

## Principal Surveyor's Outwards Letterbook 1840-1843

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**1839 Dec 10 – p1** Captain William Mein Smith, Surgeon General, Ship *Cuba* – at sea Lat 41° 36' Long 160° 48' to Captain J. Newcombe

As we are now approaching the shores of New Zealand, I have to request that you will shape such a course as to fetch Cook's Straits if possible; but if it should not be possible without much loss of time, it will be necessary at all events that you should take the ship into Kaipara, as either in that Harbour, or in Cook's Straits, I expect to find the *Tory* with Colonel Wakefield, the Company's Chief Agent with whom it is very important that I should meet as soon as possible.

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**1840 Jan 6 – p8** William Mein Smith, Ship *Cuba*, Port Nicholson to Principal Agent

Sir, I beg to report the arrival of this ship in the harbour of Port Nicholson. She was chartered by the New Zealand Company to bring out the Surveyor General (which office I have the honor to hold) with Mr Hanson an agent of the Company, three assistants and 20 labourers. The enclosed is a nominal list of the passengers. This ship left London 1<sup>st</sup> August, Plymouth on the 9<sup>th</sup>, St Jago Cape de Verdes 4<sup>th</sup> September, crossed the line on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cape of Good Hope on the 28<sup>th</sup> October, Island of St Pauls 19<sup>th</sup> November, Van Diemens Land 5<sup>th</sup> December and on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December we made the land near Kiapara. I was anxious to get in if possible for we had all been on short allowance of water for some time our fuel was also getting very low. Failing to get in to Kiapara I desired the Captain to take the ship to Port Hardy. D'Urville's Island which he did to wood and water. From thence I have proceeded in search of you to Kapiti. I was then informed that you had fixed upon this place as the Principal Settlement. I have come here therefore to make necessary preparations and with your commands I have wished much to meet you for I have important dispatches for you which I cannot send by the hands of a stranger. The bearer assisted in piloting the ship from Kapiti to this Port. I wish to see you now more than ever for I have this day visited Smith the man left in charge of the lands you have purchased in this district. He reports (and it has been reported to from other sources the chief Warri Pounai among others) that Mr Todd has purchased at Pipitea a tract of land already purchased by you from a man named Muturoa. I think it my duty to send you this information and to say also that such arrangements have been made by the Company since you left England that I think it probable you may deem it necessary to change some of your plans with regard to the choice of the site of the Principal Settlement in this Port at best if I am rightly informed by Smith that you have chosen the S.W. branch of this harbour.

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**1840 Apr 3 – Page 342** Colonel William Wakefield to the Surveyor General – No.1

Sir, The importance of allotting the town acres to the holders of land orders, rendered more imperative every day by the importunities of small capitalists obliges me to call upon you, sooner than I should otherwise do for the result of your examination of the valley of the "Hutt" which it was understood should be made; at the meeting of the Land holders on the 14<sup>th</sup> of last month.

An answer to the two following queries will be the best method of affording me grounds for deciding on the propriety of persevering in laying out the City on the spot where your surveys have been carried on, or of at once selecting a site in Lambton Harbour.

Have your late examinations and the progress of the survey in the Valley given you an assurance, without a winters experience, that the settlers can be located in it with safety to their property and without hindrance to occupation of their lands, from inundations on collection of water?

In case of any doubt existing in your mind on this head, do you conceive that the means placed at my disposal by the Directors of the Company (of the extent of which you are aware) are sufficient to enable us to take effectually preventive measures against freshes in the rivers and such others in relation to the intersected nature of the country as to ensure to the settlers approach to their sections and a tenable location upon them?

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**1840 Apr 3 – p2** William Mein Smith, Port Nicholson to Principal Agent of the NZ Company

In compliance with your request I beg to report that in my late examinations of the Rivers in this valley and the land between them as far as I have been able to penetrate I have found many places more than I had anticipated which shew strong indications of having been covered with water at times, water too which overflows the banks of the rivers, especially those which skirt the foot of the hills on either side of the valley and although I am still of opinion that the evil may be remedied, in a great measure, by clearing the rivers of drift wood and entirely by cutting communications between the different rivers I feel assured that the sum of money placed at your disposal by the Directors of the Company which you informed me was £2,000, would not be sufficient to cover the expenses, and unless the improvements are made I cannot insure the safety of the property of settlers who may choose to locate upon Town Acres they may be obliged to select in certain parts of the proposed site of the City but if the Colonists would perform their duty towards themselves by imposing a tax of £5 per acre on the Town lands I think sufficient means would be obtained to secure them in the enjoyment of the numerous advantages of this most eligible site for the Principal City and which have made me and still make me so anxious that it should not be abandoned.

I fully sympathise with you in your anxiety for that important body of all communities the small Capitalists and feel that in urging our continuance here, their real interest is regarded for 1st. I can at Thorndon not in less than four months. I can give them their land here within two months and secondly our removal will certainly be attended with a greater expense to them than a tax of £5 on their single Town Acres.

In conclusion I beg to acknowledge your generosity in assuming the whole responsibility of a decision whether it be for remaining here or changing to Thorndon.

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**1840 Apr 4 – Page 340** Colonel William Wakefield, Port Nicholson to Surveyor General – No.2

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report relative to your late examination in this valley. Considering that the means of security against the waters, of which those examinations prove the occasional presence, are not at my disposal and that whatever sum might be expended in further cutting lines and erecting bridges for the purpose of locating land holders on their Town acres would be risked, without the effectual remedies you have pointed out, but still more influenced by the knowledge that a numerous body of settlers may be expected to arrive here from England during this year and by a feeling that if after persisting till the winter we should be then obliged to give up the plan, such a retreat would amount to a disaster ruinous to the prospects of the colony, I cannot but decide, with however much regret, to place the City on a secure and more easily available site. With this view I have therefore to request you to take the necessary steps for a survey of the land in Lambton Harbour.

**Page 339** William Mein Smith

To this letter I made no reply, but I stopped all proceedings in the Valley of the Hutt and on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April I moved with part of my Staff to Thorndon, the remainder joined me on the following evening. Work recommenced on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**1840 Apr 28 – p3** William Mein Smith to R. Tod

Sir, There is a house being built on the beach to the south of Pah Pipitea by your orders as I understand if this is the case I must beg you to give orders to contrary effect and have your material removed as speedily as possible as I want the ground for the temporary location of other settlers.

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**1840 May 16 – p4** William Mein Smith to R. Tod

Sir, I perceive that you are still proceeding with the construction of a house on the beach, to the southward of the Pah Pipitea and are enclosing it, although I have already requested you in a letter dated 28 Apr 1840 to remove the house (for you were then building it) as I wanted the ground for the use of other settlers. I must again repeat my request that you remove the materials of the house in question, if you do not comply by Tuesday morning next 19<sup>th</sup> inst., I shall myself on the part of the New Zealand Land Company take steps to pull it down.

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**1840 Jun 18 – p4** William Mein Smith to the Editor of the New Zealand Gazette

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**1840 Jun 27 – p5** William Mein Smith to Principal Agent

Sir, Mr Carrington I regret to say is severely indisposed and I am not likely to have the benefit of his very able assistance for the next ten days. This of course will throw my work back very considerably. I would suggest to you the necessity of my employing two or even three more assistants as I find that my staff when complete in its present strength is far too weak for the work I have before me more especially as we must provide against such misfortunes as the present.

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**1840 Jul 14 – p9** William Mein Smith to Principal Agent

Sir, I regret that through an oversight I should have neglected to have informed you that in consequence of the severe indisposition of Mr Carrington, my first assistant surveyor of whose services I have been deprived for a fortnight that I have not been able to produce my Plan of the Town so soon as I had anticipated however I trust I shall be able to name a day early in the next week but I will write to you again to name the day.

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**1840 Oct 29 – p11** William Mein Smith, Britannia to Principal Agent

Re complaint by Mr St Hill that his Town Acres 566 and 567 had been depreciated by cutting a new line.

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**1840 Oct 29 – p11** William Mein Smith, Britannia to Mr St Hill

Sir, I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated yesterday giving notice of your intention to proceed against the Company for compensation in the case the Company's Plan is recognised and carried out by Government.

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**1840 Nov 2 – p5** William Mein Smith, Britannia to Principal Agent

Sir, I shall feel greatly obliged by your giving orders that I be put into some building which can be made weather tight forthwith. I have been long suffering much inconvenience and my business has been much delayed for want of proper Offices and Drawing Room. I have not the means of protecting either my instruments or plans from the wet or the dropping Pitch with which the roof of the buildings I occupy is covered, in dry weather. If I am not speedily removed to some better house I fear that serious expense and great inconvenience will be entailed on the Company.

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**1840 Nov 2 – p5** William Mein Smith, Britannia to Principal Agent

Sir, When I expressed myself satisfied with the building next to that which I at present occupy I was under the impression that the roof was nearly tight and that something was to be done to make it completely so nothing however has been done. There is no lock on the door and it appears we thought too favourably of the roof the water as I have this day seen drops through in fourteen or fifteen places.

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**1840 Nov 20 – p6** William Mein Smith to Principal Agent

Sir, From the extreme difficulty of finding roads and making surveys of them in this densely wooded and hilly part of the country and the consequent vexatious delay to the settlers I have turned my thoughts to the Districts of Taranaki and Wanganui of which we have lately been furnished with a report and sketches of Messrs Park and Stokes. I have now the honor to submit plans of those Districts on which I have laid off about 3000 sections which may be chosen from the Plan and be taken possession of as fast as the roads can be cut. The cuttings may be done by contract. One Surveyor would I should think be sufficient to superintend the works at Wanganui. For Taranaki two will be requisite. In addition to these I have laid out about 40 sections on the shores of the Harbour and about 20 in the neighbourhood of the City. Should you approve of the plans I now submit to your inspection they may if you please be advertised as open to Public Inspection at my Office on Tuesday next and every day afterwards until you think proper that the Choosing should take place.

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**1840 Dec 12 – pages 19-24 William Mein Smith Dispatch**

I wrote to you in January last for the information of the Court of Directors to report my arrival at Port Nicholson and the commencements of my operation in the Valley of the Hutt. It now becomes necessary that I should report the progress of the surveys up to the present time together with the expense already incurred and from the experience I have now had of the nature of this country what will probably be the amount necessary to survey the whole of the Preliminary Sections.

Previous to my commencing the Survey for the Town on the Hutt I examined the four rivers flowing through the valley, two of them viz the Oretonga or Hutt and the Wai wettu which skirts the foot of the hills on either side I observed to be subject to freshes, I made many inquiries of the Natives who accompanied me and of a white man who acted as interpreter as to whether their rivers ever overflowed their banks. They assured me they did not. I therefore proceeded with my plan of the Town, cutting lines about six feet wide for the lines of the Streets which tho necessary was a very tedious operation on account of the extreme density of the Forest. I had proceeded in this manner until the beginning of the month of March, when the Hutt on which some of the settlers were temporarily located overflowed its banks and caused great alarm, it was thought necessary by some to change the site of the Town. A public meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March for the purpose of discussing the subject. I was then requested to make a further examination of the Valley and report upon the means of guarding against future freshes in the River, but the accompanying correspondence will best explain why this site was changed.

On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> April I received Colonel Wakefield's letter marked No.2 requesting me to take the necessary steps for a Survey of the land in Lambton Harbour. I immediately stopped all proceedings in the Valley of the Hutt and on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> I with part of my staff moved over to Thorndon. I was joined by the remainder on the following day and on the 9<sup>th</sup> our operations recommenced.

By this time a large body of settlers had arrived in the *Aurora*, *Oriental*, *Bengal Merchant*, *Duke of Roxburgh*, *Glenbervie* and *Adelaide* their importunities were increasing and a great interruption. They had expected to find the Town ready for them on their arrival and I was urged towards giving out the Town Sections with more speed than I thought prudent. I wished to have compared the Plan with the ground as some alterations might have been found necessary, but this I had not time to do.

When the Plan was sufficiently advanced I reported to Colonel Wakefield who gave Public notice that it was open to inspection, until the 28<sup>th</sup> July, when the choosing commenced on the 31<sup>st</sup> some of the Landowners or Agents complained that sufficient time had not been given them to compare the Plan with the ground. It was discovered also that there was only one copy of the Plan and it was thought necessary to guard against accidents to have another copy made and deposited in the vault of the Bank. I was therefore directed by Mr Hanson at that time acting for Colonel Wakefield who was at the Bay of Islands to cause another copy of the Plan to be made which I did. The choosing which had ceased in the meantime proceeded on the 1<sup>st</sup> August and closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the same month. I herewith transmit the Plan of the City of Wellington with other drawings which I shall refer to in other parts of my Dispatch.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June in consequence of the severe illness of Mr Carrington from wet and exposure and the heavy press of business I applied to Colonel Wakefield to be allowed to increase my Staff. In reply he permitted me to employ two more assistants. I took them on one month's probation for which on finding them competent I paid them £12 each. I afterwards agreed to give them the same pay and allowances as are given to Messrs Park & Stokes viz £150 per annum and £5 in lieu of Rations both them young men have since resigned. I have tried to replace them but have only been able to find one person who can draw and who understands something of Surveying. He is attentive and will no doubt soon be useful as a Surveyor, as well as a Draughtsman. I have made enquiries about Surveyors at Sydney but I find that they are very scarce there also.

The Court of Directors in their late Dispatch to their Principal Agent have authorised me to increase my Staff unhappily however I have not at present the means of doing so here. I perhaps may be allowed to suggest that at least three or four more competent surveyors be sent out from London as soon as possible for I do not expect that either Mr Park or Mr Stokes will remain on the Staff as long as twelve months from this date, and my present strength is not sufficient to enable me to proceed with sufficient rapidity to supply the wants of so large a body of settlers in this very difficult country.

From all the accounts I could gather of the nature of the country, soil &c in the Territories of the Company I was led to believe that the Districts of Wanganui and Taranaki were the most eligible on many accounts for Country Sections... was represented as very good, the Country much more level and open than that around Port Nicholson; from this description I imagined that I could survey and distribute the land in either District at a rapid rate. I therefore with the consent of Colonel Wakefield dispatched Messrs Park and Stokes to examine and report upon the districts. I subjoin their report and a sketch of the Coast (a most interesting document) which will shew how completely erroneous all the old charts of the same coast were.

Their report confirms what I had previously heard of the Country. During their absence however, we re-accounts of the passing of the New Zealand Bill by the Council at Sydney on which a Public Meeting was held and a deputation dispatched to Sir George Gipps. Their object and the result of their Mission will be best seen in the New Zealand Gazette and the supplement published this day. It appears to be the intention of Sir George Gipps to confine the settlers to a compact block of land round Port Nicholson a large proportion of which will I fear be found unavailable for agricultural purposes and the Survey of it as I have before observed must necessarily proceed slowly in comparison to what it would have done in the other Districts, and will I fear, prove very expensive. I have made an estimate from the best data I possess of what will be the probable expenses of the Survey of the Preliminary Sections, and I do not think it can possibly be done for less than £20,000. I annex abstracts of the monies already expended up to the end of November 1840 by which it will appear that £2,069 9s 9¼d has been expended on account of the Surveys exclusive of the Salaries of the Officers. In considering these it should be remembered that two very extensive Towns have been planned and laid out and both under many serious difficulties, which I have no desire to magnify. Nearly the same difficulties attend the Survey of the Country lands, with which I am proceeding as rapidly as circumstances will admit.

At a public meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December Colonel Wakefield announced his intention of opening the Country in the neighbourhood of the Wanganui for selection to the holders of Land Orders in the Secondary List and of carrying on the survey conjointly with that of the Preliminary Sections. As soon as possible I recalled Mr Carrington who was engaged in the Valley of the Hutt and requested him to make such arrangements as might be necessary to proceed to the Wanganui and commence the Survey. He sailed from this place with his party on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December and arrived safely two days afterwards.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> December a Meeting of the Landowners was called, and eighty three Country Sections were chosen. Eighty sections had been chosen before making 163 in all. These are in the neighbourhood of the Town on the shores of the harbour and in the Valley of the Hutt. I am now making arrangements to open a valley towards Porirua and have every hope of being able to offer from 60 to 80 sections for selection by the first week in March. The valley will without doubt prove not only a source of great wealth to the Agriculturalist from its own fertility but it will open the best and most direct communication between the City and the whole of the Southern Coast of the Island from many parts of which there are the means of communication with the interior of the country by such rivers as the Wanganui, the Manawatu, the Rangitikei and others from whence we shall draw the numerous resources of the highly rifted country and highly gifted it most surely is tho as yet I believe but few of its natural productions are made use of if known but the intelligent and enterprising body of Colonists who are crowding to this land so full of promise will not long remain in ignorance, nor fail to take advantage of the good things Nature has thrown in their way. We have abundant proof that cattle and sheep do extremely well the meat is excellent, the wool fine.

The small quantity of wheat which has been sown to my knowledge has produced a crop even in the most exposed situation which is highly encouraging. On the Hutt it is ripening fast the Ear is well filled and six inches long, the straw six feet high. The fruit trees (imported) are looking well and will no doubt prove a productive as those in the Northern parts of the Island are said to be. All kinds of vegetables produce most abundantly. The rapid increase of poultry is quite extraordinary and I feel assured that in less than six months we shall be able to supply all the ships that may call here with all kinds of fresh provisions and vegetables.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December I received letters from Messrs Park and Stokes two of my assistants requesting an increase of their Salaries. Not having any authority to do so I referred the matter to Colonel Wakefield the Company's Principal Agent who consented to give each £50 per annum additional making the salaries £200 a year exclusive of the £50 in lieu of Rations. On the 30<sup>th</sup> December another letter from Mr Park stated that he was not satisfied with £200 a year and "that unless the Company Principal Agent would guarantee £300 a year for the next year exclusive of Ration money the year commencing from 7 July last he should be obliged to tender his resignation." Colonel Wakefield did not feel authorised to make any further increase and on 7<sup>th</sup> January Mr Park retired from the service. Mr Stokes told me at the same time that it was not his intention to remain on the Staff for more than one year longer. The best addition I have been able to make to my Staff since the retirement of Mr Park is a young man named Burt who arrived in the *London*. He draws Plans and is otherwise useful in the office but he is no surveyor. I have agreed to give him £150 a year without any allowance.

No.1 With reference to the drawings is the large Plan of the Town, the sections are all numbered, and are referred to in the Registers one of which has the orders of choice in rotation with the number of the sections chosen for the holder of each order. The second register for the numbers on the map in rotation and opposite is the Order of choice in which it was chosen.

No.2 A small plan of the Town showing the Public Reserves which will I think be found to be sufficient for all purposes of reservation &c.

No.5 A copy from Mr Park's sketch of the River Wanganui as far as he went it shows the depth of water in fathoms. The first hundred sections in the District of Wanganui will be ready for selection by the 18<sup>th</sup> March on which day they will be chosen, notice has been given to that effect.

No.4 A copy of the sketch of the coast from the mouth of the Porirua to the Sugar Loaf Islands referred to in the report of Messrs Park and Stokes. The two small tracings accompanying it are from sketches by Mr Heaphy and an illustration of the District of Wanganui and Taranaki.

