

Inwards Letters to Commissioner of Land Claims 1867

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1867/1 A. De B. Brandon, Jan 1867
Withdrawing _ on John Watson's Grant

1867/2 G. Elliott Elliott, 16 Jan 1867
Will Mr Lewis oblige me by informing me to whom the site of the Pencarrow Lighthouse belongs, if to the Government how it was obtained, when, and the nature of the tenure re in fact any particulars respecting it of which he is cognizant. Dr Featherstone referred me to Mr Lewis for information on this subject stating also that he thought Mr Parke (formerly Surveyor of the New Zealand Company) who is here now would be able to assist Mr Lewis in the matter.

1867/3 Edward Owen, Wellington 19 Jan 1867
Received from the Land Office at Wellington
[1] Conveyance of Section 122 Turakina from W. Webster Watson and Anna Watson to Alexander Simpson
[2] Copy of Probate of Will made by John Watson
[3] Notarial certificate relating to John Watson's will
[4] Letter of 26 May 1866 addressed to Olwar Smart? by W. W. Watson

1867/4 David Stark Durie, Resident Magistrate's Court, Wanganui 25 Jan 1867
Observes that Crown Grant for Country Section 43 is ready for delivery and asks when will the Crown Grant for Section 44 be ready and what about the Grants for Campbell Town?

1867/6 W. Gisborne, Under Secretary to David Lewis
Re publication of Crown Grant Schedule in General Government Gazette

1867/7 Henry Jackson, Survey Office, Wellington 13 Feb 1867
I beg to request of you the favor of forwarding the enclosed circular to Mr Anderson and to obtain his compliance with the rules regarding the supply of Tents &c.

1867/8 Alfred Domett, General Crown Lands Office, Wellington 14 Feb 1867
Returning Crown Grant No.2219 under the New Zealand Company Land Claimants Ordinance with remarks as to wording endorsements in future.

1867/9 A. de B. Brandon, Wellington 5 Mar 1867
Regarding sections 55 and 64 Ohariu in the care of the devisees of Francis Wilson.

1867/10 Pierce Cotter received 8 Mar 1867
Dear Sir, Will you oblige by having the correct boundary pegs put in by one of your surveyors. I am now dealing with Town Acre 146 and wish to give the correct boundary. I shall feel obliged by your having this done for me by Tuesday next if possible.

1867/11 A. de B. Brandon, March 1867
Relative to conveyance – Town Acre 596

Reply from David Lewis, New Zealand Land Claimants Office, 21 Mar 1867
Dear Brandon, One of the Clerks told me you called this morning but did not leave any message presuming you wanted to see me in the matter of the Town Acre 596 Aked and Farrer's property. I may as well state at once that Hirst is not in a position to give you a Conveyance of the remainder of the acre that would satisfy me so as to enable me to include it in the Grant for that portion conveyed by Clifford in 1859. He suggests (and I coincide with him) that you had better prepare a conveyance and send it home for signature – then the whole could be included in one Grant.

1867/14 E. J. Campion, Assistant Surveyor, Wellington 5 Apr 1867

Sir, In reply to your memo I have the honor to inform you that I have carefully laid off, and fixed with Iron pegs the four corners of Section No.35 Makara.

Attached: George F. Swainson, Native Reserve Office, Wellington 2 Apr 1867

Sir, Mr Campion has laid out the division line between Sections 35 and 37 Makara, the latter being a Native Reserve. I beg to inform you that I accept (on behalf of the Native owners) such division line as defined by Mr Campion.

1867/15 Perham and Quick, Wanganui 29 Mar 1867

Sir, we forward you on the next page a copy of a letter written by Mr H. Ross to yourself dated 27 March 1863. As we have succeeded Mrs Ross and are the Solicitors for Mr Hylton you will oblige by forwarding to us forthwith the Crown Grant (made in Mr Hylton's name if possible) and also the correspondence from Messrs Taylor and Watt to Mr Hylton.

Next page: H. Ross, Wanganui 27 Mar 1863

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith the claim of Mr William Charles Hylton for a Grant Deed in his favour for Section 23 on the right bank of the Wanganui River. I also forward you the conveyance from Messrs Taylor and Watt to himself. An application has been already made for a Grant deed in favour of these gentlemen but if it should not have yet issued Mr Hylton would much prefer having the Deed in his own name, and which I find by your letter of the 7th instant he may possibly succeed in doing.

