

Taranaki War Compensation Files – Miscellaneous Papers

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[1] Public meeting to form a Relief Committee 04 May 1861

[1a] Memorial to Taranaki Superintendent

Sir, We the undersigned, request your Honour (at the earliest opportunity to enable a Committee to act before the departure of the next mail for England) to call a meeting of the Settlers of this Province suffering from the present War; to consider the necessity of forming a Committee to correspond with the Committee of the New Zealand Relief Fund in England; in accordance with their Resolution, under date of January 15, 1861. Signed: William Devenish, William Watson, William McKechney, J. P. Smart, Albert Wills, James Thomas Shaw, H. J. Gu..., J. S. Smith, James Hirst, George Rutt Burton, Richard Rowe, William Tatton, James Laird, James Thomas Upjohn, W. K. Wakefield, C. Hamblyn, A. Shuttleworth, Charles Brown, H. A. Atkinson, Mr Samuel Fe..., W. M. Burton, H. H. Hulke, William Northcroft, John Shaw, William Wells, George Patterson, W. B. Wahler, F. M. Gledhill, Thomas Allen of Omata, Richard Chilman, B. Drayton

[1b] Resolution 1: That this meeting is of opinion that it is desirable to form a Committee to correspond with the Committee of the New Zealand Relief Fund in England or elsewhere. Proposed F. U. Gledhill, seconded W. Bayley

[1c] Resolution 2: That the Committee consist of 13 persons and seven to form a quorum. Proposed Mr Upjohn, seconded W. Tatton

[1d] Committee elected at a public meeting 04 May 1861 – C. Brown, J. C. Richmond, H. H. Hulke, F. U. Gledhill, H. Atkinson, R. Chilman, J. Flight, P. Elliott, Good, Upjohn, W. Weston, W. Bayley

[2] Letters dated 1863

[2a] To Mrs Norris? 20 Aug 1863 – Madam, Referring to your letter addressed through Mr Hulke to the Board appointed by the Provincial Council to administer Charitable Aid I am instructed to inform you that after careful deliberation and with every wish to assist you in obtaining a passage to England they find it impossible to do so. I am also to say that the aid previously allowed you has not been disallowed entirely; but has been reduced to 10s per week at which rate it will continue for the present.

[2b] Public Relief Office, 15 Sep 1863 – Sir, In reply to your letter covering me from the Hon. The Colonial Secretary letter... I am directed by the Board to state for the information of the Government that McKoy was informed by the Board that being in the Militia, an able bodied man and a good workman, he did not come within the term of the Resolution passed by the provincial Council for the guidance of the Board, 01 Aug 1863. Also that the Board were aware that he, McKoy, either is or may be in constant employ being a good workman and much sought after, that his Captain knowing that he had a very large family had given orders that he should be excused from duty when practicable, that he has not done more on the average than one piquet a week and that his weekly income, including the..., is not less than three pound.

[3] W. Northcroft to Mrs Shackson 11 Jul 1865

Madam, I am required by the Board of Relief to inform you that they cannot increase the allowance of 3s 6d per week at present allowed to your family, it is supposed that necessity for a Board of relief will soon cease the Proclamation of Martial Law will be revoked from first of August next and from that date persons will have to rely on their own exertions or will be dependent on their own relations as provided by the Destitute Person Ordinance passed by the Legislative Assembly.

[4] Weekly expenses of Tom Newsham's family

Husband & Wife and eight children, respective ages – 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 4, 2 and 4 weeks – Listing of various items – Bread 42lbs, Flour, Meat, Sugar, Tea, Milk, Butter, Potatoes, Salt Vinegar Pepper &c, Soap soda &c, Firewood – total £2 19s. Inspection of House, Rent Clothing, Boots &c

[5] Orders made by the Board of Relief

[5a] 06 Jan 1864 – Hopkinson, Thomas Langman, Loveridge, Mrs Norris, James Oliver, R. Scandlyn, Shore, Mrs Sheet, Shackson to be allowed 6s per day on account of invalid daughter but to pay rent, Mrs Wolff disallowed

[5b] 06 Apr 1864 – J. James wife to be allowed 10s per week for a nurse, James Oliver allowance to be reduced one half to 7s per week, Michael Murphy, Mr Upjohn; James Oliver to be allowed the cost of passage to Wanganui and back on the certificate of the medical men £5; Mrs Francis

[5c] 04 May 1864 – Mrs Baker, Mrs Groves, Mrs Hillier, Mrs Inch, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Loveridge, Mr & Mrs Lye, Mrs Pattimore; Mr Julian to be 14s instead of 10s 6d commencing 25 Apr; McKoy £1 per week until further notice; Mr Gollop to have a gratuity of 2s 8d on account of sickness

[5d] 01 Jul 1864 – F. Harrison, Hunt, Mrs Ed. Marshall, widow; Mrs Loveridge, Mrs Gollop; McKoy to be discontinued; Mrs Street to be 14s instead of 10s

[5e] 06 Jul 1864 – Mrs Groves to be discontinued; Thomas Harrison to be discontinued; Woolf to be allowed 10s per week for two months; Charles Jones to be allowed £4 half passage to Otago

[5f] 03 Aug 1864 – Mrs Coad; Mrs Sarten; Mrs Baker to be discontinued; James Oliver to be discontinued; Mrs Scandlyn, widow; Charles Purnell?

[5g] 07 Sep 1864 – Kitty Radford; Mr O'Neil 10s per week for three children

[5h] 05 Oct 1864 – Matthew Jones and R. B. Lang to have timber advanced according to resolution of Council 02 Aug 1864 provided the Provincial Attorney is satisfied with the security offered; Mrs Giles, Robert Hunt, Crann & wife, Mrs Helier, Mrs Inch, Mrs James, Mrs Jordan, Mr Juy, Mrs Loveridge, Mr Lye & wife, Mrs Pattimore, Mr Purnell, Mrs Sarten enquiry to be made; F. Neale enquiry to be made; Hurleston; Mrs Richardson, widow of late Sergeant Richardson 7s 6d per week

[5i] 02 Nov 1864 – H. Wright 7s 6d instead of 5s; Mrs Sarten pay to cease from date of last payment; Mrs Giles pay to cease, the board will allow her a passage; Mrs James to be allowed at present the same medical comforts as she received from the hospital; Mrs Richardson allowed 10s instead of 7s 6d; J. Parnell allowed 15s instead of 20s; J. S. Woolf to be allowed 13s weekly; Robert Hunt to be allowed 5s instead of 7s; Richard? Old 25s per week
Casualties: Brown, Military settler allowed subsistence until 09 Nov; Charles Mason, digger, allowed subsistence; Men suddenly disbanded the last £1 to remain in abeyance; McGratch £4 remitted to enable him to leave the settlement; Johnston £4 remitted to enable him to leave the settlement; Thomas Robinson 12s per week