No.6 Sections in the valley of the Hutt.

I have now Sir, I believe related everything worthy of notice in my Department but I cannot conclude my dispatch without stating that I am much indebted to the gentlemen on my Staff for the great exertion they have always made to forward my wishes. I have never once heard a murmur from them tho' they have been constantly exposed to wet for weeks together and for many nights at a time have been obliged to sleep in the bush without any other covering than a blanket. I have only to hope the Court of Directors may approve of what has been done for I assure you that no exertions on my part have been or shall be wanting to expedite the Survey.

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**1840 Dec 18 – p6** William Mein Smith to R. Park and R. Stokes

Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated 16 Dec. Not being authorised myself to increase your salary I submitted your letter to the consideration of Colonel Wakefield the Company Principal Agent who has desired me to say that from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1841 he will take upon himself to raise your salary to £200 per annum exclusive of the allowance in lieu of Rations. This will I trust meet your wishes.

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**1840 Dec 30 – Page 338** Robert Pask, Wellington to Captain William Mein Smith

Sir, In answer to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> I have to state that the increase of salary proposed in it does not come up to my expectation. Six months ago I was informed by you that Colonel Wakefield had written home to have my salary raised to £300 a year from the time of my engagement with the Company. This not being the case (& as I value my services at more than £200 a year) unless the Company's principal agent will guarantee £300 for the next year exclusive of rations money: the year commencing from the 7<sup>th</sup> July last (the end of my first year) I shall be obliged to tender my resignation on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1841.

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**1841 Jan 11 – p7** William Mein Smith to Colonel Wakefield

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6 Jan 1841 containing a communication from the Secretary Mr Ward dated from Broad Street Buildings 2 Jul 1840.

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**1841 Jan 11 – p7** William Mein Smith to Messrs Riddiford, Molesworth, Hanson, Revans, Ludlam & Yule – I beg to inform you that Mr Harrison (assistant surveyor) having recovered from his late indisposition will be ready on Wednesday and the three following days at 10 o'clock to proceed to shew the frontages and direction of the side lines of the Sections in the District of Karori.

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**1841 Feb 18 – p9** William Mein Smith to Principal Agent

Sir, I beg to report that the Immigration house I at present occupy as an office is so much out of repair that I find it almost impossible to draw or to do any other work in it either in wet or windy weather, the dust which enters in one case is as annoying and almost as destructive to the instruments and drawing as the water in the other. May I beg the favour of you therefore to give directions for a proper building to be erected and fitted for the use of my department as soon as possible for the one I occupy at present will be useless & \_ untenable in the Winter season.

To this letter I received no written answer but on the following afternoon the Office was removed to Mr Sinclair's house which Colonel Wakefield promised to have fitted for me with a stove &c and to have a Drawing room built as soon as possible.

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**1841 Feb 22 – p10** William Mein Smith, Surveyor General's Office, Wellington to W. Carrington, Wanganui

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**1841 Feb 23 – pages 24-25** William Mein Smith to Colonel Wakefield

In addition to my dispatch commenced 12 December 1840 and closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1841 I think it necessary that I should make some report on the state of the instruments &c. The theodolites, four in number are all in tolerable order. One I was allowed to send to Sydney to be repaired, another to which an accident also occurred I was fortunate enough to be able to get repaired here. One of the Prismatic Compasses has been unfortunately lost, the other three are becoming much worn on the Pivots so that they traverse sluggishly. These I fear I cannot get repaired either in this place or at Sydney if I may judge from the specimens I have seen of the work done. The rest of the Instruments are in good order.

Should the Court of Directors think proper to send out more Surveyors I would suggest that each be provided with a Theodolite and Prismatic Compass indeed it would be better at all events to send me out four more New Theodolites and four Prismatic Compasses as these instruments will get out of order from constant use and nearly 12 months must elapse before I can receive the new ones. The subjoined list of articles will I think be necessary to keep up a stock and carry on the Survey effectively. I shall feel obliged by your laying it before the Court of Directors who will I trust send them out by the first opportunity.

There is another subject which I will beg you to lay before the Court of Directors for their consideration. I mean my leave of absence before I left England the Directors of the Company pledged themselves as soon as possible to apply to the Government to have me lent for at least three years.

I have lately received a letter from Woolwich informing me that the Master General had been pleased to extend my leave of absence till the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1841 beyond which period my leave would not be extended unless an application was made to the Government when the subject would be considered. Now Sir trusting to the good faith and influence of the Court of Directors I pass over this the only chance I have or are likely to have of reaching the Head Quarters of my Corps by the 31<sup>st</sup> July. I have written an application to the Master General for another years leave but so long an extension I know is very unusual. Trusting as I still do that the Court of Directors will be able to protect me against the loss of my Commission.

4 Theodolites, 4 Chains, 4 Prismatic Compasses, 2 Plotting scales 3 inches to a mile, 2 Plotting scales 6 inches to a mile, 6 paper protractors, 3 dozen H. H. pencils, 3 dozen H. H. pencils, 3 dozen H. pencils, 1 Quire of Antiquarian Drawing Paper, 1 Quire of Double Elephant, 2 quires facing paper, 1 cake carmine, 1 \_ sienna, 1 cobalt blue, 1 sepia, 3 dozen small steel pens for mapping, 3 dozen pentagraph pins

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**Pages 27 to 28** A list of the Overseers and labourers employed in the Surveyor General's Department from 7 January to 31 May 1840

W. Allen (overseer), G. W. Bennet (storekeeper), A. Farar (overseer), H. Cook (overseer), J. Bennet, M. Shannon, C. Stichbury, M. Lee, C. Webb, R. Grigg, J. Stratford, J. Oulds, J. Davis, J. Hart, A. Heyward, E. Anderson, W. Heaphy, H. Jackson, J. Storah, Jacob Twigge, J. Barry, R. Barry, W. Barry, W. Hayward, C. Hicks, J. Lodge, E. Davis, J. Carter, F. Longford, H. Reed, J. Maxwell, Roland Davis, James Glove, F. Garner, D. Eaton, J. Sawyer, R. Friend, J. Pudney, B. Sayer, J. Riddle, J. Castle, W. McCulloch, H. Millington, Lowe, Wilkinson, Goldsworthy, Williams, D. Dick, Murray, Trevarton, J. Florence, J. Hurst, Dean, Salmon

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**Page 29** An account of the expense of the Surveyor General's Department from 7 January to 31 May 1840 exclusive of the salaries of the Officers

1841 Apr 7 Mr Barton contractor for cutting lines in the forest £22 13s 8d  
 1841 Apr 7 G. M. Batten for replacing axe handles £1  
 1841 Apr 7 F. A. Farar for boat hire 2s  
 1841 Apr 16 Welch & Co building punts £21 5s  
 1841 Apr 16 Mr Barton for cutting lines in the forest £77 9s 2d  
 1841 Apr 29 Mr White for cutting lines in the forest £22 8s

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**Pages 31 to 32** A list of the Overseers and labourers employed in the Surveyor General's Department from 1 June to 31 August 1840

H. Cook (overseer), W. Allen (storekeeper), J. A. Murray (overseer), J. Riddle, J. Hurst, D. Dick, J. Gouldsworthy, W. Murray, W. Trevarton, W. Williams, R. Grigg, J. Hart, J. Sawyer, H. Millington, W. McCulloch, E. Davis, J. Barry, R. Barry, H. Jackson, H. Jackson (overseer), B. Sayer, J. Wilkinson, F. R. Simson, J. Campbell, J. Mitchell, J. Turner, G. Low, J. Castle, C. Sheils, J. P. Healy, J. Salmon, Isaac Lovelock, J. Morrison, A. Heyward

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**Page 33** An account of the expense of the Surveyor General's Department from 1 June to 31 August 1840 exclusive of the salaries of the Officers

1840 Jun 8 Mr White contractor for cutting lines in the forest £15 8s  
 1840 Jun 22 Mr Deane contractor for cutting lines in the forest £69  
 1840 Jul 3 Sharp for boat hire £6 15s  
 1840 Jul 10 James Taine for two axe heads 7s 6d  
 1840 Aug 4 Mr Thompson assistant surveyor one month on probation £12  
 1840 Aug 13 Mr Deans contractor for cutting lines in the forest £200  
 1840 Aug 15 R. Clint (Sydney) for the repair of instruments £5  
 1840 Aug 17 Richardson (carpenter) 14s; A. Heyward for sharpening saws 10s  
 1840 Aug 19 E. Ellerm & Son for renewing axe handles 12s  
 1840 Aug 28 Messrs White and Deans contractors for cutting lines £77 17s  
 1840 Aug 29 Messrs White and Deans £200

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**Pages 34 to 35** A list of the Overseers and labourers employed in the Surveyor General's Department from 1 September to 30 November 1840

H. Jackson (overseer), W. Allen (storekeeper), J. Hart, J. Morrison, H. Millington, James Riddle, James Campbell, T. R. Sinson, J. Samson, J. Castle, Joseph Carter, D. Galloway, E. Ward, T. Lowe, E. Pape (native), James Gilbert, Peter Brown (1), Malcolm Brown, Peter Brown (2), T. Bourne, H. Brashe, R. J. Deighton, Samuel Neilson, James Mahoney, John Hunt, G. Andrews

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**Page 37** An account of the expense of the Surveyor General's Department from 1 September to 30 November 1840 exclusive of the salaries of the Officers

1840 Oct 6 Mr Thomson's salary as assistant surveyor £33 6s 8d  
 1840 Oct 17 Labourers who went to Taranaki £70 9s  
 1840 Oct 17 Mr Deans contractor for cutting lines in the forest £100  
 1840 Nov 7 Mr Turnbull salary and allowance in lieu of rations £62

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**1841 Apr 8 – pages 39 to 41** – Robert Stokes, Wellington to Colonel Wakefield

I have visited the Parties cutting lines at Porirua, and from Nga-Houranga to the Kinapora and now report to you the present state of the survey. On my arrival at Porirua I found the party under Jackson cutting a line from the termination of the road to Porirua along the west side of the Harbour towards the Coast. Accompanied by Jackson I proceeded towards the coast to ascertain the direction in which the line could be continued with the greatest advantage, and after passing a short distance through the bush we gained some rising ground under cultivation by the Natives a little south of the Harbour of Titahi round which we passed to Porirua. That evening and the next morning I examined in part the Eastern branch of the Harbour, and the line the Surveyor General had directed to be cut from the Porirua road on a stream falling into the Kinapora and gave Jackson the necessary instructions as to the continuation of his line. While at Porirua Jackson informed me it was his intention to have proceeded towards Waikanai for the purpose of ascertaining the best direction of the road in continuation from Porirua, but this I suspended for the present. Before leaving Porirua I may briefly state the information I was able to collect generally in reference to that Neighbourhood.

The Natives inform me there are two vallies on the North side of the Eastern branch of Porirua harbour through which there are Maori paths leading to the coast, the path through the first valley terminates at Pari-Pari, the path through the second which is described as containing a good deal of available land terminates at Wai-nui. This path is said to be good and tolerably level and if on examination this information should prove correct a road through this valley in continuation of the road from Wellington to Porirua would immediately connect Wanganui with this place as the Beach from Wai-nui to Wanganui is sufficient for all purposes of communication.

On the south side of the east branch of the Harbour near its commencement the Natives describe a path which is very good leading through vallies by a comparatively level route to the valley of the Hutt. The cutting directed by the Surveyor General as above mentioned would unite this route with the road from Wellington to Porirua, and after turning the head of the eastern branch of Porirua Harbour the road would communicate with the valley leading to Wai-nui so that in this direction there would be no occasion for a ferry.

The route to the valley of the Hutt I have just indicated is not the same with that lately traversed by the Surveyor General which commences at the head of the east branch of the Harbour round the shores of the Harbour of Porirua and the small harbour of Titahi. There appears to be a considerable extent of very available land stretching to the south beyond Titahi, the greater portion of the land at Titahi has been cleared and cultivated by the Natives.

The line of road from Kai-warra to Porirua has already received many improvements under the judicious direction of Mr Macdonald and no doubt will be still further improved by him in many places between the point to which the works have at present advanced and the termination of the road at Porirua. These alterations will be so numerous that it may be advisable to defer the selection of sections on this line until the road be so far advanced as to admit of the whole line being resurveyed and a defined and certain boundary laid down to each section.

On my return I visited the line which has been cut by Hayward's party from the Nga-Houranga to the road from Kai Wara meeting at a place called the Totara flat. Its direction from the Totara flat is at first over level ground crossing several times a small stream, until it meets a precipitous Hill over which it passes. It then crosses another Hill and the ground is tolerably level until again descending and ascending the line enters a very steep and narrow ravine the bed of a small stream, the Hill being steep on both sides, along which it continues for a considerable distance until approaching lower ground it terminates at Nga-Houranga. This line where it passes over the Hills and along the bed of the watercourse will require considerable alteration before it can be made available as a future line of road without occasioning a serious outlay of money.

The Survey of the Valley of the Hutt has been continued through the narrowest part where the valley does not admit of more than one Section if available land in width to a point nearly eight miles in a straight line from the Beach and following the windings of the river ten and a quarter miles. The Survey for the present has terminated at a point where the valley begins to open, and where there appears to be an extensive district of fertile and well timbered land. As far as I am able to form an opinion the available land in the valley of the Hutt not yet surveyed lies almost wholly to the east of the river, so that little interruption to the lines of communication may be apprehended from the river beyond the portion already surveyed. According to statements of the Natives a road may be made to the district of Wairarapa from any point of this portion of the Valley.

In obedience to the Surveyor General's instructions the Party at the Hutt will be withdrawn very shortly as the difficulty and expense of carrying provisions so far up the Valley will be materially increased during the Winter in the present imperfect state of the means of communication.

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**Pages 43 to 44** A list of the Overseers and labourers employed in the Surveyor General's Department from 1 December 1840 to 28 February 1841

H. Jackson (overseer), J. Morrison, G. Andrews, M. Brown, E. Ward, P. Brown, J. Hart, T. Bourne, J. Mahoney, J. Houghton, H. Brash, S. Neilson, J. Thomson, J. Salmon, E. Pape (native), Jos. Carter, S. Howell, T. Pilkington, G. Wallace, H. Welch, M. Ryan, W. Brown, S. Brookes, H. Millar, E. McQuin, H. Nichol, G. Easton, M. Fox, J. Height, J. Williams, J. McIntosh, J. Cameron, J. Cummerfield, J. Mahoney, Jos Brown, Rancon, J. Mitchell, M. Dennett, Alex Thomson, James Riddle, A. Heyward (overseer), John Adams, W. Prouse, H. Light, S. Howell, James Gilbert, E. Ward, S. Ingham, Ch. Cameron, G. Baron, T. Heather, P. Pristlane, James Ward, John Wright, J. Lawrence, J. Duffey, Carter

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**Page 45** An account of the expense of the Surveyor General's Department from 1 December 1840 to 28 February 1841 exclusive of the salaries of the Officers

1841 Dec 19 Mr Deans contractor £151 12s 9d  
 1841 Dec 21 Jos Laurence £6; John Sinclair £3 – both for measuring lines in the Hutt  
 1841 Dec 23 John Box £3 for measuring lines in the Hutt  
 1841 Dec 26 Ellerm & Son for replacing axe handles 15s 3d  
 1842 Jan 7 Mr Park assistant surveyor in lieu of rations £10 14s  
 1842 Jan 30 Mr Toms for provisions a boat hire for the party at Porirua £3 18s 6d  
 1842 Feb 3 Owners of the schooner *Jane* for passage of Mr Carrington & 6 men to Wanganui £24  
 1842 Feb 28 Arrears of Allen, storekeeper and wages £26 3s 6d

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**Page 47** Return of the persons employed in the Surveying Staff of the New Zealand Company shewing their salaries and allowance in lieu of Rations – 23 Apr 1841.

Captain Smith, R.A. (Surveyor General), W. Carrington (1<sup>st</sup> assistant surveyor), Mr Stokes (assistant), Mr Harrison (surveyor), Mr Kettle (surveyor), Mr Burt (draughtsman and clerk), Mr Lewis (chief clerk of the land office), J. Laurence (overseer), W. Allen (storekeeper) and labourers: J. Wright, E. Fox, John Duffey, M. Fox, E. Ward, P. Prislam, H. Cameron, A. Thomson, J. Goodall, J. Gilbert, W. Nicol, John Houghton, John Campbell, S. Rankin, H. Light, J. Cummerfield.

Besides these Mr Carrington has 12 men at Wanganui. As yet I have no pay list from him which will enable me to give their names.

Surveyors Harrison & Kettle are employed at Porirua at present.

The overseer J. Laurence and seven men are at present engaged in the Valley of the Hutt from where they will be recalled in about one week when they will be discharged.

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**Page 49** A list of Overseers and labourers in the Surveyor General's Department with the sums paid to each person from 1 to 31 March 1841.

J. Laurence (overseer), A. Hayward (overseer), W. Allen (storekeeper), J. Thomson, S. Howell, G. Easton, James Riddle, Ch. Cameron, W. Nichol, J. Heather, James Gilbert, G. Baron, S. Ingham, J. Brown, J. Cameron, James Rankin, M. Dennett, John Houghton, E. Ward, P. Brown, W. Prouse, H. Light, J. Cummerfield, A. Thompson, John Campbell, Wright, M. Fox, Duffey, Prislam, A. Cameron, Charley (native), Millington, H. Jackson, Williams

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**Page 51** An account of the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department from 1 to 31 March 1841 exclusive of the salaries of the Officers.

1841 Mar 8 To S. Cook 9s  
 1841 Mar 13 To S. Cook £1 17s 1½d  
 1841 Mar 15 To Robert Tod £2  
 1841 Mar 17 To Jackson £1 6s 6d  
 1841 Mar 19 To Fraser 8s

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**1841 May 4 – page 52** William Mein Smith to Colonel Wakefield

Sir, I have the honor to forward the inclosed letter from Mr Lewis which I hope may meet with your favourable consideration as at present there is not even a cupboard in which the important records of this office can be secured.

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**1841 May 13 – page 54** William Mein Smith to Captain Thomas – latter to go to Wanganui

**1841 May 20 – page 55** William Mein Smith to Colonel Wakefield – procuring surveyors

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**1841 May 21 – Page 337** Memorandum Colonel William Wakefield to Surveyor General

The late arrangements made between the Government and the New Zealand Company removes Sir George Gipps' restrictions of holders of land orders to a block contiguous to Port Nicholson and extends their choice over the Company's possessions in this vicinity. It in fact enables the Company to fulfil its original conditions with a limitation (as regards the preliminary sections) to the neighbourhood of the Principal Settlement.

Those holders of land orders, therefore, who chose at the last selection under the impression that they would be confined to a contiguous block (commencing to the eastward of this harbour and extending along the shores of Cook's Strait and up the valley of the Hutt, as far as might be necessary to comprise the 110,000 acres) can fairly claim the benefit of the extension by being allowed to give up any choices so made and to rechoose in any district in this vicinity to be opened beyond the one above mentioned.

In as much, however, as it was fully understood at the time of selection from answers by Colonel Wakefield to pointed and repeated questions put to him that Porerua and its vicinity would be included within the limits of the specified blocks, the reservation of choices made for that district now opened must be equally valid with those made for other places (then to be surveyed) upon former occasions of selections.

