I will remit the money...

47 James McEwen 15 Sep 1860

Sir, Having been one of the boat's crew and there being a difference of opinion concerning the payment of my wages, Mr Watson referred me to you. I was at work up to the 15th of last month when I severely strained by back in the boats. I mentioned the circumstances to Mr Watson and requested he would allow me to go in the Militia a short time until I was able to work again. He ascended and handed me over for 14 days at the expiration of the 5th day he recalled me to duty in the boats. I stated I was as yet unable to do heavy work, he immediately said I was gammoning him, and he would fine me £1 per day as long as I was absent. I then called upon the Doctor who had previously attended me and procured a certificate that I was unable to do heavy duty, but that I was able to do light work. Upon presenting the certificate Mr Watson put me to work bailing a leaky boat, and at night publicly told me that I was acting the old soldier in presence of all hands, and that if I wished to leave I might. After that insult I immediately said I would. The dispute in question is this, he only wishes to pay me up to the time I hurt myself and I request payment to the time he dismissed me – the difference in amount being £2, to which I feel myself, legally entitled.

48 George Gilchrist, Auckland 04 Dec 1860

Sir, We beg to acknowledge receipt of Cheque on Union Bank of Australia, Auckland for £56 12s 4d in full for payment of Timber as per account... which we return you our most sincere thanks. We regret exceedingly that the quality of timber and sawing did not turn out to your expectations, but we trust the liberal allowances we made for splits &c were fully compensate for defects and should you favour us with any further orders we will do our utmost to execute them to your entire satisfaction.

49 Newland? New Plymouth 04 Nov 1860

Sir, I am induced through the small income I receive from Militia £2 2s 6d per month, to call the attention of the Provincial Government to assist me in discharging a portion of the high rent I am subjected to in consequence of the exorbitant demands of those who happen to have houses to let. It is well known the Rebels have burnt and destroyed everything I had – I trust you will look favourably on this my request.

50 Charles Brown, New Plymouth 03 Dec 1860

Sir, As I understood that any former proposition for adding the wings to the Iron House on the beach and putting a roof on the whole, does not meet the approval of the Government, I have the honour to submit the following proposition – To build a wing on each side of the present building, the same length, and fifteen or sixteen feet wide, and to put a roof over the whole of galvanized Iron Tiles, the materials and labor to be of good quality for the sum of £360. Or, in consideration of the above, a lease to be granted me for three years, rent free, for the two wings, and then removed on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, with the option to the Provincial Government of taking the whole building for a payment of £300, after the termination of the three years lease.

51 Cruickshank, Smart, & Co., Auckland 24 Nov 1860

Sir, In accordance with instructions contained in your favor of the 21st instant we have shipped per *Will Watch* sixty sheets Galvanised Iron, invoice and chief officers receipt herewith which we trust will meet with your approval. Enclosed is a note dated 23 Nov 1862 re 60 sheets of Galvanised Iron and one parcel of nails – Thomas Blake, Chief Officer. Also enclosed is the invoice dated 24 Nov 1862 for 60 sheets flat galvanized iron – 6x2 - £19 and cartage to Onehunga and Boatage of 9s 6d.

52 Thomas Wing, Manukau Heads 05 Oct 1860

Dear Sir, Enclosed is Captain Holford's order and note respecting the Timber shipped on board the *Emma* under his command. The quantity shipped was 196 pieces containing... The remainder of the same order is I believe now ready at the Mill for shipment and Captain Hunt of the cutter *Will Watch* has promised to take the same to Taranaki next trip. He is now loaded and waiting... for that place.

53 J. H. Holford, Onehunga to Captain T. Wing 01 Sep 1860

Sir, I beg to inform you that the Timber shipped by you for New Plymouth per *Emma* was rafted by me and that the rafts broke adrift and were picked up at ... Muddy Creek that the timber was mixed with my own and was sold with the wreck. That the same quantity can be obtained from Mr Roe at my expence trusting to the Government to meet me thereafter.

54 Thomas William Shute, New Plymouth 14 May 1860

Sir, A complaint has been made to me this morning to the effect that the carcass of a dead bullock has been left near the Town Pound or between that and the Pah since Friday last, and is likely to prove very injurious to the people near but having been ill and confined under the care of Dr Brown I am unable to do any other than to report the same to you and respectfully ask you to give orders respecting the same.

55 T. W. Shute, New Plymouth 14 May 1860

Report. The following nuisances are now to be seen and have been for some time past existing and need measures taken to cause their removal.

1st A collection of Stable Dung and filthy drain in James Street near Honeyfields back stores

2nd Two large heaps of manure on Mr Lethbridges premises, a quantity of skins and other filthy matter
On Monday last there was a large heap of manure placed opposite Mr Ryan's shop in Powderham Street belonging to H. Gilbert.

56 Huia Mill

30 Jul 1860

Received from Messrs Roe & Co. an account for timber signed by John H. Holford, Master, Brig *Emma*

Includes letter from George Gilchrist, Rue & Co., Auckland dated 10 Nov 1860 – Sir, We herewith enclose you invoice and lists of Timber shipped for your Government on board the brigs *Emma* and *Will Watch* which we trust will prove satisfactory.

57 Charles Autridge, Wanganui

13 Nov 1860

Sir, I received yours of the 6th instant with the list of Mr Cutfield's horses. I have to inform you that on my arrival, I received information that a Black horse supposed to be the property of Mr Greenwood was running on a farm near Kai Iwi, but on inquiry found that the natives had taken him back to Waimate the day after my arrival, no other cattle or horses have been brought up as yet. I have hired a native horse and generally ride out every day, should anything be brought in shall be sure to hear of it. Every one in Wanganui was glad to hear of the result of the last fight, all the flags were hoisted, and almost all the soldiers got drunk. We have just heard that from 40 to 60 Waikatos have arrived at a Pa about two miles up the river there is to be a great meeting there today, they wish the Wanganui natives to join them and with Wi Tako commence fighting in Wanganui for the purpose of drawing some of the soldiers away from you also for plunder.

58 Cruickshank, Smart, & Co., Auckland

18 Dec 1860

Sir, Herewith we enclose receipt as directed by the Provincial Treasurer for the sum of £19 19s 6d which we have placed to your credit with thanks. Further favors will have our best attention.