1867/16 Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington 8 Apr 1867

Requesting report on working of Department for the last year.

1867/17 John Curtis, Mandeville Mills, Woodend, Christchurch 2 Apr 1867

Dear Sir, May I trespass upon your kindness in asking your assistance to help me in finding out for a friend of mine (The Revd J. Matthews) who is now in England what land either town or country is now standing in the name of his late father in law (Henry Garrett Key). We have had offers from parties for two acres of Town land also for 200 acres No.32 in the Rangitikei district and also for 150 acres more or less which we believe to be in the same district. Could you therefore furnish me with the correct numbers &c of the above with the quantity of land, you will confer a great favor, as the documents relative to the above were partly destroyed by fire.

1867/18 A. de B. Brandon, Wellington 3 May 1867

Mr Tuckwell and Mr Lewer have brought me the Grants issued to them for parts of Section 46 Karori by which it appears the present road is made the boundary of the land comprised therein and a right of road through the land is reserved. There appears to have been some mistake or oversight made in these Grants since the Grantees are entitled to all the land on the side of the River except the Road. By the Selection Map of the District the boundary of Section 46 is the River and by this the land was conveyed by the original holder to the above named parties. Not only would the present Grant if allowed to remain unaltered cut the parties off from the water, but there is a piece of land between the present road and the river of which they will be deprived. I have therefore to request that you will be good enough to have the description in the Grant and Plan altered so as to give to the parties all the land they are entitled to.

1867/19 Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington 11 May 1867

Calling for acreage of Town Belt and Somes Island.

1867/20 William John Holder, Wanganui 5 May 1867 – received from Mr Watt 13 May 1867

Would you please to call at the Crown Grant Office and see about a Grant for Hewitt. I don't care so much about the Grant's for the Country Land they can slop a short time longer. You will please to tell Mr Lewis if he will look at the back of the original New Zealand Company Land Order he will see fathers authority to me. If you will do you best for me as I should like Hewitt to have it.

Reply from David Lewis, Land Claimant's Office, Wellington 15 May 1867

Dear Mr Watts, I have referred to the endorsement on the Land order issued to John Holder, the father of W. J. Holder of Wanganui and find that it merely gives him Power to act as his Agent, the wording of it is as follows: "I appoint (see Land order) all the land selected in respect of the above land order has been Granted in the name of John Holder, and there will now be no objection to deliver the Grants to W. J. Holder as the agent empowered to act for John Holden. As I understand that W. J. H. has sold illegally the Town Section to Hewitt he should lose no time in getting his Father to confirm the sale either by sending the Grant home for endorsement to Hewitt or getting him to execute a conveyance which could be handed over to Hewitt with the Grant. His title is not worth a straw till that is done.

PS If he wishes you to take out the Grant for him he must send you the usual authority signed before a Magistrate.

1867/21 P. A. Buckley, Wellington 25 May 1867

Dear Sir, The Bishop, Dr Viard has informed me that neither he nor Father O'Reilly can find any papers relative to the sections on the Terrace about which I spoke to you some time ago. Will you kindly let me know what is to be done if anything in order that the Bishop may receive the necessary title.

David Lewis answered 30 May 1867

By requesting Mr Buckley to get the Bishop to make a declaration that the deeds referred to in the minutes of Mr Bell's report, after diligent search cannot be found (and of such be the fact) to the best of his knowledge a belief they were never returned either to himself or Father O'Rielly after delivery by the latter to Thomas Fitzgerald the Government Chief Surveyor at the time for the purpose of establishing a claim prepared for a Crown Grant.

1867/22 Edmund Anderson, Alvia Rulu 18 May 1867

Sir, Finding that my pay as a District Surveyor has been stopped for the months of February and March in consequence of your refusal to sign the necessary pay abstracts I beg to request that you will inform me at an early date upon what grounds your refusal is founded as I am at a loss to conjecture.