No alterations, then, in the arrangement as to selection need take place beyond an intimation that where the series of 1100 choices has been gone through, those persons who wish to give up any choices made at the last selection may do so and come in and choose in the land then open or in any that may thereafter be opened to choice in this neighbourhood.

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**1841 Jun 5 – page 56** William Mein Smith to Messrs Willis & Co., agents of the NZ Company, Sydney – seeking to procure three theodolites of the best construction and for them to be sent as soon as possible.

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**1841 Jun 18 – page 56** William Mein Smith to F. A. Molesworth, Captain Daniel, R. Park, D. Riddiford, Mr Child, F. Johnson, Mr Wallace, Mr Drake, H. St Hill, G. White, Mr Heaphy, R. D. Hanson, Mr Burgess, Dr Evans and G. Hunter – I beg to inform you that on Monday next at half past nine and two following days Surveyors will be ready to shew you the frontage and direction of the side lines of the country sections you have chosen in the district between Port Nicholson and the Porirua. Your attendance is particularly requested as after Wednesday it will be impossible to send one of the Company's surveyors for the purpose.

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**1841 Jun 18 – page 57** William Mein Smith to Robson

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**Pages 59 to 60** A list of the Overseers and labourers employed in the Surveyor General's Department from 1 April to 30 June 1841

John Houghton, James Campbell, Simeon Howell, Joseph Goodall, Curtis, W. Nicol Snr., Alex Thompson, James Gilbert, Francis Mitchell, Edward Martin, James Rankin, Henry Light, John Cummerfield, Patrick Brosnan, John Cameron, Edward Wolsh, John Stodeley, Edward Waggoner, Robert Ralph, Matthew Dennett, Henry Kingsmill, William Nicol Jnr., Levi Tandy, James Brown, George Jones, George Barron, Wright, Creben, Charles Cameron, William Gilbert, Edward Martin, Robert Martin, Edward Harlett, J. Carter, J. Ward, J. Daffey, Patrick Brosnan, Angus Cameron, Maurice Fox, Michael Pilkington, Peter Danglely, J. Lawrence

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**Page 61** An account of the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department from 1 April to 30 June 1841.

1841 Apr 5 Mr Carrington for payment of labourers employed in the survey at Wanganui £77 10s  
 1841 Apr 8 H. Jackson for two weeks provisions for his party while at Porirua £13 6s 3d  
 1841 Apr 10 Quarters salary to Mr Burt due 20 March £37 10s  
 1841 Apr 17 Ration money to eight men for one week when at Porirua £4  
 1841 May 1 Mr Kettle's salary for one month of probation £12  
 1841 May 1 Wallace, White and Wallace for Bill hooks wet stones &c £1 1s  
 1841 May 1 E. J. Wakefield provisions and cooking utensils for Wanganui Survey  
 1841 May 8 Mr McDonald for provisions £3 6s 1d  
 1841 May 11 Messrs E. Dorset and S. Burleigh for Warri at Wanganui £3  
 1841 May 18 D. S. Durie for provisions £1 17s 6d  
 1841 May 19 Mr Revans for pencils £1  
 1841 May 24 John Hales for fittings in the office £5 3s  
 1841 May 24 Mr Carrington to pay labourers at Wanganui £100  
 1841 May 24 Wire for arrows 1s  
 1841 May 24 Carriage of provisions up the Hutt 5s  
 1841 May 26 Mr Bircham for carriage of provisions up the Hutt £22 12s  
 1841 Jun 8 Duncan Fraser for strapping two mauls 5s 6d  
 1841 Jun 8 Donald Ferguson for making one maul 5s  
 1841 Jun 12 Mr H. White one bell tent £4 4s  
 1841 Jun 23 F. C. Losack for Iron Chest for land office £5  
 1841 Jun 30 Mr Nankerville assistant surveyor for one month of probation £12

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**Page 63** Return of all the persons employed on the Surveying Staff of the New Zealand Company shewing their salaries and allowance in lieu of Rations – 7 Jul 1841.

Captain Smith, R.A. (Surveyor General), Mr Carrington (1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Surveyor)  
 Assistant surveyors – Stokes, Harrison, Kettle, Thomas, Mewburne, Connell, Nankerville  
 Chief Clerk of the land office – Mr Lewis  
 Draughtsman and clerk – Mr Burt; Storekeeper – W. Allen  
 Labourers: John Cummerfield, Henry Light, John Cameron, Patrick Brosnan, William Nicol, Jos. Campbell, Joseph Goodall, Riddle, Henry Kingsmill, William Gilbert, Levi Tandy, C. Cameron, Wilson, Duncan Cameron, George Henry, John Signal, Samuel Signal, Waggoner, J. Cameron (2), Creben, Wright, Brown, G. Jones, G. Barron, W. Nicol Snr

As no returns have yet been received from Wanganui the number of labourers at work there is not known. It is supposed to be 12.

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**Pages 65 to 67** Captain William Mein Smith, R. A., Surveyor General in account with Colonel W. Wakefield 16 Mar 1840 to 23 Dec 1840 – Wellington 6 Jul 1841

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**1841 Jun 18 – page 69** William Mein Smith, Wellington to Colonel Wakefield

Sir, I have the honor to report for the information of the Court of Directors that on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant I offered for selection 126 sections the whole of which were taken up in less than three hours. Enclosed is a tracing of the map on a reduced scale shewing their position in relation to Port Nicholson and the City of Wellington. The sections chosen at the last selection are numbered above and below the names of the persons who chose them either as proprietors or agents. The numbers over each name is the number of the Section, that under each name, notes the order of choice. This map furnishes me with data which will I trust enable me to proceed with the Survey of this District with greater rapidity in future.

Having received you permission to increase my staff I accepted the services of Mr Nankeville as an assistant from the 15<sup>th</sup> ult. For the first month of Probation he has received £12 with rations. From the 15<sup>th</sup> instant he will be paid at the rate of £150 per annum with rations on the same scale as the labourers. On the 5<sup>th</sup> instant by your permission I wrote to Messrs Willis and Co. the Company's Agents at Sydney to procure if possible three more theodolites that I might be able to employ such Surveyors as might off themselves with proper effect.

21<sup>st</sup> June. I have this day accepted the services of Mr Mewburn as an assistant with a salary of £200 per annum and an allowance of £50 per annum in lieu of rations. I have dispatched him with Mr Stokes to explore the country between the Hutt and the Porirua. I expect from what I have myself seen of the Country and reports from the Natives that a road may be formed nearly in the direction of the line a. b. marked on the map; other branch roads must lead from this. I trust also that I shall be able to find a road from the head of the Eastern arm of the Porirua through the valley of Horoki to the Coast near Wainui. I have yet to explore the country between the Porirua road and the shores of Cook's Strait.

I received a report some time since from Mr Carrington concerning the progress in the Wanganui District. It had been in some measure delayed in consequence of a visit from a large body of the Taupo Natives. I mentioned this in the report of my visit to Wanganui. Mr Carrington in his report stated that he had then 150 sections ready for selection and expected to have 50 more ready in three weeks. During my residence at Wanganui Mr Carrington informed me, as he did, in his subsequent report that it was his intention to retire from the service as soon as the first distribution of lands had taken place in his District in consequence of this declaration on the part of Mr Carrington I received your authority to employ Mr Thomas (a retired Officer from the Army) to assist Mr Carrington at present and to fill his place on his retirement. Mr Thomas left Port Nicholson with six men on the 18<sup>th</sup> May last some four days afterwards I received a note from him dated from Otaki where some business had detained him three days, to say, that his party has proceeded to Wanganui but during his detention, a whale boat had been upset, that four white men and a Native of some consequence had been drowned, and that the Coast from Otaki to Wanganui had been tabooed so that no one was allowed to pass. Mr Carrington who had come to Port Nicholson on some business of his own, was also detained and these gentlemen have only lately been allowed to pass on payment of a fine of 75lbs of tobacco.

1<sup>st</sup> July. In the first part of my letter I stated that I had dispatched Messrs Mewburn and Stokes to explore the country between the Hutt and the Porirua. They returned from this expedition on Saturday last. Their report is highly favourable, and on Tuesday Mr Mewburn left Wellington to cut out the proper line of and which I hope will be completed by the 21<sup>st</sup> instant. The distance is about six miles. It might be cut by the 14<sup>th</sup> but we must calculate on a good deal of wet weather at this season of the year.

On Monday last I went from this Office accompanied by Mr Connell a gentleman who for some short time has been under my instructions to explore the Country between the Sections lately given out on the Kinapora and the Strait. On Tuesday we reached a Native Potatoe ground, on the top of the highest hill round the Port. The view from it was not only very beautiful but very useful to me. I made an outline sketch of a part of it looking towards Porirua and as it may serve to illustrate the accompanying plan.

I inclose a tracing of it with its description. Having slept two nights in the bush we reached Ohariu a small Pah on the coast about six miles to the southward of Porirua harbour. After having made some observations of the opposite coast which was not very visible through its whole length we returned home by another route having seen I think at least 10,000 acres of fine land yet unappropriated.

12<sup>th</sup> July. Having engaged Mr Connell as an Assistant for a salary of £200 a year with an allowance of £50 per annum in lieu of rations from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant I dispatched him with a party on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to cut into the new country from the Porirua Road. The matter is at present very much against field operations; however another month will bring us longer days and I hope more favourable weather.

I have lately had the honor to transmit to you an Abstract of the expenses of my department for the Quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1841 – amounting to £519 14s 5d. ~~This sum does not include either my Salary nor those of other of my assistants – with the allowance in lieu of rations amount to £466 12s 7d.~~ The rations for the labourers valuing at 10s per week will amount to £74 making a general total for the second quarter of £1006 4s 5d.

I believe Sir that I have now related everything interesting with regard to the present state of the surveys and I trust that as the season advanced my next report may be more favourable.

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**Page 76** A list of Overseers and labourers employed in the Surveyor General's Department with the sums paid to each person from 1 Apr to 30 Jun 1841.

Maurice Fox, John Duffey, James Ward, Patrick Brosnan, Angus Cameron, J. Wright, Mathew Fox, J. Laurence (Overseer), Michael Pilkington, Peter Langly, George Easton, \_ Rankin, George Baron, \_ Brown, Mathew Dennett, J. Cameron, Arthur Hayward (Overseer), E. Ward, \_ Heather, J. Thomson, J. Riddle, William Prouse, S. Ingham, C. Cameron, P. Brown, William Jackson, Charley (Native), H. Jackson (Overseer), J. Adams.

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**Page 72** Return of all the persons employed on the Surveying Map of the New Zealand Company shewing their Salaries and allowances in lieu of Rations – 7 Oct 1841

Captain W. M. Smith R.A., Surveyor General

Mr Carrington, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Surveyor

Assistant Surveyors Stokes, Harrison, Kettle, Mewburn, Nankivelle, Thomas, Connell

Mr Lewis, Chief Clerk of the Land Office

Mr Burt, Draughtsman and clerk

Mr Allen, Storekeeper

Labourers: John Cummerfield, Henry Light, John Turner, James Ward, Charles Cameron, William Nicol Jnr., Patrick Brosnan, John Cameron No.1, J. Campbell, Joseph Goodall, John Cameron No.2, J. McKay, Edw. Waggoner, W. Allen, J. McInnes, James Riddle, W. Nicol Snr., James Collins, Duncan Cameron, John Murray, James Craig, Alex Rankin, \_ Hood, James Brown, William Phillips, George Baron, Levi Tandy, George Wilkie, T. Stevenson, Alex McQuarrie, H. Jarvis, Mr Roper, Overseer

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**Page 343** (end of volume) A list of the monies received from the Principal Agent to defray the expenses of the Surveying Department for the quarter ending 31 Sep 1841

1841 Aug 16 For provisions for surveyors at Wanganui £59 13s 6d

1841 Aug 23 Mr Wickstead half years rent for the Office £17 10s

1841 Aug 25 For Mrs Robertson £5

1841 Aug 25 Mr A. Keith for provisions for Surveyors at Wanganui £32 18s 8d

1841 Sep 14 Hugh Morrison – wages of surveyor's labourer at Wanganui £20

1841 Sep 23 McGregor, Wanganui £30

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**1841 Sep 24 – page 72** William Mein Smith, Wanganui to Mr King, Wanganui – In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of this days date I beg to say that much as I regret that on the day of selection you were not able to find land suited to your views I regret still more that it is out of my power at present to comply with your request, if however on my return to Port Nicholson I find that I can do so without injustice to any of the other landowners I shall be happy to register you as the chooser of Sections numbered 20 and 21 on the left bank of the river on Line No.1.

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**1841 Oct 10 – page 74** William Mein Smith, Wellington to J. Thomas Esq.

I find that in consequence of an error in the Register of Landorders here, it will be necessary that the following alterations should be made, on your Plan of lands chosen, as well as in the Register. The Sections chosen by Mr Carrington in the order of choice 141 must be again thrown open to selection, as that number represents the Plymouth Company's land at Taranaki. The name and red number 141 must therefore be expunged. The number 141 had better be left on the register, or all the subsequent numbers will be thrown out.

The order of choice 79 appears in the name of F. A. Carrington, whose order is for land at New Plymouth, and has nothing to do with Wanganui. The choice was reserved at the late selection, but have the goodness to write opposite to it in the Register that it is not to be chosen for it will then make no difference to the holders of the numbers which follow.

The Sections chosen for 212 and 216 should have been chosen for 209 and 213, the red numbers on your Plan as well as the Register must be corrected. An error was made in some of the numbers written on the land orders to represent their order of choices, and in some cases has not been corrected. I send herewith a copy of the names of the Original Proprietors who presented the land orders, and which stand correctly noted in the Register, from which you made a copy, the errors appear to have arisen between 127 and 266 both included and may be easily corrected by observing the Original name and the order of choice opposite to it in the Register. Thus I chose for Mr Revans in the order which he gave me viz 212, the number erroneously marked on the Order he purchased from the Original Proprietor J. Burrow, whose name in the correct Register appears opposite to the choice No.209. In the same manner 216 was also chosen for Mr Revans. The Original Proprietor's name Mason will be found opposite the choice 213. It will be well therefore, when another selection takes place to be careful to find out the names of the Original holders of the land orders, and to see by the Register, and the accompanying list if the numbers inserted on the backs of the orders, correspond to those on the Register. If not the choices must take place in the order shown on the Register.

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**Page 75** An account of the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department from 1 Jul to 30 Sep 1841 – Wellington 1 Oct 1841.

1841 Jul 7 Drake – boat hire £5  
 1841 Jul 12 Mr Stokes – expenses at Porirua 17s 6d  
 1841 Jul 15 J. Waters – repairing Theodolites 12s  
 1841 Jul 26 Scanlin – boat hire £1 10s; Mr Kettle – allowance in lieu of Rations £12 10s  
 1841 Jul 27 Mr White – one Bell tent £5 5s  
 1841 Aug 2 Mr Stokes – allowance in lieu of Rations £12 10s  
 1841 Aug 2 Capt. Smith – allowance in lieu of Rations £12 10s  
 1841 Aug 12 Creamer, labourer (sick) £1  
 1841 Aug 13 Mr Revans – pencils &c 12s  
 1841 Aug 14 Mr Harrison – allowance in lieu of Rations £12 10s  
 1841 Aug 15 James Ward, labourer £1  
 1841 Aug 17 R. N. Palmer – six new stool & repairs £2 11s  
 1841 Aug 18 Mr Dorset – Provisions at Wanganui £3 12s 6d  
 1841 Aug 18 Mr E. J. Wakefield – passage of four men to Kapiti £6  
 1841 Aug 18 Mr E. J. Wakefield – provisions for labourers at Wanganui £59 13s 6d  
 1841 Aug 19 Bowler & Smith – two tents for Wanganui £6 6s  
 1841 Aug 19 George Duppa – for axes &c £2 8s  
 1841 Aug 21 Mr Catchpole – shovels &c £2 10s  
 1841 Aug 23 Messrs Wallace, White & Wallace – Felling axes 16s  
 1841 Aug 23 T. Poad – one miners pick 2s  
 1841 Aug 23 Mr Wickstead – half years rent for Office £17 10s  
 1841 Aug 25 George Duppa – provisions for Wanganui party £32 18s 8d  
 1841 Aug 25 Mrs Robertson £5  
 1841 Aug 25 Mr Carrington – allowance in lieu of Rations £12 10s



1841 Sep 7 James King – carriage of theodolites 4s  
 1841 Sep 14 Morrison, labourer at Wanganui £20  
 1841 Sep 18 Rob Nankivelle putting in Axe handles 10s 6d  
 1841 Sep 30 Surveyor General's expenses to Wanganui £6 4s 6d

**Page 77** An account of monies paid to the labourers at Wanganui

1841 Sep 7 John Well for a boat £10

1841 Sep 8 John Cameron, Hugh Cameron, Duncan Cameron, James Thomson, John Cameron (Overseer)

1841 Sep 25 Angus Cameron, Duncan Cameron, Hugh Cameron, W. Pearson, Edw. Martin, Robert Martin, Allen Cameron, John Cameron, William Hair, Hugh Morrison

1841 Sep 30 James Thomson, James Garaty

**Page 79** William Mein Smith to Mr Thomas, Wanganui (no date)

Colonel Wakefield has shown me a letter from some of the Wanganui Sectionists remonstrating against the selection of lands which took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimate at their own request. Colonel Wakefield has decided that the lands then chosen cannot be reselected. I can only say that much as I regret that from whatever circumstances some of the landowners were involuntarily absent at the late selection I feel that I have acted in strict conformity with my duty. Should it happen however that any of the gentlemen who have arrived at Wanganui since the 23<sup>rd</sup> September are desirous of taking any of the Sections which were not then chosen you may give a public notice that on a convenient day after the receipt of this that you will again offer for selection such lands as were offered and not selected on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The first choice must be offered to the first number reserved whether voluntarily or on account of involuntary absence of some of the Agents or Landowners and so on in the order of the reserved numbers.

**1841 Sep 7 – Page 80** William Mein Smith, Wanganui to Colonel William Wakefield – Report Carrington and Thomas completing survey of that part of the river towards the mouth. The whole number of sections which will be ready for selection by the 23<sup>rd</sup> will amount to about 150 – No.1 Line (22 sections), No.2 Line (26), on the river between Lines 2 & 3 (4), No.3 Line (34), on the river between Lines 3 & 4 (8), Line No.4 (16), Line No.5 (12), on the river between Lines 5 & 6 (4), Line No.6 (20), on the western bank of the River above Line No.6 (6) – total 152.

**1841 Oct 11 – Page 81** William Mein Smith, Wanganui to Colonel William Wakefield – Report Mentions Messrs Hadfield and Mason (Missionaries). On the 21<sup>st</sup> September Mr Thomas crossed the river for the purpose of surveying St Mary's Lake (Kaitoki); before he could proceed far in the matter, a body of Natives came up, and told him that this land was not sold, and that they would not allow him to survey it....

By the first Thursday in November I shall have sections to offer in the block of land between the Hutt and the Kinapora, some at the Eastern arm of the Porirua, some on the left bank of the Hutt, and some more between the Karori and Ohariu on the shores of Cook's Strait.

Since my last report the survey of the coast from Port Nicholson to Porirua has been completed. It forms an interesting and very useful map, which may be filled up from time to time as the surveys proceed within the limits.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> August Mr Connell received from His Excellency the Governor, the appointment of Post Master General, in consequence of which he retired from the Surveying Staff. His vacancy has not yet been filled up. In September three theodolites arrived from Messrs Willis & Co., Sydney in compliance with my letter written by your permission on the 5<sup>th</sup> June last...

I am now making copies of the map of the coast from Port Nicholson to Porirua. The Sections lately given out on the banks of the Wanganui and of such sketches made during my late journey as may serve to illustrate the country. These I hope to have ready in time to go to England by the schooner *Bally*.

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**Page 85** William Mein Smith – Instructions to Mr Nankiville – between Makara River and Sea

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**Page 86** William Mein Smith – Instructions to Mr Stokes

Having completed your report of your journey in the Valley of the Wyrerapa I wish you to examine the country on the opposite or Eastern side of the Harbour so far as the back of the second line of Sections. The present boundary of the Company's territories in that district. I wish your notes to be made as fully as possible on a Copy of the plan which will be furnished by Mr Burt. After this you may continue to give out the Lower sections upon the principal adopted some months ago.

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**1841 Dec 7 – Page 87**

Agreeable to Captain Smith's Instructions Mr Nankeville, Assistant Surveyor will leave this office on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> instant at 10 o'clock in the morning to shew the frontage and side lines of the Sections in the District of Makara. Message sent to: A. Anderson Esq., J. T. Wicksteed, J. D. Hine, D. Riddiford, J. H. St. Hill, R. D. Hanson, R. Park, J. W. Child, D. Drummond, Captain Daniel, H. Poynton Esq.

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**1841 Dec 30 – Page 89** William Mein Smith – Report to Colonel Wakefield of trip to Manawatu accompanied by assistant surveyors Harrison & Kettle and 16 men. At Porirua Mr Harrison's gun went off and wounded him severely in the right arm. He was obliged to return to Port Nicholson. At Otaki – oates were growing wild in considerable quantities; wheat ears were six inches long. Left Otaki 4 Dec and reached Manawatu the following day. Mentions: E Ha-hu at Wai-ka-wa; Pah Papangai; Pah Panieri; Pah Te warangi; Chief E Puki; Pah Piri-kau; ware named Tai-i-mate; Koputuroa; 10 Dec left Pah Panieri with Mr Revans & Mr Halswell (protector of aborigines) & his son and proceeded by land to Wanganui; Pah Tai-i-Tara where Taikoporua was the resident chief; Pah Pepang-ai-u; accompanied by Chief Otaki-Te-ra-hu.

On our way down the river we were informed of the arrival of a vessel in the river, this as we expected proved to be the schooner *Henry*. We found her anchored just abreast of the Pah Pepang-ai-u.

11 Dec 1841: This morning I went on board the *Henry* to superintend the landing of the cargo leaving Mr Kettle with the greater number of the men to receive the articles consisting of presents for the Natives, provisions &c and to stow them carefully, in the Pah. In the afternoon I had but little difficulty to induce some of the Chiefs who followed us from Otaki to build a shed to protect the stores from the weather. It was completed in less than three hours, my friend Otaki Te ra hu taking the lead.

13 Dec 1841: Having determined to go up the river as far as the Pah Tai-i-tara in order to finish my sketch and come to some understanding with Tai-ko-po-rua. For this purpose I took Davis the Native Missionary with me as an Interpreter. I made known my intention to E. Puki who instantly volunteered to go with me, and procure a good canoe which he speedily did. I was accompanied by Mr Revans and Otaki Te-ra-hu... At sunset we found ourselves no higher than Te Maire. Here Tai-ko-po-rua had built a chapel and here it was we decided that we should spend the night.

By the 18 Dec: Mr Kettle had surveyed ten miles of the River. I therefore made up my mind to shift our Quarters on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime Burr arrived and with your permission I placed him in charge of the stores having had them fenced in with a strong railing for their greater security, and on Monday we all moved up to a piece of cleared land close to Lewis's house near the head of long reach.

21 Dec 1841: I went with Messrs Kettle and Revans about four miles further up the river to examine the belt of trees on the left bank. At this point we found that the belt was not more than fifteen chains deep. We then came to swampy land, all of which I have no doubt may easily be drained. About half a mile to the eastward of the point at which we emerged from the bush the land became somewhat higher and was covered with timber. This line of wood runs down to the Eastern bank of the Lake at Orewenua. This part of the country I intend to examine when I return to the Manawatu which I hope to do in about three weeks...

During my residence on the banks of the Manawatu I observed that the Natives were making a great many new clearings and I found on enquiry that as they expected the white men to come among them, they were cultivating a much larger quantity of Potatoes... From the mouth of the Oruwenua our route to Port Nicholson was by the beach. I will only add therefore that I reached home safely on the morning of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> instant...

The other Gentlemen on my staff are employed as follows:

Mr Copps – surveying and laying out the Valley of Ohariu

Mr Mewburne – cutting a line of road from the District of Takapa to the head of the Eastern arm of Porirua Harbour in to the valley of Horoki with the view to seeking a road through the valley to the coast

Mr Stokes – is employed in Wellington but I purpose shortly to send him to Wanganui to lay out the Plan of the Town

Mr Thomas – is proceeding with all possible speed with the surveys of the Country land at Wanganui.

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**1841 Dec 30 – Page 97** William Mein Smith – A second copy of his report in different handwriting.

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**Pages 105-106** Return of all the persons employed in the Surveying Staff of the New Zealand Company shewing the Salaries and allowances in lieu of Rations – Wellington 1 Jan 1842.

Captain Smith, R.A., Surveyor General

Assistant Surveyors: Stokes, Harrison, Kettle (at the Manawatu), Mewburne, Nankeville (and rations as per labourers), Thomas (at Wanganui), Cropps (joined staff 9 Nov 1841)

Chief Clerk of the Land Office: Lewis

Draughtsman and Clerk: Burt

Storekeeper: H. Allen

Labourers: John Cummerfield, Henry Light, Benjamin Levy, Joseph Goodall, James Campbell, Alex McQuarrie, Mathew Fox, James Ward, John Turner, James Riddle, Samuel Hands, William Nicol Jnr., George Ade, Frederick Lander, Alfred Lander, Thomas Reed (discharged 18 Dec), John Greaves (left the staff 24 Dec), L. McInnes (sick), Frederick Thomas Berry, William Allen, W. Phillips, John Robberts, Phillip Robberts, James Mitchell, Duncan Cameron, George Darling, Edward Waggoner, H. Jarvis, William Cains, James Brown, James Creamer, Patrick Brosnan, John Cameron No.1, John Ladbrook, William Membray, William Gilbert (discharged 27 Nov), M. Pilkington (discharged 27 Nov), Thomas Stevenson (discharged 13 Nov), Allan Cameron, John McKay (discharged 13 Nov), W. Nicol Snr. (discharged 13 Nov), George Baron (discharged 30 Oct), Levi Tandy (discharged), Augustus Hood (left the staff 9 Oct), James Craig (discharged 13 Nov), John Murray (discharged 13 Nov), J. Roper (Overseer – discharged Oct 23), Alex Rankin (discharged 13 Nov), George Wilkie (discharged 2 Oct), Charles Cameron (discharged 2 Oct), John Cameron No.2 (discharged 13 Nov), James Collins (discharged 13 Nov), William Fishir (discharged 6 Nov), William Wicks (discharged 30 Oct), George Farmer (discharged 30 Oct), John Hooper (discharged 13 Nov), James Hobbman (discharged 13 Nov), T. Russell (discharged 18 Dec), J. Birmingham (discharged 18 Dec), John Cameron (Overseer – discharged at Wanganui), William Hair (Overseer – discharged at Wanganui), Angus Cameron (labourer at Wanganui), Hugh Cameron, Duncan Cameron, Alex Cameron, Alex Ross, James Thompson, Robert Martin, Edward Martin (Overseer), Donald Cameron, Hugh Cameron, L. McKay, John Lirgar (left Dec), John Cameron

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**Pages 107-108** An account of the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department from 1 Oct to 31 Dec 1841

1841 Sep 25 Labourers at Wanganui – Francis Mitchell, James Garratty, James Thompson  
1841 Oct 8 Maurice Fox, labourer at Wanganui £12  
1841 Oct 11 Donald Cameron, labourer at Wanganui £20

1841 Oct 14 A. Brown, Kapiti for board of labourers wrecked in the schooner *Sandfly*  
1841 Oct 14 John Cameron, labourer at Wanganui £21 7s 5d  
1841 Oct 14 John Cameron for Angus and Duncan Cameron, labourers at Wanganui £36  
1841 Oct 14 Allan Cameron, labourer at Wanganui £16 15s 2d  
1841 Oct 14 J. H. Johnston, straight edge squares &c for the office 12s  
1841 Oct 14 Johnson & Moore for Mr H. Churton for provisions at Wanganui £10 12s 7d

1841 Oct 18 Levin & Co., six yards of calico for mounting plans 7s 6d  
1841 Oct 18 Davis (Native missionary) boat hire £1 10s

1841 Oct 23 Levin & Co., six yards of calico for mounting plans 6s  
1841 Oct 23 Mr Stokes allowance in lieu of Rations £12 10s  
1841 Oct 23 Captain Smith allowance in lieu of Rations £12 10s  
1841 Oct 23 Messrs Durie & Co. – provisions £1 8s 2d

1841 Oct 25 Mr J. Roper, Overseer – arrears of last quarter £4 14s 4d  
1841 Oct 26 William Friend son of R. Friend, labourer at Wanganui £5  
1841 Oct 28 J. Watters – rep Theodolite 12s

1841 Nov 1 Joseph Toms – provisions at Porirua for working parties employed there – 6s 9d  
1841 Nov 1 Joseph Toms – provisions at Porirua for working parties employed there – £3 18s 6d

1841 Nov 2 Mr H. Boyton – rep Theodolite £1 2s 6d  
1841 Nov 8 Mr H. Reed – tin case (for plans per *Balley*) 6s 6d

1841 Nov 13 Ann Lingar for J. Lingar, labourer at Wanganui £3 16s 8d  
1841 Nov 13 Elizabeth Rankin for Andrew and James Rankin, labourers at Wanganui £7 13s 4d

1841 Nov 21 Duncan Fraser, Smith – Bill Hooks &c £4 15s  
1841 Nov 25 Levin & Co. – calico for mounting plans 10s  
1841 Nov 27 H. Friend, Overseer employed at Wanganui £12

Sundries... Cummerfield's expenses to the Manawatu 3s; H. Boyton, rep theodolite 2s 6d; Dr Knox for a tent £3 3s

1841 Dec 30  
Ellerm for axe handle 6s  
Mr Nankeville expenses crossing Porirua Harbour 10s  
Mr Bale copying register &c at Wanganui £1  
Mr H. Churton provisions at Wanganui for working parties £13 12s  
Mr McGregor provisions at Wanganui for working parties £8 8s 10d  
J. Bluett preparing tracing paper 5s  
Mr White for cutting lines omitted in former account £18 1s 6d  
Mr King – stationery at Wanganui £1 12s 4d  
Mr Thomas to pay labourers at Wanganui £273 8s 4d

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**Page 109** List of monies received from the Principal Agent to defray the expenses of the Surveying Department for the quarter ending 31 Dec 1841

Francis Mitchell, James Garratty, James Thompson – labourers at Wanganui

1841 Oct 2 Cheque Mr Stokes £42

1841 Oct 7 Cheque Captain Smith £100

1841 Dec 1 Cheque Mr White for cutting line £18 1s 6d

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**1842 Jan 13 – Page 111** – Instructions to Mr Copps

As a road from the valley of the Ohariu, in which you are at present employed, to Porirua is very desirable I wish you to make this an object of your search. Let it be carried if possible so as to have a line of Sections on each side. If the breadth of available land however will not admit of such an arrangement take at all events the best line for the road. It may happen however that a practicable road cannot be found leading direct to the harbour of Porirua. In this case you should seek for one leading to the lower part of the Kinapora. Should you have completed the survey of the Valley of Ohariu and such branches of it as may afford available land before my return you had better discharge your party and fill up your own time in the office making copies of such plans as may be required in Duplicate.

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**1842 Jan 18 – Page 111** – Instructions for Mr Captain Thomas

You are at present employed in cutting a line of road from Tukapu past the head of the Eastern arm of Porirua Harbour into the Valley of Horoki with a view to finding an inland communication through this Valley to the Coast. In directing this line care should be taken to carry it as nearly as possible through the middle of the available land in order to get sections on each side if possible. Should you succeed in reaching the Coast before I return you may return to the commencement of your line, and carry branch roads in a direction as nearly perpendicular to it as possible and at about 100 chains apart which will enable us to get two lines of sections between each pair of roads. I leave a sketch in the office which I request you to follow as far as it may be found practicable.

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**1842 Mar 2 – Page 110** William Mein Smith to Sheperd, Assistant Surveyor

As you have received instructions from Mr Brees to proceed to Wanganui to strengthen the staff there and in this instance to receive your instructions from me. I have to request that you will make such arrangements as may be necessary to proceed with Messrs Nicholas and Hunt cadets and six men to Wanganui tomorrow morning. On your arrival you will be good enough to report yourself to Mr Thomas the Surveyor there and request him to shew you the Plan of the Town which I wish you with all speed to mark out on the ground. By a late despatch from the Court of Directors I have received instructions to lay out a Town at Wanganui in two thousand sections of a quarter of an acre each. I would have you in the first instance stake out the part of the Town nearest to the water, as the most valuable and likely to be first chosen. You may report your progress from time to time as opportunities occur sending me also tracings of your Plan. It is possible that you may find it necessary to make some slight alterations from the original design should this be the case you are at liberty to do so. The Plan of the Town from which the Sections will be chosen hereafter must be made entirely from your own data and should contain every information that may be useful to the settlers in making their choices. Your men will be furnished with Provisions for one week by the Storekeeper here. At the expiration of that period they will receive rations in the usual manner from the Company's store at Wanganui. As I am about to write to Mr Thomas concerning the Country Lands I will only add by best wishes for a pleasant journey to you and your companions.

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**1842 Mar 2 – Page 112** William Mein Smith to J. T. Wicksteed

I spoke to Colonel Wakefield two days ago in the necessity of sending some provisions round to the Manawatu. He told me that a Vessel would be ready to go in a few days and begged me to give you the number of men to be provided for. I will therefore beg the favour of you to instruct the Storekeeper to ship sufficient quantities of Beef, Flour and Sugar to Ration forty men for three months. I would suggest also the propriety of sending some trustworthy person to take charge of the stores and an account of their expenditure. This has hitherto been done by Mr Kettle but as his work will soon lead him away from Te Kurri Kurri the headquarters of the Surveyors on the Manawatu it will become impossible for him to account for the expenditure of the stores with the degree of accuracy which will be required.

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**1842 Mar 2 – Page 129** Samuel Charles Brees to Alex. Wills, Surveying Cadet

Having given directions to Mr Searancke to proceed to the District of the Hutt on a surveying expedition you will please to accompany him and assist in all his operations. I have to request that you do pay every attention to the instructions you will receive from him and to the interest of the Company.

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**1842 Mar 7 – Page 134** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Searancke, Assistant Surveyor

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report upon the land in the vicinity of Lowry Bay and other matters relating thereto according to my instructions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> last. Now that you are returning to the spot I have to request that you confine your proceedings to the land westward of the line drawn on the map prepared for you such being the boundary or nearly so of the Company's land in this direction. You will likewise trace the best lines of communication with the coast and see how far it is practicable to connect with the Hutt. I have further added to the number of your field men according to your suggestion who have rations for two weeks from this date. They will carry a like supply for you and the men.

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**1842 Mar 9 – Pages 135-136** Report of Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

I have the honor to report for the information of the Court of Directors an account of the proceedings of myself and the Gentlemen placed under my charge since our arrival in New Zealand on the 9<sup>th</sup> of last month. Captain Smith being at that time at Manawatu and Orewenua. I was necessitated to postpone all operations until his return and was employed in settling myself and family on shore, assorting and examining the Surveying Stores &c, also reconnoitring the country and my assistants were occupied in a similar manner.

I attended the Surveyor General's Office for the first time on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February according to instructions received from you, and met Captain Smith and yourself, an arrangement was then entered into that Captain Smith should conclude the current quarter terminating 31<sup>st</sup> of the present month. His reports of the Surveys and accounts will therefore be complete. And in regard to my assistants that they should be employed other ways. I am happy to say Captain Smith has cooperated with me in the most candid manner and we have mutually assisted each other.

I accordingly gave instructions to my Assistants without further delay. The Office Maps of the several Districts being in a very bad and unfinished state I at once resolved to make another set and have certain Assistants (Messrs Tiffin & Shepherd – Searancke and Whitehead) and several of the Cadets engaged on them, also examining into other matters relating to the Office which I conceive necessary. A large map of the District of Manawatu and Orewenua has also been made under my direction.

A party of my Assistants (Messrs R. Shepherd and Wylie) and some Cadets have been making an examination of the Town, more especially in reference to the Levels of the several lines of communication and may I be allowed to remark that although you do not purpose any alteration at present yet it will add to our knowledge of the capabilities of the several localities as thoroughfares, and must be ultimately of much service. This party are now taking observations with the Spirit Level and Circumferenter of the country between Wellington and Korora (Karori?) with a view to laying out the best road between these places upon which I have devoted some time and still engaged.

The Town business or setting out of Sections in Wellington having fallen to my share. I have an assistant engaged upon it (Mr Whitehead) assisted by some Cadets, and a little difficulty has occurred in consequence of the mistakes of some of Captain Smith's late Assistants, however I hope to be able to neutralize this inconvenience and shall fix such marks upon the ground that the like cannot occur again. Captain Smith having represented to me that Mr Thomas, Assistant Surveyor at present stationed at Wanganui required strengthening. I dispatched an Assistant and two Cadets to him (Mr F. Shepherd and Messrs Hunt and Nicholson) together with six men on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, leaving Captain Smith to give his own particular instructions.

I have also had one Assistant (Mr Searancke) and one Cadet (Mr Wills) employed in examining the country at the back of Lowry Bay the final result of which enquiry I am not yet in possession of.

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**1842 Mar 10 – Page 134** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Searancke, Assistant Surveyor

I have received your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant. I wish you to set out any Sections in that district that Mr Jackson is satisfied with providing they are not without the Company's bounds but I do not fix you to a  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile as it may be difficult to decide to such a distance. When you have finished you will please to return immediately and I will have fresh instructions ready for you to proceed elsewhere so that no time be lost your men having rations for two weeks.