1867/23 Jos. G. Holdsworth, Engineer's Office, Wellington 27 May 1867

Sir, When speaking with you on Saturday last respecting the road from Karori to Park Vale, I think you said "that an allowance for roads was made through these particular sections No.37 & 39. For the information of the Provincial Secretary would you be good enough to forward the information in writing. By reference to Gazette Volume No.49 I find that on a former occasion, when a deviation was deemed necessary such deviation was proclaimed by yourself. In case a further deviation should be made through No.37 is it necessary that this also should be proclaimed. Waiting your reply.

1867/24 Perham and Quick, Wanganui 28 May 1867

When our Mr Quick was in Wellington last you kindly offered to afford him information concerning matters coming within your promise which he might need. You would oblige by informing us whether Section 52 in the Town of Wanganui has ever been purchased from the New Zealand Company and if so by whom and who (if any person) is now entitled to the Crown Grant. In fact any information with which you could furnish us with regard to the above section would be valuable. We would like an answer (if convenient) in time for us to catch the English Mail.

1867/25 William Fitzherbert, Crown Lands Office, Wellington 6 May 1867

Sir, Having been informed by Mr Jackson of your desire that the Surveyors at present employed in the survey of selected lands in the Hutt District, should at the same time survey those lands which were selected under the New Zealand Company's title, you not having a surveyor attached to your department at this time; I have much pleasure in informing you that your request has been complied with and that Mr Butler will be instructed accordingly.

1867/26 Henry Jackson, Chief District Surveyor, Survey Office, Wellington 17 Jun 1867

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 12th June 1867 enclosing a schedule of New Zealand Company's Land Claims to be surveyed in the Hutt District. I will instruct Mr Butler, Assistant Surveyor, to lay off these Claims whenever he meets with them in the progress of his present Survey in the Hutt District and attention shall be given to that part of your letter requiring the present surveys to fit in with former ones.

1867/26 Emma A. Wicksteed, Sole Executrix

Sir, Please deliver to Charles Sharpe, Esquire of Wellington the Deeds of Grant for Town Sections Nos 101, 112, 114 and 144 in the Town of Wanganui the property of my late husband John Tylston Wicksteed and for so doing this shall be your sufficient authority. Dated this twenty sixth day of January 1867.

1867/27 Edward Pearce, Wellington 12 Jun 1867

Sir, I have to thank you for your favor dated 11th instant and received this morning. Your previous communication on the subject of Mr Hine's land had not escaped my notice but seeing the Grant advertised under a recent date as being ready for delivery, it did not occur to me that the land granted was that selected under land order 1081. Mr Hine in a letter to me dated 20th June 1864 says "No.1081 was given by my late Father to the Bishop of New Zealand and upon my succession to the property I confirmed the gift." Will you be good enough to inform me what steps are necessary to get the property vested in Trustees for the Church. If anything is required on Mr Hine's part he will, I am sure be happy to do it. Could not Mr Hine convey Town Acre No.882 to the Church? Annexed you will find a list of absentee land owners from whom I hold Powers of Attorney.

Hugh Brooks, Burton on Trent

Vesey G. Hine, Newton Abbott, Devon

James Johnson, Milton next Gravesend

Heirs late G. C. Dashwood & late Lady Harland – as Guardians appointed by Supreme Court here

John Ivatt Briscoe, London

Anne St. Hill, London

1867/28 Henry Jackson, Survey Office, Wellington 22 Jun 1867

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 67/36 and to forward copies of the plans relating to the Deeds as per margin together with the original plans.

Margin: [1] Grant of Port Nicholson the Town and Country Districts

Margin: [2] Grant of Province District of Porirua

1867/29 William Lyon 10 Jul 1867

Received from D. Lewis – Power of Attorney for James Semple

1867/30 John T. Stewart, Manawatu 16 Jul 1867

Sir, In the return (laid before the Provincial Council and dated 30 Jun 1866) of selections of land made in the Block surveyed by the New Zealand Company at Manawatu, and still retained by Purchasers, I find that three sections come within the Government Land known as the Ahuaturanga Block, and are included within the boundaries of the "Township of Fitzherbert," as recently proclaimed.

Section No.342	Thomas Robertshaw
Section No.344	Edward M. Chaffers
Section No.348	Thomas Hodgson

As this portion is now in course of survey with the view of being put up for sale by auction in sections, may I request your opinion as to the above sections. I presume they will require to be marked off in as nearly the position they occupy on the lithographed map dated 2 January 1843.