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**1842 Mar 21 – Page 113** Samuel Charles Brees, Wellington to F. A. Shepherd, Assistant Surveyor

I received your despatch of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant on Saturday morning last and am sorry to find the men turned out so bad. The only part requiring particular observation at present respecting yourself and I have no doubt but you will be stationed two months at Wanganui at any rate... If you should not be required by Mr Thomas at any time you had better take the opportunity of surveying the river and take soundings as suggested in your despatch. You will find a letter and parcel containing some money from your brother. I also forward £10 10s Messrs Hunt & Nicholson being three weeks salary from the time I last settled with them. You will please take a memo from them and forward to me. Will you please to plot your work to a scale of four inches to the mile and present my compliments to Mr Thomas and say that if he will do the same it will much facilitate the office work as I wish to have the same scale used for all field plans of District.

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**1842 Mar 21 – Page 114** Samuel Charles Brees, Wellington to Mr Nankeville, Assistant Surveyor

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> instant containing an account of your stoppage by the maoris which I forwarded to Captain Smith who at present has charge of the district you are engaged in. Captain Smith having left Wellington this morning on the Company Service I undertake to inform you of his instructions which are "that you complete as many Sections as possible and then assist Messrs Harrison and Kettle in cutting the back line" until further notice.

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**1842 Mar 30 – Pages 125-126** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Searancke, Assistant Surveyor

I have to request that you proceed to the Valley of the Hutt with a view to extending that district. You will proceed in the first place to examine the Country and ascertain the amount of eligible land and whether it be readily got at since I consider of the utmost importance that the sections should be laid out in such a manner that they be accessible to the proprietors (i.e.) that the projected roads be as practicable as possible under the circumstances and I suggest to you the expediency of passing them round the foot of the Hills, not indeed in the Valleys but rising and falling to the necessary levels along the sides of the Hills in preference to passing directly upwards, as roads constructed according to the former method are in every respect the most advantageous. I have also to call attention to the necessity for despatch in all your operations, for instance it is quite unnecessary to cut any other lines than the lines of road, but you will mark the direction of the Sections and number them as you proceed, merely satisfying yourself that the work will come in. Therefore, when you have traced out lines of communication which of course are to be entirely dependent on the levels of the country. The Valley being assumed to be good and eligible in an agricultural point of view, you will chain... next lay out the sections on paper the whole having a frontage in the road and sent it to me by one of your men for approval and I will return it direct. I have further to call your attention to the advantage of joining the district of the Hutt with that of the Pawai-tangi-nui and with the Coast should circumstances favour. I have given directions to Mr Wills, who will accompany you, also six men.



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**1842 Apr – Pages 115 to 123** Report of Captain William Mein Smith to Colonel Wakefield

I arrived in Port Nicholson with my Staff on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 1840. At that time you were absent and I soon afterwards learnt that you were at Port Hardy, to which place I dispatched a Messenger to inform you of my arrival. In the meantime I made reconnoissance's of the land round Lambton Harbour and the Valley of the Hutt as far as I could go in a small canoe with the view to comparing them as sites for the future City. The first site appeared to me to be too small, while that at the mouth of the Hutt afforded abundance of room to carry out the Instructions I had received from the Court of Directors, and it was moreover at the Terminus of the Valley through which I thought, and think still we shall hereafter find the best line of communication with the interior of the Country. On your return to Port Nicholson you agreed with me in opinion and I commenced operations.

Very shortly afterwards the settlers began to arrive in considerable numbers and many of them were temporarily located on the banks of the Hutt. In the month of March the river rose and overflowed the banks to the great alarm of some of the people residing there. A Public Meeting was called and I was requested to make a further examination of the Valley, and the river, and to report the result to you, which I did in writing. I stated that I had found more difficulties than I had anticipated, but I thought that the river might be rendered secure against further floods by clearing away the drift wood and cutting channels for the floods waters into the other rivers. I stated also my opinion that the sum of money then at your disposal was not sufficient to ensure the safety of the property of the Settlers living on the banks of the river. Early in the month of April I received your instructions to proceed to Lambton Harbour, and recommence my operations, which I did under every species of difficulty – the incessant importunities of a large body of settlers who had arrived at this time – a winter of unusual inclemency – no office or place of residence but a tent – and frequent hindrances from the Natives.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June I reported the severe indisposition of Mr Carrington from exposure and suggested the necessity of employing two or even three more assistants. In reply you permitted me to add two more to my strength. I employed Messrs Thomson and Turnbull but neither of these gentlemen remained with me more than a few months.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> July the choosing of the Town allotments commenced. On the 31<sup>st</sup> some of the Land owners complained that sufficient time had not been given them to compare the Plan with the Ground. It was discovered also that there was only one copy of the Plan, and it was thought necessary that another should be made and deposited for safety in the vaults of the Bank. The selection again proceeded on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and finished on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr Hanson was at that time acting as Principal Agent during your absence at the Bay of Islands.

The first selection of Country Lands took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> October when thirty three sections were offered and taken. Long 'ere this I had learnt many of the difficulties of surveying and laying out the land in the neighbourhood of Port Nicholson and the consequent delay and inconvenience likely to befall the expectant Landowners. I had heard of the countries on the banks of the Wanganui and at Taranaki of their fertility and the rapidity with which they might be laid out, and contemplating the ruinous effects of long delay to the small capitalists it was thought advisable to despatch Messrs Park and Stokes, two of my Assistants to examine and report upon the nature of those countries. Their report confirmed the favourable accounts we had heard before. In the meantime however, we were informed of the passing of the New Zealand Bill by the Council at Sydney and a Deputation was sent to H. C. Sir G. Gipps. On their return it appeared to be the intention of His Excellency to confine the Company's Settlers to a compact block of land round Port Nicholson. Settlers were now arriving in the Colony holding what were termed Secondary land orders issued by the Directors under a misapprehension of the extremely difficult nature of the Country and the consequent delays likely to occur in the Surveys.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November Mr Harrison joined my Staff as an Assistant Surveyor with a salary of £200 a year and £50 in lieu of Rations. At a public meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1840 to prevent the ruinous consequences likely to befall the new body of settlers from long delay decided on opening the District of Wanganui for their benefit and location, at their own request. On the 24<sup>th</sup> December

I despatched Mr Carrington my First Assistant to Wanganui to commence operations. His progress was slow and anything but satisfactory. On the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1841 I instructed Mr Thomas whose services I had lately accepted as an Assistant to proceed to Wanganui and cooperate with Mr Carrington, and it was not until the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1841 that I had Sections to offer. I also offered 143 of these 81 were chosen immediately after the Selection. I accepted the resignation of Mr Carrington. The Surveys in the District of Wanganui have proceeded much more rapidly since. Mr Thomas has proved himself a zealous and active Officer and I am in daily expectation of receiving Plans of a large number of Country Sections in the District as well as about 600 sections in the Town. The proceedings at Wanganui have insensibly led me into the year 1841 but it is necessary that I should again refer to 1840 to carry on my account of the Surveys in the neighbourhood of Port Nicholson.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December I received letters from Messrs Park and Stokes two of my Assistants begging for an increase of Salary. Not having any authority to do so, I referred the matter to you and you were good enough to consent to give each of them, an additional £50 a year making their Salaries up to £200. Mr Park was not satisfied with this addition and on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1841 he retired from the Company's Services. The best addition I was then able to make to my Staff was a young man named Burt who tho' not a Surveyor acted and acts still, as Clerk and Draughtsman with a salary of £150 a year.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> December 83 country sections were chosen. These were in the neighbourhood of the Town, on the Harbour and in the Valley of the Hutt. Thus closed the proceedings of the year 1840. The Town of Wellington had been surveyed and distributed together with 163 country sections.

## 1841

In the early part of the year nothing occurred worth relating. Toward the end of the month of March as I had received no accounts from Mr Carrington I determined to pay Wanganui a visit, which I did on foot. I found that Mr Carrington's progress had been very slow and pointed out the means by which he might proceed much more rapidly. I remained at Wanganui till 9<sup>th</sup> April when I left to return to Port Nicholson which I reached on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> April I accepted the Services of Mr Kettle and on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May I received a further addition to my strength in the person of Mr Nankeville. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 126 sections were offered for Selection, the whole were taken in less than three hours. These were chiefly in the Districts of Kinapora and round the Harbour of Porirua.

Mr Mewburn joined me on the 21<sup>st</sup> June my Staff then consisted of seven Assistant Surveyors and one Clerk.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July I accepted the services of Mr Connell as an Assistant and dispatched him on the 5<sup>th</sup> to endeavour to find a road from the Valley of the Kinapora into the Valley of Ohariu. The weather was now very much against field operations and Mr Connell failed. On the 27<sup>th</sup> August he was appointed Postmaster General by His Excellency Governor Hobson who was then at Port Nicholson. It was then that the Public Reserves in the Town were approved and appropriated by His Excellency. It was then also that the limits were assigned to the Port Nicholson and Wanganui Districts.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August I left Port Nicholson to proceed to Wanganui to be ready to give out the land which had been advertised as ready for selection by the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. It had been my intention to have been gone round by Sea but previous to my departure a meeting of the Wanganui Sectionists was held and a Deputation was sent to me to request that I would walk to prevent the accidental delays of a Sea voyage. When the day of Selection (23<sup>rd</sup> September) arrived most of the gentlemen from Port Nicholson had not arrived. I proposed waiting but a great clamour was raised. I was told (and truly) that the day had been named in Port Nicholson, and that the proprietors and agents had had abundance of time. I allowed the Selection to proceed. On the following Monday (27 September) I left Wanganui on my return home and even then none of the gentlemen from Port Nicholson had arrived.

On reaching home I was informed that they had only left Port Nicholson the day before the selection in a vessel which they had chartered to take them round and I learnt afterwards that they had a tedious passage of eleven days.

During my absence at Wanganui three theodolites arrived from Messrs Willis & Co., Sydney in compliance with my letter written with your permission on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr Copps joined the Staff on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1841. I kept him at work in the Office for some time and then set him to work in the Valley of Ohariu where he has been engaged ever since.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> November 92 sections of land were offered for Selection and all chosen. They were in the Districts of the Hutt, Makara and Tukapu.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> November I left Port Nicholson with Messrs Kettle and Harrison for the Manawatu. At Porirua Mr Harrison's gun by some unfortunate accident went off and wounded him severely in the right arm. I was thereby deprived of his Services till the end of January (1842). I proceeded with Mr Kettle. I made a sketch of the river from the Pah Wakatiro down to its mouth. One copy of this has been sent to England. I remained with Mr Kettle and assisted him in the Survey of the river till the latter end of December, when my presence became necessary at Port Nicholson.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1842 Mr Stokes retired from the Company's Service.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> I dispatched Mr Nankivell with a party of eight men to the Manawatu with instructions to Survey and lay out that fine grazing district lying between the Manawatu and the Orewenua which I endeavoured to describe in my last Report. On the following day I proceeded to the Valley of Ohariu to inspect Mr Copp's work. From thence I proceeded to the Manawatu in order to be ready to receive the schooner *Henry* with the additional presents which had been enumerated by the Native Chiefs and which they had declared would be sufficient to satisfy them for their lands in the neighbourhood of the Manawatu the boundaries of which they described to be – the Rangitikei on the North the Orewenua on the South, the Sea on the West and the hills on the East.

I found that Mr Kettle has made considerable progress in the Survey of the River and had fixed his Head Quarters on the point called Te Kurri Kurri. He had been constructing a chart of the Sea Reach and the entrance to the river which was completed soon after my arrival. It had been done with great care and has already proved to be very useful.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January I was joined by Mr Harrison who had recovered from his accident. He brought with him a party of twelve men. I employed him in cutting lines from the River into the hills and in laying the country out in Sections. The schooner *Henry* arrived on the 1<sup>st</sup> February and having landed the presents at the Pah Papangain proceeded with a fresh supply of provisions for my working parties up to Te Kurri Kurri.

The Natives who had been waiting a long time expecting the presents assembled round the Pah in great numbers. They consisted of the Ngati Peri-wa was under the Chief Taratoa or Kiringutu, Watanui's people, some of the principal Mobuks from Orewenua and a few of the Ngati Rakawas from Otaki under E. Puna who told me that no more of the Otaki Chiefs were coming. I was looking for the arrival of Taikopurua and the people from Panieri. These however did not arrive and finding that any further delay in the distribution of the presents was likely to prove dangerous I gave the parties present such articles as they declared would satisfy them reserving one case of double barrelled shotguns, two bales of blankets, three tierce of tobacco, some powder and a large proportion of the smaller articles for the absentees. I soon found that the Natives were pilfering the smaller things which I did my best to prevent but very soon a general rush took place. I succeeded with much trouble in securing some of the things. I was assisted by Watanui, his two sons and some of the other chiefs but the greater part of the smaller stores were carried off. Having disposed of such things as were saved I proceeded up the river to Kurri-kurri. On the following day I received

a visit from Taikopurua who told me he did not care for the things and had no wish to part with his land. I appointed the following Monday to meet him and Watanui at Aratangata.

On the Monday morning when I was on my way down to the place of meeting I met Taikopurua and his grandson Taurangi. This young man described the possessions of his grandfather as occupying by much the largest proportion of the land on the river and tried to prevent my going down to Aratanga. I however proceeded and told Watanui what had occurred. He was very angry at the conduct of Taikopurua as was Kiringutu. They both laughed at the quantity of land he claimed. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the things they had received and told me we should have the land whether the Ngati Rakawas and Taikopurua liked it or not. They said the things had come for which they had agreed to sell the land and it was their own fault if they did not get them. At all events it was a matter for them to settle and that we had nothing to do with it.

Te Kurri kurri appeared to me to be the best place for the Surveyor's Head Quarters of this District and here it was that I had proposed to deposit the stores and to have the District Office. Taratoa and his people were determined to build me a house there but they would not commence until the mosquitoes were gone. In the meantime as a store of some kind was necessary for the security of the Provisions I had one built by our own people when they could best be spared for the purpose. The Office I find is now in progress.

During my residence in the Manawatu I had several opportunities of examining the Country in its neighbourhood from Long Reach as far as I went the banks of the River are clothed with wood as many are groves of Tall Pines. The wood however is generally a narrow belt having wet or swampy land behind. This I believe for the most part may be drained and rendered fit for agricultural purposes at a less expense than the wooded lands can be cleared. I sounded these swamps in many places and found that they varied from two to six feet in depth and I then came to a hard bottom which I presumed to be the substratum of clay loam seen on the banks of the river. From Te Kurri Kurri for some few miles upwards the wooded lands extend back to the hills. Pines are frequently met with but the Tawa seems to predominate.

I had determined on leaving the Manawatu to push my way into the hills and then to steer for Otaki through the bush. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February I left the Manawatu and walked up one of Mr Harrison's lines as far as it was then cut (about two miles) and then walked towards the hills guided by the Compass. I was accompanied by the two men Light & Cummerfield who carried the blankets and four days provisions. We walked for about four hours through a dense forest thickly intersected with supple jacks. Finding that I had now got fairly into the hill country I altered my course and for the remainder of the day steered due South. We walked on until nearly eight o'clock at night in the hopes of finding water, but it became so dark that we were obliged to halt without finding any. On the following morning we started soon after daylight. I now steered S. W. for Otaki. About 9 o'clock we descended into a gully and were delighted to find a small quantity of water. Here we halted to breakfast. Our march in the early part of the day was very fatiguing but we proceeded. The Forest became more open, the walking consequently much more agreeable. We passed over some beautiful country clothed with magnificent timber, almost free from underwood. About the middle of the day we crossed two fine streams each carrying a volume of water nearly equal to the Kinapora. We stopped at the last of them to take our mid-day meal but the mosquitoes did not allow us to rest long. Towards evening the woods again began to grow thick and troublesome. We walked on until dark and were again obliged to spend the night without water.

About noon on the third day I heard some double shots on the right and began to think I was approaching the Potatoe grounds near Otaki. The woods now became extremely thick and we were obliged to use the greatest exertions to get on at all. At length I found myself so completely entangled among the supple jack and brambles that I could not move till one of my men came to cut me out. We soon afterwards found ourselves clear of the forest and in a deserted Potatoe garden. We found a patch which we followed for about a quarter of a mile and suddenly found ourselves on the shore of the Lake Orewenua to my great disappointment. To go to Otaki at the same rate of walking would have taken us at least three days more and as we had only provisions enough for one day left I determined to cross the Lake and proceed for the remainder of my way home by the usual route which I did and reached Port Nicholson at Noon on Sunday 20 March.

On my return I found a letter waiting for me from the Court of Directors informing me that they received a notification from the Master General of the Ordnance to say that my term of leave was \_ to the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1842 and supposing me to be on my way home and contemplating the evil effects of such a proceeding to the Interests of the Company and the Settlers they had sent out Mr Brees to fill my place. If I had left the Colony or to relieve me in case I should have remained in which case my pay and allowance would be continued to me till the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1842. As I had no wish to leave the Colony for the present at least I determined with your permission to continue to superintend the Survey of those lands which were nearly ready for selection and which will be offered on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant. I determined also to complete my reports of Progress, Returns and the Accounts of my Department for the last quarter and in the meantime to give Mr Rees such information as I thought might be useful and such as he might require and I think he will do me the justice to say I have done so. I have handed over my Office disbursements, stores &c and it only now remains for me to give out the land already surveyed of which there are 290 sections on the Manawatu and in the District of Orewenua surveyed by Messrs Kettle, Harrison and Nankivell. 89 sections in the District of Pawai-tangi-mu at the head of the Eastern arm of the Porirua Harbour surveyed by Mr Mewburn and 38 sections in the Valley of Ohariu surveyed by Mr Copps. These together with the sections already selected, including those at Wanganui amount to 953. I am in daily expectation of receiving plans from Wanganui shewing a large number of sections which have been laid out by Mr Thomas and I have no doubt whatever but that by the early part of July the total number of acres which have been surveyed will not be less than 150,000.

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**Page 130** A summary of the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department from January 1842 to July 1842 – mentions: Colonel Wakefield; Mr Carrington 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Surveyor; Assistant surveyors Park, Stokes, Harrison, Kettle, Thomas, Mewburn, Copps, Nankeville, Connell; Mr Burt, Draughtsman, and clerk.

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**Pages 131-2** Expenses of the Surveyor General's Department for the quarter ending 31 Mar 1842.

1842 Feb 1 J. Northwood – repairing Prismatic Compass

1842 Feb 5 Jane Martin – on account of J. E. J. Rob. Martin, labourers at Wanganui £10

1842 Feb 5 George Briggs – for painting Surveyor General's office outside £1 17s 6d

1842 Feb 5 H. Johnston – Drawing Board set square &c £1 3s 6d

1842 Feb 8 Captain Daymond – charter of schooner *Henry* to carry provisions for labourers at Manawatu £44

1842 Feb 8 J. Hale – for office table £4 4s

1842 Feb 12 Jenkins – for whale boat for surveys at Manawatu £3 1s

1842 Feb 12 Joseph Goodall – for expenses to Porirua 2s 6d

1842 Feb 12 R. H. Palmer – Drawing Board &c - £1 5s

1842 Feb 12 H. Overend – coffin & funeral expenses of Light child £1 17s 6d

1842 Feb 19 Perry – for freight of stores £10 7s

1842 Feb 19 Mr Stokes – ration allowance and expenses to Wairarapa £15 4s 6d

1842 Feb 19 H. Reid – repairing stove piping &c 17s

1842 Feb 19 Mr Foucher – cleaning out office 5s

1842 Feb 19 Messrs Haters & Co. – expence of Mr Carrington to Wanganui £5 5s

1842 Feb 21 Mr Wicksteed – rent of Surveyor General's office £26 17s 10d

1842 Feb 23 Captain Daymond – charter of schooner *Henry* for Manawatu £40

1842 Mar 3 Mr Searanke – expenses to Lowry Bay 2s 6d

1842 Mar 5 Jane Martin – on account of J. E. J. R. Martin, labourers at Wanganui £10

1842 Mar 9 Peter Langley – labourer at Manawatu, arrears of wages £12 13s 4d

1842 Mar 9 Messrs Haters & Co. – freight of stores to Wanganui £12

1842 Mar 9 Mr Harrison – expenses at Manawatu £1 6s 6d

1842 Mar 9 James Creag – to the order of M. Fox labour at Manawatu £1

1842 Mar 9 J. Riddle – to the order of A. Hood labour at Manawatu £1

1842 Mar 9 J. Riddle – to the order of M. Fox labour at Manawatu £4

1842 Mar 9 Benjamin Levy – to the order of J. Campbell labour at Manawatu £6

1842 Mar 19 Light for J. Stent, T. Russell & T. Watson 10s, labourers at Wanganui £1 10s  
 1842 Mar 19 Jane Martin – on account of R., E. & J. Martin, labourers at Wanganui £10  
 1842 Mar 19 R. O. Clarke – expenses of Mr Searanke's party of Lowry Bay 6s  
 1842 Mar 19 J. Minifie – painting canvass for tent 12s  
 1842 Mar 19 Benjamin Levy – labourers at Manawatu arrears of wages £12 13s 4d  
 1842 Mar 19 J. Taine – candlestick for land office 3s  
 1842 Mar 19 Light & Jones – expenses to and from Wanganui and Manawatu £2 12s  
 1842 Mar 26 Levin & Co. – check for duster for office 2s  
 1842 Mar 26 Joseph Goodall – to order of S. Hands 15s  
 1842 Mar 26 J. Jackson – to order of C. M. Reynolds £1  
 1842 Mar 26 A. Lander – to order of S. Hands £1  
 1842 Mar 26 A. Lander – to order of J. Campbell £1  
 1842 Mar 26 Daymond – to order of J. Jones £2  
 1842 Mar 26 Lander – expenses to and from Manawatu 10s  
 1842 Mar 26 Captain Smith – expenses to and from Manawatu £3 5s  
 1842 Mar 26 Captain Smith – ration money £12 10s  
 1842 Mar 26 Johnson – for office repairs £38

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**Page 133** Account of monies received from the Principal Agent to defray the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department.

1842 Jan 8 Cheque – Captain Daymond charter of schooner *Henry* to convey provisions for labourers at Manawatu £44

1842 Jan 19 Cheque – A. Perry freight of stores £10 7s  
 1842 Jan 19 Cheque – Mr Stokes ration money and expenses to Wairarapa £15 4s 6d  
 1842 Feb 6 Cheque – Joseph Goodall wage gone to Taranaki £8 13s 4d  
 1842 Feb 21 Cheque – Mr Wicksteed rent of office £26 17s 10d

1842 Feb 23 Cheque – Captain Daymond charter of schooner *Henry* for conveying stores for labourers to Manawatu £40

1842 Mar 22 Cheque – Benjamin Levy wages £12 13s 4d  
 1842 Mar 23 Cheque – Johnston for office repairs £7

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**Page 138** An account with S. C. Brees, Principal Surveyor

**Page 139** Colonel W. Wakefield, Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company

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**1842 Apr 19 Page 140** SC Brees, Manawatu to Knowles Esq., Storekeeper General

Sir, I beg to inform you that the schooner *Anne* has not yet arrived with the stores for the men employed on the Surveys and they are quite out of everything. It appears most extraordinary there have been several good \_ of wind from Kapiti to Manawatu lately, therefore perhaps you will communicate with Colonel Wakefield respecting what shall be done. Since I have the greatest difficulty in prevailing on the men to remain they have nothing to subsist on but potatoes and water. Will it be prudent to wait much longer. If the men leave for Port Nicholson it will be a serious matter and delay the Surveys considerably. I intend leaving for Wanganui tomorrow and shall be at Manawatu again on my road back to Port Nicholson when I hope to find the vessel there. Will you also give the man Campbell two more pair of blankets for the mouries who built the house, which will make nine pair for the nine men.

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**1842 Apr 30 Pages 141-144** Report of Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

I beg most respectfully to inform you of the present state of the Surveys and of the operations of the Surveying Staff since I last had the honour of reporting to you (viz on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March). I delayed reporting until the end of the month for the sake of finishing at the end of each month instead of the middle.

The Assistants and Cadets who came out with me were employed principally upon the same business as stated in my last report until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Mr Tiffen and some of the Cadets were employed in the office. The Korori road occupied Mr R. Shepherd who I may mention was unable to attend to business for some time from illness and this has been the case with several of the young gentlemen.

I have pointed out the line to Mr McDonald and advised him from time to time respecting the road staking it out.

Mr Whitehead has been occupied upon the town and the posts you recommended will all be inserted in a few days properly branded.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April the other Gentlemen belonging to the staff or Captain Smith's staff were under my charge viz Messrs Thomas, Kettle, Harrison, Nankeville, Mewburn and Copps. Mr Thomas who is stationed at Wanganui where he yet remains. Mr Kettle who was stationed at the Manawatu came up to the selection of the sections on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April he has since proceeded to Manawatu where after completing his arrangements he started on a journey of exploration viz to endeavour to pass up the River Manawatu and gain the upper district of the River Hutt and thence to Port Nicholson, he is expected to find some good flat in his route.

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One of the Journals kept by Captain William Mein Smith (1798-1869), First Surveyor-General to the New Zealand Company. See notes accompanying his portrait and his oil painting of Wellington in 1842, on the staircase to the first floor. Mein Smith records his arrival in the *Cuba* at Port Nicholson, where he was to lay out the Company's first settlement, Britannia (to become Wellington in November of that year), at Petone first and then at Thorndon.

[Wednesday, 3 January 1840] ... asked the Captains of the other ships to meet us at dinner, we heard strange reports but what impressed us most was concerning Colonel Wakefield that he had arrived in 90 days, had made large purchases of land and had fixed on Port Nicholson as the place for the principal settlement... We were advised to take a pilot for Port Nicholson thought it prudent to do so and sent for him. Went on shore after dinner to see the old chief Roobula... I was much amused and not a little astonished to see how well some of the natives could read and write.,

[Thursday, 4 January 1840] My own dear Loo's birth day God bless her...

[Friday, 5 January 1840] After a hard struggle we got into the mouth of the harbour of Port Nicholson but not to the proper anchorage as the wind was right out, and the tide too. We soon had three canoes of natives on board, Warri Podi said to be the most influential chief of the party, he has been left in charge of some stores by Colonel Wakefield. On dit that he has been stealing some of them and giving them to the people of his tribe but it is as difficult to get at truth here as in other places.

[Monday, 6 January 1840]... I went on shore with Warri Podi, Mr Hanson and the Captain. Had some fish and potatoes. Saw Colonel Wakefield's garden and proceeded to where Smith lives...

[Tuesday, 7 January 1840] We got up above the Island by yesterday's tide. Today I went on shore with my assistants and commenced reconnoitring the flat ground as I think it will do for the town.

Mr Harrison and Nankeville are at the Manawatu proceeding with the survey. I have ordered some lines to be cut through the swamps you mentioned to me. I shall soon be in possession of information respecting it. I also propose extending the survey further up the River and wherever possible in this district.

Mr Mewburn has been employed in completing the survey of Pawai-tangi-nui and exploring. He has explored the Ki-warra-warra stream downwards from Karori and other parts of the surrounding country but without finding any available land.

Mr Copps has been employed in finding a road to the Ohariu and in exploring for more land in this District but has not accomplished either.

Mr R. Shepherd has been further engaged in staking out some sections viz Government Domains and some sections in a line with it in the Kinapora District also in staking out some sections on Watts Peninsula.

Mr Searancke has been engaged in finding a road from the vicinity of the mouth of the Ngai Houranga on the Coast to join the Porirua road to avoid the hill from Kai-warra-warra but has not succeeded. He succeeded in laying out five sections at Lowry Bay.



The Cadets have been engaged under the several Assistants and there are two at Wanganui Messrs Nicholson and Hunt, and two others at Manawatu Mr Allom and Mr Wills.

A Selection took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of this month when the number of sections given out amounted to 391 of which 244 were chosen viz

	Number given out amounted to	Number chosen
Manawatu	101	97
Orewenua	185	79
Ohariu	57	35
Pawai-tangi-nui	68	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>244</b>

I have to inform you that I visited the Manawatu and Wanganui Districts during the present month and congratulate you on the country. I consider the Manawatu in every respect a valuable district the River being wide and deep and affording every means of communication. I take the opportunity of stating that a boat is absolutely necessary for the Manawatu to convey the men and their rations to their several localities the one at present employed being all to pieces. I ordered it to be repaired if possible when I left.

I may also mention the *Ann* schooner which left Port Nicholson some time back with rations for the men had not arrived up to the time of my leaving on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April and very great inconvenience has arisen from it.

In my journey along the Coast I remarked an appearance of a communication from Waikini towards Parerua Harbour and I think it highly necessary to explore the country between these districts more especially as available land is still wanted to complete the preliminary sections.

The number of Preliminary Sections being 1100 of which 624 have been selected 476 consequently remain to be given out. The plan of the Town of Wanganui is made and much of it staked out. I scarcely advise the whole being staked out as they will not be selected for some time, perhaps the best way will be to stake it as selected. I shall give notice my advertisement this week to the Colonists as you directed. There will also be a number of country sections given out at the same time.

I have now only to observe respecting the Preliminary Sections that although I conceive it very important to find every acre of available land around Port Nicholson as it tends to strengthen the place yet as exploring and surveying it is attended with much increased expence. I recommend that we look elsewhere for the remaining 476 sections. I recommend the nearest districts as the valleys extending from the Parerua Harbour to the Coast Otakie and Ohou although I expect many more sections at Manawatu and I intend sending Mr Shepherd to superintend that district. I am therefore at present at a partial stand until I receive instructions from you as to your wishes.

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**1842 May 6 Pages 145-146** Report of Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

Mr Thomas is expected every day from Wanganui and shall be dispatched upon the proposed expedition immediately. The Schooner *Ann* made Manawatu on the 26<sup>th</sup> of last month. I am also happy to inform you that the lines cut through the supposed swamp show it to be excellent land and the further these extend the firmer and better the bottom appears, there is every prospect with the district. Mr R. Shepherd proceeds there on Monday, and will have the direction of the Survey.

I wish to take your opinion as to the necessity of the lines being cut all round the several sections, Captain Smith's plan has been to cut a line along the intended road and just commence the side lines or divisions of the sections and to leave the back lines untouched do you approve of this mode of proceeding, I think it sufficient under ordinary circumstances.

I am thinking of giving notice to these Colonists who made choice in the Ohariu district that a Survey would show them their sections instead of writing to each as it is difficult to deliver the letters to them personally and the same with the other districts if you approve of it.

Several of the Assistant Surveyors have made an application to me for Tents and Cooking utensils for the men, stating the old stock to be worn out, will you please to inform me of your determination respecting it. I also require the name of the Town at Wanganui to fill into the Plan.

A man named Leight who has been much employed in the Company's service as a Messenger &c, was twice robbed by the mauries whilst on duty near the river Taracana about ten miles from Wanganui. I stated that you would probably consider his loss. I have enclosed his account.

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**1842 May 9 Pages 147-148** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr R. Shepherd

As the operations connected with the survey at Manawatu are likely to assume a somewhat extensive character and since I attach great importance to this district I have resolved to despatch you thither to take the entire management of the survey and carry my instructions into effect...

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**1842 May 10 – Page 183** Samuel Charles Brees to Edwin J. Abraham Esq.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, which I laid before the Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company and he desires me to inform you that it is his intention "To replace the Workmen (applying for employment) on the Karori road when they have completed the new approach to the Porirua road, the nature of the soil and bush at the former, rendering it impracticable to work during the wet season; whereas the latter road being on the side of a hill and on strong ground may be worked nearly at all times.

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**1842 May 19 Pages 152-153** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Thomas

I have to request that you proceed to the vicinity of Parerua &c with a view to finding a communication between the northern side of Parerua Harbour and the sea coast and laying out sections throughout the district if subsequently considered desirable...

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**1842 May 20 Page 155** Samuel Charles Brees to James Parker Esq.

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant and should have done so before but have been waiting Captain Smith's return from the Chatham Islands to whom I gave it, that gentleman holding my office at the period you allude to in your letter. I have therefore nothing more to say, than that he promised to enquire into your complaint.

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**1842 May 23 Page 156** Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

I beg to inform you that the Surveying proceedings at different parts suffer materially for want of a few tents and cooking utensils, for the use of the fieldsmen employed on the Survey. I respectfully suggest the great advantage of providing the same the old ones remaining being in a very bad state. I consider five tents and five sets of cooking utensils to be necessary and shall feel obliged by you forwarding me an order for same, that is if you think proper.

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**1842 Jun 1 Pages 157-166** Report of Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

I beg to inform you of the progress of the surveys since I last had the honor of reporting to you on the 6<sup>th</sup> of last month. Mr Tiffen has been principally engaged on the several plans, also in ascertaining some disputed points in the town &c. Regarding the plans I must explain that I have several complete sets of the districts in hand plotted to the same scale. I have one set of the Port Nicholson districts, six inches to the mile, as the reference or office copy, by which the position of any particular section can be ascertained. I have another set four inches to the mile as a duplicate to be deposited elsewhere in case the office copies should be destroyed by fire and I have General Index Plans of the same one inch and two inches to the mile a copy of each of which is also preparing for England with the last surveys laid down upon them.... Further details re maps...

The Cadets in the town during the last month, Messrs Jollie, Tully, Hunt & Scroggs, assisted with the maps. Mr Whitehead has been employed principally in finding a road to the Ohariu district... Mr Whitehead has also set out a section upon the Hutt &c...

Topic: Expedition North of Porirua Harbour

Topic: District of Pawaitangi-nui

Topic: Harbour District

Topic: Town of Wellington

Topic: Expedition from the Manawatu down the Hutt

Mr Kettle who is now engaged exploring the upper part of the River Manawatu with a view to passing down the Hutt to Port Nicholson has not been heard of since, he reached a distance of about 60 miles beyond Paneiri by the river, he described the land as exceedingly fine. I expect that he will reach Port Nicholson in about 14 days.

Topic: District of Manawatu

Rough list of the men employed at Manawatu on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May.

Henry Pagenit, John Cummerfield, Frederick Claiden, David Henderson, James Gibbs, Walters Fox, James Ward, George Baron, James Craig, James Cremer, Smart, John Craig, James Campbell, John Murray, Peter Langley, Mr Cable, Mathew Wilkins, John Chisholm, John Judd, Mark Rotherham, Edward Waggoner, John Oslick, Samuel Bartlett, Lachlan Machinis, James Mitchell, William Holmes, Samuel Cameron, Samuel Crowther, Duncan Cameron, J. W. Walters, John James

Topic: District of Wanganui

Topic: Karori Road

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**1842 Jun 11 Pages 167-168** Samuel Charles Brees, Wanganui to Colonel Wakefield

I beg to inform you that I arrived here with much difficulty on Sunday last. Mr Lewis was obliged to stop on the road having met with an accident at the Rangatahi attempting to fort it – the freshes being considerable. Mr Dawson the Police Magistrate approved of the Plan of the Town but sent in a protest respecting there being no Reserves for the Natives in it. I beg to enclose his letter and my reply. I am happy further to add that the Selection passed off with much good feeling. The following is an account of the numbers chosen.

Date	Country Sections Chosen	Native Reserves	Reserved
1 <sup>st</sup> day 6 June	57	9	11
2 <sup>nd</sup> day 7 June	23	1	8
<b>Total</b>	80	10	19
<b>Town Sections Colonists Chosen</b>			
Fri 8 June	182	182	18
	61	61	14
<b>Total</b>	243	243	32

There is much to do in the district even yet which I shall explain in a report on my return to Port Nicholson – however I shall leave only four men there. I intend remain at Manewatu a week or two and shall then proceed to Port Nicholson. I am sorry to inform you that the *Endeavour* schooner which left Port Nicholson about seven weeks back for Manewatu and Wanganui was on shore on the south side of the Wangio river as we passed (Sunday) the Captain having mistaken this for the Wanganui and run her on shore on Thursday night although the wind would have taken easily into Port. There are many things of the Company's on board which I have been conveying from the wreck to Wanganui.

**1842 Jun 6 – Page 169** Gilbert Fras Dawson, Police Magistrate, Wanganui to Captain Smith RA  
I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to attend on all occasions of land being offered for Selection in this district by the New Zealand Company and see that justice is done to the Natives in apportioning allotments of their use. I have been informed that in the Selections of Town Sections to take place this day it is not intended that any reserves should be made for the Natives. It is therefore my duty to protest against the unfairness of the proceeding and to transmit a report of it to His Excellency.

**1842 Jun 6 – Pages 170-171** Samuel Charles Brees to Gilbert Fas Dawson, Police Magistrate  
Captain Smith having handed over to me as the Officer having charge of the Selection of Land now about to be thrown open by the New Zealand Company, your letter of this day directed to him, protesting against there being no Reserves for the Natives in the Township of Wanganui I beg to forward you an extract from my instructions from the Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company in reference to this point.

Extract from Colonel Wakefield's instructions to Mr Brees

As the stipulated portion of the district has been or will be reserved in the Country Sections for the Natives you will not choose any Town Sections for them. Should it hereafter be decided by the Company to whom I have referred for instructions on this point, to give the Natives town reserves, they will be taken from those now made by the Company.

**1842 Jun 13 – Page 171** Samuel Charles Brees, Burr's to Knowles Esq, Storekeeper General  
I shall be obliged by you sending provisions for the men stationed at Manewatu say Rations for 40 men for three months as soon as possible either together or part first. I stated in my last report to the Principal Agent of the Company dated the first of this month that provisions would soon be wanted but the *Enterprise* schooner having been wrecked which had some stores on board for Manewatu, renders it highly necessary that some stores should be sent as soon as possible. I send you this note in great haste Mr Nicholson and beg you excuse it.

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**1842 Jul 5 – Pages 172-173** Report of Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

I have the honour to report to you that I inspected the New Road now making at Ki Warra yesterday and passed along each of the \_ Lines, namely, the one cut by Mr McDonald, and that cut by Mr Whitehead. The Road has been commenced on the north bank of the Ki Warra stream, and I beg in the first place to remark that I should have preferred carrying it along the south bank as it would have avoided much expence and been better in other respects.

Mr McDonald's line runs direct up a very steep hill for the first quarter of a mile taking a northern direction and passing out of Section No.3 and into Section No.4 and so into Government domain and after a short distance joins Mr Whitehead's line and so passes into the present Porirua Road at some distance beyond the Hill. With the exception of the first part, which is very steep, and apparently incapable of improvement the Road may be described as good; but the above objection may be considered as almost fatal to passing a road along it.