If you will furnish me with their areas and copy of any larger map of them, if there is one. Will the road lines shewn on the said map require to be laid off, or will a frontage to any road line now laid off be sufficient, although the sections may in consequence be somewhat altered in shape while retaining the same areas?

With the exception of these three sections I presume there are no restrictions in regard to the New Zealand Company's Land Claims as to the laying out and selling this portion of the Block.

1867/31 David Lewis to Izard and Pharazyn 22 Jul 1867

No claim has been preferred for Section 27 Ohariu. The town section selected under the Land Order has been granted to A. Tollemache. The tracing sent is from an old map. A resurvey of the district is now being made. No Grant of boundaries can be given till that is complete.

Attached:

John Wickham Flower

Land Order	Town Section	Rural Section	Comment
59	541	27 Hutt	Town & Rural – A. J. Tollemache
115	269	11 Manawatu	
174	533	40 Porirua	Town & Rural – A. J. Tollemache
200	228	94 Porirua	Town sold to Barrett; Rural to Brandon
357	316	22 Ohariu	
449	287	27 Ohariu	
765	852	346 Manawatu	

1867/32 Alfred Domett, General Crown Lands Office, Wellington 9 Apr 1867

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to forward for record in this Office any deeds or documents you may have in your possession evidencing the acquisition of land by the Crown, or New Zealand Company, in this Province, or in those of Nelson, Marlborough, Hawke's Bay, Canterbury or Otago.

1867/33 Alfred Domett, General Crown Lands Office, Wellington 22 Jul 1867

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith two Grants, as per margin, with the endorsements thereon duly signed by me, as requested in your letter of the 18th instant.

Margin: Jane Burrows Grant No.947 for Section 367 in Wellington

Margin: Jane Burrows Grant No.948 for Section 435 in Wellington

1867/34 Edwin J. Woon, Wanganui 25 Jul 1867

Dear Sir, Can you inform me whether a Crown Grant has been signed for the following parcel of land. I hear the Certificate of Title have been issued under the Native Lands Act, and I am anxious to get either a copy of the Grant or the Grants for the Natives.

Grantee	Land Situated	Comment
Epiha Taika and others	Wangawheu-Wangaehu, Wanganui District	Ready
Hunia te Iki and others	Wangawheu-Wangaehu, Wanganui District	Ready
Tahana Turoa and others	Waipakina, Wanganui District	Ready

1867/35 W. Gisborne, Under Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington 5 Aug 1867

Acknowledges receipt of letter No.46 of 25th ultimo forwarding schedule and nine reports to claims under the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance.

1867/36 John T. Stewart, Manawatu 6 Aug 1867

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 31st July I enclose a tracing shewing the portions of the New Zealand Company's block that is included within the Ahuaturanga Block. In regard to the conditions under Clause VI of the Land orders and Scrip Act 1858 about which you request my opinion in regard to the sections referred to I observe that although the clause admits of the setting apart of a Township, yet it limits this by requiring it to be done within three months after the Native Title is extinguished, probably therefore not applying to the Township of Fitzherbert. I would suggest the setting off of the sections under question in as nearly the original position as can be done in consequence of the river having altered its banks somewhat, and allowing them each 105 acres with road frontage, or at all events reserving sufficient land from sale to satisfy these conditions.

1867/37 Richard Barry, Wellington 15 Aug 1867

Requests a letter stating that I am entitled to a Crown Grant for the application I made for part of Town Acre No.200 situated in Manners and Willis Streets. Unless I can obtain this it will not only subject myself and family to great inconvenience but to a most serious loss, the property being mortgaged and the time expired.

1867/38 Izard and Pharazyn, Wellington 20 Aug 1867

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date enclosing a Power of Attorney J. W. Flower to Thomas Nottidge and a memorandum re Sir Michael Seymour and re Flower.

1867/39 John Dearth, Wanganui 13 Sep 1867

Would you be good enough to hand the bearer (Mrs Annie Finnimore) now staying in Wellington for a short time her deeds I left with you some time since as I required them for immediate use.