Mr Whitehead's line bears more to the West and skirts the Hills, and likewise passes through the Government domain and as before stated into the Porirua Road. This line is much the best in point of levels and there is nothing very objectionable in this respect, with the exception of the first quarter of a mile it may be readily formed. This part is along a narrow ledge, at the foot of a perpendicular rock and certainly difficult but it could be overcome; however, I have recommended a deviation here to avoid it which is not unlikely to be found. There is also another Bad part in this line, but nothing serious. This I also think, may be partly rectified. Mr Whitehead's line is the longest, but the difference in this respect is not of sufficient importance to affect its general merits. I must explain that although a good road can be made in this direction, yet it cannot be done without difficulty; and perhaps I have not exceeded my duty if I caution you that this Road requires great care in forming, the soil being very loose and treacherous, also \_ to slips, and unless executed with some judgment it will be subject to occasional derangement.

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**1842 Jul 8 – Pages 174-177** Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

Agreeable to your instructions. I have accompanied Mr McDonald's foreman down a valley leading from the Ngahourangi to the Porirua road and examined the lines &c as far as was practicable without making a Survey &c. I passed down the Ngahourangi stream on a former occasion 1<sup>st</sup> April last from Section 11 on the Kinapora district, and beg to give you an account of it.

I found the distance to the Pah rather long, about four hours journey part of the way was tolerably good, and the last half was much the worst, being through rocks and the banks were very precipitous with waterfalls, one or two from 11 to 20 feet in height. I therefore would not advise a road being carried along it, the banks in some parts are also too steep for side cutting. I cannot say without making a survey whether the line of country afforded means of avoiding the bad parts. I must apprise you that a good road could be made along the gulley, but I would not recommend it on account of the expense.

I remarked a small tributary when about half way, down the stream running from the southwest or right hand side, which is the gully I came down yesterday (Mr McDonald's valley) and have now to add that it is very contracted and difficult, the banks are steep and of the same character as those of the principal stream, there is one fall not less than 20 feet in height. It took me  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour passing down from the Porirua road to the Ngahourangi stream. Therefore as this route of communication from the beach to the Porirua road would comprise a large portion, if not the most difficult part of the Ngahourangi stream and the above mentioned gully I should almost prefer going direct up the principal stream, but the proper course depends entirely on the nature of the ground above the banks of the valley which it is impossible to judge of without making a more detailed examination.

It is now my duty to describe another gully I have been down which is situated about midway between Kiwarra and Ngahourangi. It commences at about the termination of the first mile of the Porirua road, not far from the point where the line passing through the Government Domain enters. The time occupied in passing down it was about 30 or 40 minutes. About a third to one half the distance may be readily overcome, much of it not even requiring side cutting and the other portion is of exactly the same character as the Ngahourangi, the banks if not better are decidedly not worse than the latter. In conclusion, I beg to state that of these several lines, I should prefer trying this since it is considerably shorter than the others and where the works must be expensive the length of the line is of some importance. This line is also nearer the city and more accessible for the sectionists situated at the extremity of the district.

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**1842 Jul 18 – Pages 178-182** Report Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

I have the honor to inform you of the progress of the surveys. I gave you an account of the selection of sections at Wanganui on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of last month in my report of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, and after examining the surveys at Wanganui & Manewatu I returned to Wellington on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant. Mr F. Sheppard is now engaged in setting out sections in the Town per requisition from the colonists &c. I have only four men employed there at present and the storekeeper. The work required to complete the survey at Wanganui may be described as follows:

The several country sections chosen at the last selection from the plan which were not marked out upon the ground comprising about eleven being in fact reserves for those spots which require to be staked out.

The several town and country sections require to be shown to proprietors which entails the work of recutting, remeasuring and restaking the lines as the new grown fern in some parts and the fires of the mories in others have completely obliterated the old lines. This is rather a heavy undertaking but I shall not cut more than is absolutely necessary. These will occupy the strength at present at Wanganui for some time. Mr Nicholson has returned to Port Nicholson and Mr Scroggs has taken his place at Wanganui.

The survey at Manewatu is proceeding as fast as possible at this period of the year the freshes and floods offering great impediments. Mr R. Sheppard, Mr Harrison and Mr Nankeville assistant surveyors and Messrs Allom and Norman cadets remain there.

Mr Thomas assisted at the selection at Wanganui &c and superintended the recovery of the stores from the *Enterprise* wreck at Wangio.

Mr Whitehead has been engaged in finding a road to avoid Ki-warra hill and has taken plans and sections of different routes of which you have separate reports, he has also been occupied in laying down the Ohariu Road and the Ki-Warra &c on the plans, and in laying out some of the town sections per requisition of the colonists.

Mr Mewburn has been employed in attempting to make his way through the Porirua bush to the coast (as stated in my report of 1<sup>st</sup> June) accompanied by Mr Smith cadet who has cut a line to some distance. I received a letter from Mr Mewburn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July containing his resignation from the Surveying Staff which I immediately accepted. Mr Thomas who originally had the charge of this expedition is now carrying it on.

Mr Wylie has been employed at the Ohariu district and is accompanied by Mr Charlton cadet and has nearly completed his survey.

Mr Kettle returned from his expedition down the Hutt on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, the report and maps of which have been forwarded to you. I intend going up the Hutt as soon as the floods will allow for the purpose of laying out some more sections. Mr Kettle is at present engaged in recutting the principal line of the Ohiro district and is accompanied by Mr Wills cadet.

The following is a list of the drawings that have been issued since the 31<sup>st</sup> May.

- [1] Plan of the Town of Wellington for the land Commissioners
- [2] Plan of the Town at Wanganui – sent to England
- [3] Plan of the Country Sections at present laid out at Wanganui – sent to England
- [4] Plan of the Manawatu and Orowenua districts – sent to England
- [5] Plan of the Manawatu and Orowenua districts for the Protector of Aborigines

Mr Tiffen has been principally engaged on these and several other plans in which he has been assisted by Messrs Jollie, Tully, Hunt and other cadets. I beg further to inform you that I am preparing detailed returns of the expences of the first quarter (since I have had the direction of the surveys) ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, also of the amount of work, wet weather, time consumed in conveying rations &c which I shall have the honor of laying before you soon together with some remarks on the business connected with surveying lands for the \_ of colonisation.

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**1842 Aug 22 – Page 184** Instructions to Mr Whitehead

Having determined to prolong the survey of the District of the Hutt I have to request that you proceed there immediately. You will in the first place examine the lines to the present extent of the Survey and making whatever deviations and additions may be necessary to render them perfectly available for the purposes of communication bearing in mind the probability of their becoming eventually the line of road through this part of the country. Therefore you will keep at a sufficient elevation to be out of the reach of Floods &c. After completing the line of communication you will proceed with the survey of the River for the purpose of laying out more sections. I have directed Mr Kettle to inform you of the country as far as he is acquainted and to point out the lines &c.

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**1842 Aug 22 – Page 185** Instructions to Mr Kettle

I have to request that you proceed to the district of the Hutt in company with Mr Whitehead, assistant surveyor and after pointing out to him the several lines in that district as far as serviceable to his purpose you will endeavour to procure information regarding the present Maori paths across the Remutaka to the Wairapa which having obtained return to the Office. If you should meet a Maori who is acquainted with it I beg you engage him as one of the Fieldmen and bring him back with you, or otherwise make some temporary engagement with him. I have annexed a copy of my instructions to Mr Whitehead and you will see how far your knowledge of the County may assist him.

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**1842 Aug 22 – Pages 186-189** Report Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

Topic: Manawatu District

Topic: Wanganui District

Mr Whitehead, assistant surveyor, has been engaged principally in exploring the New Opening in to the present Porirua road and taking Plans & Sections of it also in making out some town acres &c.

Topic: Porirua District

Topic: Ohariu District

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**1842 Sep 7 – Pages 189-190 Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield**

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> instant. It is my intention to ascertain personally the quality and quantity of the land mentioned in your letter immediately; nothing but my sudden illness prevented it before. I have no reason to doubt that I shall accomplish it this month. Mr Sheppard started from Manawatu on last Sunday week 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, arrived at Port Nicholson on 31<sup>st</sup> August. I required answers to several queries that could not be done by letter, is also accommodated his private views. Mrs Sheppard being near her confinement &c and since he has been away more than four months I thought it prudent to give him a short leave of absence more especially as it was absolutely necessary to interrogate him on certain numerical matters respecting my returns. I will dispatch him to Manawatu immediately.

I must also inform you that surveys lately in progress at Manawatu have not merely comprised the sections to be given out 1<sup>st</sup> January 1843 but a considerable portion of those given out at the last selection which I was obliged to survey before I could extend the several lines and lay out some more land.

I take the opportunity of enquiring whether you recommend the boat at Manawatu being disposed of. I believe a man has offered £4 for it. In former reports I described it as in a very bad state. We cannot use it now, but are obliged to pay the Natives for canoe hire. It is my intention to purchase a long canoe if possible for the men.

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**1842 Sep 14 – Page 191 Samuel Charles Brees to Captain Smith**

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant and in reply forward the accompanying list of Sections laid out on the Plans, which I therefore presume to be surveyed.

Number of Sections surveyed by Captain Smith & Staff before 30<sup>th</sup> June according to Plans.  
Horowenua and Manawatu 286, Port Nicholson 499, Wanganui 356 – total 1141  
Surveyed by New Staff – 11 – total 1152.

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**1842 Sep 14 – Pages 191-192 Samuel Charles Brees**

I beg to hand you the accompanying certificates and hope it will answer the purpose intended. I will forward the certificates for the remainder of the Sections surveyed if any, when my reports and accounts are made up.

I hereby certify that Captain Smith RA late Principal Surveyor to the New Zealand Company and the Staff of Surveyors has surveyed 1000 Sections or 100,000 acres of land from the commencement of the Survey up to 30 June 1842.

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**1842 Sep 15 – Page 192 Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield**

I beg to inform you in answer to your note of last evening that the number of Sections chosen at Wanganui amounts to 279 – which number has been surveyed by Captain Smith's staff and I cannot undertake to say at present that any more have been surveyed by him.

Native reserves chosen which are included in the above amounts stated – Port Nicholson 45, Horowenua and Manawatu 37, Wanganui 27

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**1842 Sep 15 – Page 193** Survey Office Wellington

Mr Brees informs Messrs Wills and Nicholson that he cannot listen to any complaint of the kind described in their letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> ultimate unless forwarded through the assistant surveyor or man whom they are engaged, who must explain the matter to Mr Brees which they ought to be aware of. There is one thing however that Mr Brees remarks apart from the complaint viz what you are “vain enough to believe” &c concerning the “hardships” one of you have undergone. Mr Brees supposed Mr Wills is here referred to and takes the opportunity of stating that Mr Wills accompanied Mr Kettle in his exploring expedition without instructions and even without Mr Brees knowledge at the time and so far from being of any use, he had the contrary effect. Mr Brees states this to shew how much his young friends may be mistaken. It was the subject of reprimand to the Surveyor conducting the expedition.

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**1842 Sep 20 – Pages 193-194** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Whitehead, Assistant Surveyor

I have repeatedly desired you to finish the work connected with the business you were engaged previous to going up the Hutt. I now find once more that you have neglected to do so. There are branded stakes where you have been at work in the Town without any reference in the Plan. I have desired Mr Tiffin to write to you. I have to request that you inform him respecting them.

R. Hutt

I require your signatures for the receipt of the rations which you must keep an account of.

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**1842 Sep 22 – Pages 194-195** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Whitehead

I received a note last evening bearing your signature dated 20<sup>th</sup> September. It is respecting a gentleman named Chetham who I recommended to you as a fieldsman saying I would send him to you. Times appear wonderfully changed, it was only the other day that I was doing a similar kindness for you; and I own than that I consider it advantageous to all parties – Mr Chetham is willing and able to do all that is required and why should he not be allowed to do like any other man? I never mentioned pupil to you or anything that could warrant such a conclusion. It is thus that your mind is ever leaving your work and employing itself on irrelovent matter. If I am not mistaken he will make an excellent overseer and will work like the rest of the fieldsmen however you need not keep him in your gang if you are not desirous of his services, in which case let him leave for Port Nicholson on the first opportunity. You have overlooked business altogether in your note there being no detail of your proceedings since I left.

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**1842 Sep 22 – Page 195** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Kettle, Assistant Surveyor

I expected to have heard from you by Marshall – You must keep an account of the rations. You need not send Marshall up again. I will have men regularly employed carrying rations, do you send me a receipt as you receive them. If the maories molest you, which I understand they intend, collect all hands and protect your tent, with as much mildness as possible, but still act with firmness.

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**1842 Oct – Pages 196-201** Report Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel Wakefield

I have the honor to inform you of the progress of the Surveys. I have examined the country of the upper part of the Hutt. The land already surveyed and selected in this district may be described as the lower valley and extends from Petoni upwards to above seven miles distance when the valley narrows almost to a gorge. After passing through this gorge the hills on the west side skirt the river, but an extensive plain extends on the other side consisting of very fine land and abounding in splendid Totara trees. I was so satisfied with the land that I instantly commenced the Survey of it. Mr Whitehead, assistant surveyor, with a party of Fieldmen is engaged taking the plan of this part of the river and Mr Kettle is cutting cross lines to the hills and no more surveyors can be advantageously employed upon it at present. As we proceed no doubt we shall discover that the valley extends on both sides of the river. Regarding the means of communication of this district with the town of Wellington I beg to observe that the western side of the river appears to be the proper side for the road and by forming it along the foot of the hills good metalling might be obtained if it would be elevated above the reach of floods. The road might continue on this side the river as far as the gorge which is a good spot for crossing and so pass through the Totara Valley. I expect that the greater part of this valley is elevated above the level of the floods. I do not mean to affirm that this new district is never flooded but that I should not be surprised to find this to be the case and that the flood water is confined to a few low parts forming partial marshes being dammed up at ordinary times. Messrs Wills, Nicholson and Hunt, cadets are also assisting in this district. The great difficulty connected with the undertaking consists in conveying rations. The rations carriers pass along the west side to the gorge when they wade across the river a rope being stretched from one bank to the other to support them against the current but the flood increases the height of water so much that the men are frequently prevented from crossing. I have agreed with a man to convey the rations and also intends to station a boat at this point.

I have also inspected the Horoki Line since I last reported to you. This line commences at near Section No.10 in the Kinapore district, it stretches towards the North East and is intended to pass around the East side of Porirua Harbour through the Pawai-tang-rua District the line then runs about North from the harbour to the Coast coming out at Waikanai. The line from Porirua harbour to the coast is cut and is probably about 12 miles long the first three or four miles passes through excellent land affording about 20 or 25 sections and the land at Waikanai is good being nearly all in cultivation by the Maoris. The rest of this line is in very hilly country but an advantageous section may occasionally be found...

Topic: Manawatu

Topic: Plans

Mr Tiffen has been engaged in the office as usual and in setting out some Town Work. The Cadets are progressing, Mr Nicholson, Tully and others took the Plan of the road to Petoni for the "Inspector of Works" and Mr Tully has also been engaged surveying the Kaiwarra Stream from Karori to Captain Daniell's new section which will be laid out in Sections.

## Statement of the number of Country Sections surveyed and chosen in the district of Port Nicholson

Name of District	Sections surveyed before 8 April		Sections under Survey
	Laid out	Chosen	
Town	7	7	
Harbour	69	51	
Evans Bay	4	4	
Ohiro	18	18	
Karori	24	24	
Makara	39	39	
Kinapora	108	108	8
Tukapu	39	39	
Ohariu	37	35	40
Hutt	74	74	100
Watt's Peninsula	12	11	
Lowry Bay			5
Horoki (probably)			150
Karo Karo & sundry parts			10
<b>TOTALS</b>	499	443	313

Number of sections at present explored, surveyed or under survey in the neighbourhood of Port Nicholson = 812 (499+313)

## Statement of the number of country sections surveyed and chosen.

Name of District	Sections surveyed before 8 April		Sections under Survey
	Laid out	Chosen	
Horowenua	185	79	
Manawatu	101	97	300
Right bank Wanganui	180	114	
Left bank Wanganui	187	165	

**1842 Oct 19 – Page 202** Instructions to R. Sheppard

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant. You request that I will send down certain men who left Manawatu September 25<sup>th</sup> stating you had promised them in order to prevent mistakes &c. The principal mistake is your not having stated this before, it is too late now the men are off. If you have occasion for men you should let me know it, when they leave, it is totally impossible for me to know what you may have promised them; all the remark you made in the order was merely "good" or bad worthy to be taken on again and the like. I also must remark that the men never made their appearance at the office, after they received money so if I had wanted to send them it would be difficult. Unless they have depended upon your promises and gone down without my orders, which, if they have cannot be allowed as I must subvert all good order. I also beg to caution you not to promise such things to the men again (you can recommend) as you do not know what the state of affairs may be here. If you want men let me know. Your letter does not mention the want of men, another thing, it does not even state which men you promised but merely "several of the men". If the men came tomorrow to the survey office how could I tell which you promised, supposing I was inclined to view your request in the light of a recommendation and send them down to you.

**Page 204** Account of monies received from the Principal Agent to defray the expenses of the Surveying Department at Wanganui for the quarter ending 31 March 1842

**Page 205** Account of the expenses of the Surveying Department at Wanganui from 1 January to 31 March 1842

1842 Feb 27 Two shirts Turoa and his son 7s  
 1842 Mar 1 King, drawing paper, postage &c £1 11s  
 1842 Mar 15 John McGregor £10 19s 11d

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**Pages 206-217** Lists of men employed in the Surveyor General's Department shewing the period during which they have been employed and the sums paid to each person: Wanganui 15 Jan 1842, 22 Jan 1842, 29 Jan 1842, 5 Feb 1842, 12 Feb 1842, 19 Feb 1842, 26 Feb 1842, 5 Mar 1842, 12 Mar 1842, 19 Mar 1842, 26 Mar 1842, 31 Mar 1842

John Cameron, Angus Cameron, James Thompson, Hugh Cameron, Allan Cameron, Duncan Cameron, George Ross, Robert Martin, Edward Martin, John Martin, Lach McKay, Donald Cameron, Duncan Morrison (in charge of stores), Hugh Morrison

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**Page 218** An Abstract of arrears of pay due to the Labourers employed in the Surveying Department at Wanganui to 31 Mar 1842.

John Cameron, Angus Cameron, James Thompson, Hugh Cameron, Allan Cameron, Duncan Cameron, George Ross, Robert Martin, Edward Martin, John Martin, Lach McKay, Donald Cameron, Duncan Morrison (in charge of stores), Hugh Morrison

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**1842 Nov 17 – Page 219** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Tully, Cadet, New Zealand Company  
Having repeatedly spoken to you of your non-arrival at the office at 9 o'clock in the morning without producing any change, I now inform you that should I have to complain of it again I shall feel it my duty to report you to the Company's Principal Agent.