1867/40 M. G. Reid, Fordell, Wanganui 18 Sep 1867

Dear Sir, We are now getting anxious to obtain our "Crown Grant" for this property and also those belonging to Mr William Reid of Paisley and Mr James Semple also of Paisley, all of which were selected by my late husband Mr Andrew Reid, and the papers belonging to which proprietors were lodged with you by Mr William Lyon of Wellington and to whom we sent the survey sketch of the land from Mr Forster then Government Surveyor for the district. Will you, therefore be so kind as let me know if there are any other preliminary steps necessary for the getting of the "grants" and what they are. We have a licensed surveyor doing some other work for us at present and should anything else in that way be necessary can he do it subjecting it to Mr Forster's approval who is still doing business for the Government one day in the month. I do trust therefore that you will be so good as write me and let me know what is necessary to be done in order to our securing the "Grants" your attention to this will much oblige.

1867/41 Alfred Domett, General Crown Lands Office, Wellington 24 Sep 1867

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant No.52 forwarding certain papers and deeds relating to the acquisitions of land by the Crown or New Zealand Company in this Colony. I beg you to accept my thanks for these very important documents, the possession of which will I have no doubt be found of the greatest utility in questions that frequently arise in the transaction of the business of this Department. The reasons given for the delay in answering my letter are quite satisfactory and fully acquit you of any unnecessary inattention to my request.

1867/42 John T. Stewart, Manawatu 25 Oct 1867

Sir, Upon Plan No.10 Manawatu shewing sections in the Township of Fitzherbert No.77 is marked off as New Zealand Company's original section No.348 District of Manawatu held by Thomas Hodgson. The above plan has been forwarded to the Crown Lands Commissioner.

1867/43 W. Gisborne, Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington 7 Nov 1867

Acknowledging receipt of eleven reports.

1867/44 M. J. Reid, Fordell, Wanganui 26 Oct 1867

Dear Sir, I fell most obliged by your promptitude on answering my former note. I have had to wait for a month before I could find Mr Forster in the Land Office on the day appointed for his being there. Mr Forster answers me it was surveyed and that it is laid off in all maps belonging to Wanganui and he also sent a sketch of the division of the property showing Mr Semples and Mr William Reid's selections. This was intrusted to Mr Lyon for presentation at the land office in Wellington in order to get the "Crown Grants" a considerable time back while he was acting as our agent in Wellington. I am afraid he may never have done so else it would be with the other papers belonging to the property. I am aware that Crown Grants will be required to be issued in the name of all the original holders, and there are town acres belonging to them which will also require separate grants. I do not know whether Mr Lyon has got any of these, and also one for another selection of one hundred acres belonging to Mr Semple in the neighbourhood of Wellington. I think he must have got one for my late husbands town section in Wellington as he sold it for Mr Reid during his life. You will perhaps be so kind as give me any information you can regarding these matters and say if there is anything else I can do to facilitate the getting of the grants, as we are very anxious to get them and I see advertisements in the papers that the Land Office are anxious to issue them and I would be sorry to lose the opportunity of getting ours, your further attention to this matter will much oblige.

1867/45 Thomas Waters, Wanganui 30 Nov 1867

Enquires about Grant for Section 238 Town of Wanganui

1867/46 Izard & Pharazyn – Memorandum received 2 Dec 1867

[1] George Burnand is entitled to Section 718 City of Wellington also to Section 30 Karori District. No report has yet been made as to his title to these sections.

[2] Mr Burnand is also entitled to 75 acres of land, unselected, a supplementary land order.

He proposes to sell this land.

1867/47 Charles D. Barraud, Wellington 3 Dec 1867

In reference to Mr Ridgway's claim.

1867/49 David Porter, Wanganui 9 Dec 1847

Sir, Mr Thomas Waters shewed me a letter today which he had received from you relative to the non preparation of the Crown Grant for Section 238 in the Town of Wanganui, from which it appears that you have not received from me the Draft Grant. I was under the impression that I had sent it to you last March as I certainly at that time prepared it and one in favour of J. G. Gilfillan for Section No.260. I have, however, searched the letter book without finding a record of having sent them and can only suppose that as I was then on the point of quitting the service of the Government they by some oversight got put on one side. To endeavour to repair the mistake I now enclose a Draft Grant in favour of Mr Thomas Waters for Section 238 and J. G. Gilfillan for Section No.260.