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**1842 Nov 18 – Page 220** Samuel Charles Brees to George White Esq., Town Clerk, Borough of Wellington – I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant containing a request (from the Town Council) that I set out the line of street along Thorndon Quay. It is the duty of the Principal Surveyor of the New Zealand Company after having surveyed the land to show the several parties who have made selections their respective lots. This has been done in the locality referred to above and I apprehend that setting it out again would be a departure from my instructions. I therefore most respectfully decline, but I beg to add that I will afford the Town Surveyor every facility in my power to enable him to secure the public property of the borough.

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**1842 Nov 23 – Page 221** Samuel Charles Brees to Robert Park, Esq., Town Surveyor  
We are so busy at the present time that it is impossible to make you a plan of the Town neither is it of any consequence that I should since you can have the use of any of the plans in our office. Therefore I beg that you make whatever use of them you think proper. I shall also be glad to give any explanation you may require.

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**Pages 224-233** Return of the wages paid to Fieldmen for quarter ending 30 Jun 1842Port Nicholson

Michael King, Luke Harris, John Birmingham, William Weeks, Joseph Goodhall, Dugald McLachlan, John McKay, William Pike, Frederick Lauder, John Edwards, William Pritchard, Thomas Darien, Arch McLellen, Henry Atkinson, George Lismore, George Buck, Robert Wilton, Israel Trask, John Duffy, Rice Owen Clarke, Matthew Dunnett, R. Buckridge, James Brown, William Nicholl, James Mitchell, George Heigh, John Cameron [1], Hugh Cameron, Lachlan McKay, William Martin

Manawatu

Henry Piquenit (Storekeeper), Matthew Fox (Overseer), James Campbell (Overseer), John Murray, Donald Cameron, John Turner, Alexander McQuarrie, James Ward, Allan Cameron, James Riddle, Charles Reynolds, Thomas Butler, Joseph Mitchell [2], Duncan Cameron [1], John Eslick, Peter Langley, A. Hood, Charles Arnold, George Baron, Edward Waggoner, James Craig, William Cable, Matthew Wilkinson, Magnus Manson, David Henderson, Charles Paddock, James Gibbs, Samuel Hands, Frederick Claidon, Samuel Signal, Joseph Jones, James Creamer, Edward Roe, John Mitford, William Allen, Samuel Crowther, John Cummerfield, Nat. Bartlett, Lachlan McInnis, Richard Walters, John Bentley, Robert Manson, William Holmes, David Hargrave, Edward Chittenden, Mark Rotherham, William Mitchell, Alexander Grant, John Mudford, William MacDonald, John Judd, Benjamin Adam Upton

Wanganui

John Cameron (Overseer), James Thompson, Angus Cameron [1], Angus Cameron [2], Hugh Cameron [1], Allan Cameron, Duncan Cameron, George Ross, Robert Martin, Edward Martin (Overseer), John Martin, Hugh Cameron, John Cameron [1], John Cameron [2], Lachlan McKay, Donald Cameron, Duncan Morrison, Hugh Morrison, James Russell, John Russell, Charles Stent, John Watson, James Stacey, Henry Light, Peter Quant, William Allen

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**Pages 234 & 239** List of Sundry expenses in the quarter ending 30 Jun 1842

1842 Apr 1 and 2 Rice Owen Clarke (crossing the Hutt) and Major Durie (bill for axe) – 10s 6d

1842 Apr 9 Mr Nankeville (crossing rivers 13s; hire of canoe to fetch rations 18s) £1 13s; Mr Mewburn (expenses crossing Porirua Harbour at different times) £2 13s 6d; Mr Kettle (Maoris for removing encampment, bringing provisions, hire of canoe etc) £1 19s

1842 Apr 16 Nat. Bartlett (labourers crossing Porirua Harbour) £1; Levin (linen for mounting plans) 16s

1842 Apr 23 Anderson & Rowland 2s 6d; James Tain (one large paste basin) 1s 3d; Levin (linen for mounting plans) 9s

1842 Apr 30 Henry Light (expenses in crossing rivers on the way between Wanganui, Port Nicholson & Manawatu 10s, and tobacco for natives 10s 6d) £1 0s 6d; Mr Brees & party (crossing rivers) £1 2s; James Daymond as per order of Mr Kettle (for potatoes for men) £4; Mr Fraser (for brands for survey stakes) £4; Mr Hughes (for scantling for survey stakes) £5 15s

1842 May 7 William Allen (crossing rivers) 4s 6d; Levin (mending box for Land Office) 2s 6d

1842 May 14 Mr Thomas (attending the survey at Wanganui) £75 1s 6d; Levin (mending Compass stands) 8s

1842 May 28 John Walters (repairing Theodolite) £1 2s 6d; Mr Wilton (paste & dusters) 5s  
1842 Jun 4 Levin & Co (calico for mounting plans) 12s; Mr G. S. Hunt (crossing rivers) 18s

1842 Jun 11 Mr Kettle (Expenses on the road to Manawatu) £1 12s 6d; Briggs (four panes of glass for office) 6s; G. Reynolds (glass, black lead & tacks) 1s 2d; Mr Kettle (presents for Maories) £10

1842 Jun 30 Mr Brees (Expenses in crossing rivers at different times) £4 7s 7d; Mr F. A. Sheppard (sundries for the office at Manawatu) £4 1s 6d; D. S. Durie (for axes) £1

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### Pages 242-245

Return of the wages paid to Fieldmen for quarter ending 30 Sep 1842

#### *Port Nicholson*

George Lismore, John Birmingham, John Cameron [2], Robert Wilton, John Cummerfield, Archibald McLellen, George Buck, Hugh Cameron, Rice Owen Clarke, Lachlan McKay, James Brown, Dugald McLachlan, Matthew Dunnett, Henry Atkinson, William Weeks, Angus Cameron, James Gilbert, Anthony Murray, William Davey, Robert Craig, Thomas Reid, Edmund Chatfield, William Mitchell, Arch. McQueen, William Mitchell, David Marshall, Michael McCarthy, Charles Smith, Patrick Cronin, Mark Rotherham, John Bell, Richard Stewart, Charles Stewart, Alexander Grant, Alexander Cameron, John Duck, Charles Squibb, John Bignell, John Bradshaw, James Thompson, Thomas Gill, Frederick Bills, Hugh McQuarrie, John Pierson Hine, Louis Stewart, James Hill, Benjamin Birkett, William Nicholls, William Brewer, Robert Patterson, John Edwards, Richard Edwards, George Baron, Henry Birling, John Codlin, Allan Cameron

#### *Manawatu*

Lachlan McInnis, Donald Cameron [1], William Holmes, Samuel Crowther, Matthew Wilkins, John Cameron, Edward Waggoner, John Eslick, Henry Piquenit (Storekeeper), William Smart, William Weeks, Alexander Grant, Charles Reynolds, John McKay, James Walters, John Craig, James Creamer, Allan Cameron, Matthew Fox, John Bentley, James Gibbs, Sydney William Barnett, James Craig, James Mitchell, William Allen, Thomas Reid, Edmund Chatfield, Peter Langley, Donald Cameron [2], James Ward, Benjamin Adam Upton, John Turner, William Stewart, Alexander McQuarrie, John Murray, Joseph Jones, Duncan Cameron [1], Duncan Cameron [2], Alexander Cameron [1], Alexander Cameron [2], Dugald Cameron, John Chisholm, Alexander Chisholm, William Cable, James Campbell (Overseer), Thomas Butler, John Cummerfield, Nat. Bartlett

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### 1842 Dec 5 – Pages 257-258 Samuel Charles Brees to William Swainson

I have not been able to answer your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> November respecting the boundary between the Sections occupied by yourself and Mr Barton, until the present moment. I beg to remark in the first place that the Sections in question having been set out and shewn to the proprietors some time back it was not my duty to survey them again, but having business near the spot and so often solicited by yourself and Mr Barton I examined the line in question.

I searched the principal line from which the sections were given out for the peg dividing the sections and found what I have no doubt was the bench mark in question. I run the sideline with scrupulous accuracy without regarding when it would terminate therefore am sorry it does not give you satisfaction. I may mention in reference to pegs and bench marks that the only bench mark Captain Smith, the late principal Surveyor, is cognisant of is that which divide the Sections and from which I commenced the peg near Mr Barton's house has been recently placed and is unlike a Surveyor's mark and I need not remind you that I cannot be held answerable for any pegs that you may discover from time to time, now especially since Mr Whitehead did not drive a peg when he shewed the unmapped section to Mr Hanson.

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**1842 Oct 7 – Pages 258-259** Samuel Charles Brees

Notice is hereby given that the Country Land now under Survey will be thrown open for Selection for the preliminary Sections at present remaining unchosen on 1 Jan 1843 and following days commencing at 11am and closing at 4pm precisely and being as follows:

District of Ohariu – the sections are situated in the valley, parallel with that given out at the last selection and comprise at least 44 sections. Plans open for inspection at the office.

District of the Hutt – the sections are laid out at the upper part of the river and are connected with those already given out. Plans to be ready 1 Dec 1842 – 100 sections

District of Horoki – extending from near Section 10 Kinapora district towards the coast at Waikani (probably). Plans to be ready 1 Dec 1842 – 150 sections

District of Lowry Bay – plans now ready – 5 sections

Porirua, Kinapora and sundry parts around Port Nicholson. Plans to be ready 1 Nov 1842 – 18 sections

District of Manawatu – the sections extend along the bank of the River above those given out at the last selection, thence to the hills and comprise at least 300 sections. Plans to be ready 1 Dec 1842.

In order to accommodate the holders of early choices arrangements have been made for the party possessing the first order of choice successively making their selection at the Survey Office as soon as the plans are ready. The field plots may be seen at the present time at the Survey Stations of the different districts respectively.

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**1842 Dec 12 – Pages 260-264** Report Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel William Wakefield

I have the honour to inform you of the progress of the Surveys during your absence at Auckland.

District of the Upper Hutt – In my last report of 1 Oct 1842 I stated that I had commenced the Survey of the Upper district of the Hutt. Mr Kettle, assistant surveyor and Mr Whitehead and Messrs Wills, Nicholson and Hunt, cadets have been proceeding with the Survey there. Mr Whitehead has been cutting lines and surveying up the river while Mr Kettle laid out the land to the hills and surveyed a tributary on the west bank called the Mungaroa which turns in a south easterly direction and opens into a small valley which is nearly parallel with the Hutt being separated from it by fern hills of moderate elevation. The land through which the lines pass varies. The banks of the river are mostly covered with excellent soil and totara trees many being of gigantic proportions are very plentiful. There are also some hilly points, upon which the birch grows, where the soil changed, and stones appear. The whole of the country is remarkably level, open and easy of access and grass is rather plentiful in some parts. There is but little land in the west side of the river, but it is highly probable that there are also vallies on the side. I have reason to believe that the statement contained in my last report respecting the floods in this part are totally correct and that the Country is not overflowed from the river, but the rain from the hills collects in low parts and back water creeks are also found.

Topic: Horoki Line

Topic: Kai Warra District

Topic: Manawatu

Topic: Plans

Topic: Wanganui

Topic: Selection of 2 Jan 1843

Topic: Survey accounts and returns of Fieldmen

Topic: Borough Correspondence

Topic: Roads – Karori, Porirua

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**1842 Dec 20 – Page 265** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr F. Sheppard, Assistant Surveyor, Wanganui

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**1842 Dec 26 – Pages 265-268** Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel William Wakefield

The *Clydeside* being about to sail direct for England and our instruments being in a vey imperfect state from the extreme roughness of the work on which they are employed I have considered it my duty to send such of the instruments as are of no use whatsoever home to be repaired and also beg to enclose a requisition for some new ones. (details follow)

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**1842 Dec 30 – Page 269** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Norman, Cadet

I have received a letter from Mr Tiffen who had charge of the Surveys during my absence from Port Nicholson at the commencement of this week stating that you absented yourself from the duties required of you on Monday and Wednesday. I have to request that you explain the reason of the same, and if illness be the excuse to forward the medical gentleman's Certificate, which is the customary mode of proceeding.

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**1842 Dec 30 – Pages 269-270** Samuel Charles Brees to Mr Tully, Cadet

I received your letter enclosing another to Colonel Wakefield, the Principal Agent of the Company. In consideration of your undertaking proper attention to the instructions which you may receive from time to time I undertook to recommend your reappointment to the Office formerly held viz Cadet of the Company and I hope the lesson will not be lost.

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**1842 Jan 10 – Page 270** Edward Abbott, clerk to Principal Surveyor to Captain Thomas, Assistant Surveyor. Sir, I am directed by the Principal Surveyor to request that all instruments and tools belonging to the Company at present in your use or under your superintendence be sent into the Office for inspection at your earliest convenience. You are also desired to forward your diaries and abstracts immediately.

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**1843 Jan 14 – Pages 271-273** Report Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel William Wakefield

In my last report I expressed my determination that the land announced for Selection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant should be ready in time which I have much satisfaction in stating was accomplished, the selection taking place as you are aware according to the advertisement.

Messrs Sheppard & Tiffen and other assistants have been engaged in preparing complete sets of the plans, which will be ready in a few days. I dispatched Mr Whitehead to verify the survey of Watt's Peninsula and shall have this portion of the plan properly corrected. Mr Kettle has been cutting some lines which will correct a portion of the Survey at Ohiro. Upon your suggestion I have allowed each of the surveyors and cadets leave of absence for one week, which some have already availed themselves of.

The number of men employed on the roads during the last few weeks has been very great as you may perceive by the weekly return of wages which no doubt partly arises from the partial suspension of the Surveys lately. The Colony has, however, benefitted by this circumstance since the roads have proportionately advanced.

Topic: Karori Road

Topic: Porirua Road

Topic: Contract for Road to Waikanai

In reference to my future operations, it is my intention to remeasure and clear where necessary the Porirua and Tukapu districts cutting the back line of the sections of the latter and the same with the Pawai-tangi-mu and to tie these with my surveys, also to connect the district of the Upper Hutt and the lower and to examine the Country up the Hutt for the purpose of ascertaining the best route for a road, which after passing through the whole of the district I shall endeavour to lead to the Wairarapa. Various other tie lines are also waiting to complete the survey. The whole of the sections chosen have also to be pointed out to the proprietors and the remaining Town acres of Wellington. I intend to finish these matters at once.



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**Page 274** Statement of the Preliminary Country Land surveyed and chosen

Number of Sections thrown open to selection previous to 8 Apr 1842

Town (7), Evans Bay (11), Watt's Peninsula (12), Ohiro (18), Karori (25), Makara (39), Ohariu (37), Harbour (69), Hutt (74), Kinapora (35), Porirua (73), Tukapu (39), Pawai-tangi-nui (60), Horowenua (18), Manawatu (101) – total 788

Number of Sections thrown open for selection 2 Jan 1843

Watt's Peninsula (6), Ohariu (61), Kaiwarra (7), Harbour (17), Lowry Bay (5), Hutt (103), Horokiwi Road (34), Pawai-tangi-nui (36), Horokiwi Valley (76), Horowhenua (113), Manawatu (458) – total 916

Total number of sections selected up to 5 Jan 1843

Town (7), Evans Bay (4), Watt's Peninsula (18), Ohiro (18), Karori (25), Makara (39), Ohariu (87), Kaiwarra (7), Harbour (52), Lowry Bay (4), Hutt (139), Kinapora (35), Porirua (73), Tukapu (39), Horokiwi Road (20), Pawai-tangi-nui (33), Horokiwi Valley (39), Horowenua (79), Manawatu (97)

Number of sections remaining unchosen

Kaiwarra (9), Harbour (42), Lowry Bay (1), Hutt (38), Kinapora (1), Horokiwi Road (14), Pawai-tangi-nui (36), Horokiwi Valley (27), Horowenua (107), Manawatu (312)

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**Pages 275-282** Survey equipment lists

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**Page 285** Abstract of the labourer wages employed by the company from Monday 3 Oct 1841 to 14 Jan 1843 – Karori, Petoni and Porirua Roads

Karori Road – from 8 Oct 1842

Petoni Road – 12 Nov 1842, and from 17 Dec 1842

Porirua Road – 14 Jan 1843

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**Page 286** Sundry expenses on the Karori and Petoni Roads

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**Pages 288-289** Returns for the Districts of Manawatu and Wanganui

Edward Hart, Francis Stewart, B. Gordon, John Cameron, Angus Cameron, Hugh Morrison, Charles Parkes, William Pearson, William Adamson

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**1843 Feb 16 – Pages 298-299** Report Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel William Wakefield

Mr Thomas, Assistant Surveyor, has been cutting and clearing the Tukapu district connecting it with the Horokiwi Road. Mr Whitehead has been engaged upon the plan of Watts Peninsula and office work &c. Mr Kettle upon various office work. Mr R. Sheppard, Assistant Surveyor, has returned to Manawatu accompanied by Mr Norman, cadet, to complete the survey and to shew the sections to proprietors; Mr Nankeville and Mr Harrison, assistant surveyors, have also been engaged upon this survey.

Mr Wylie, assistant surveyor, has been engaged upon several parts around Port Nicholson and upon Tie lines &c. Mr Tiffen has been engaged laying off acres in the town of Wellington per requisition of proprietors. Mr R. Sheppard is still at Wanganui where the men are at present employed clearing the streets &c.

I have advertised the Sections in the districts of the Manawatu, Hutt and Horokiwi, chosen at the last selection to be shewn to the proprietors the commencement of next month, in the Gazette.

I beg to inform you that I have given notice to assistant surveyors – J. Thomas, C. H. Kettle, R. Harrison and R. Nankeville – that their services will not be required after the current quarter in accordance with your instructions of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo. I have visited the district of Wairarapa since the date of my last report and enclose a separate report of same.

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**1843 Feb 16 – Pages 291-297 Report Samuel Charles Brees to Colonel William Wakefield**

I have the honor to inform you that agreeable to your instructions I have visited the Wairarapa Valley, the object of my journey being to judge of the practicability of carrying a road to it and to ascertain its character generally. I left Wellington 3<sup>rd</sup> instant accompanied by the chief Te Ringa Kuri, who engaged to shew me the lowest part of the Remutaka Mountains and six fieldmen – Dugald McLachlan, Hugh Cameron, John Cameron, James Craig, James Mitchell, John Edwards – each carrying rations for nine days.

We reached Mr Barton's farm on the Hutt the first night and the next morning I was joined by that gentleman and Mr Chetham and four Maories, Te Ringa Kuri having refused to proceed without them. Peter the Maori who accompanied Mr Stokes to Wairarapa made one of the number; we proceeded up the Survey lines crossing the Mungaroa river at the mouth and left the Hutt about five miles above the latter river taking an old track bearing East by compass which led us to the Pakuratahi river near to an old potatoe ground of the Ngatikahunes. I believe that Mr Stokes and Mr Kettle both passed along this track to the Pakuratahi when they went to the Wairarapa. It would be too hilly for a road and the land is not uniformly good although there are some available spots near the Pakuratahi.

We travelled up the bed of the Pakuratahi and found the land in some parts available and the soil good. I observed a tributary on the left bank running towards the Mungaroa. After proceeding about six or seven miles we observed another on the other side called Mohowa.

The hills around us now appeared to gather rather close and E Kuri described this as the best place for crossing the Remutaka mountains. Accordingly we left the Pakuratahi just above the Mohowa stream and passed up a tolerably steep hill until we reached a ridge running about East, a valley appeared on our left, which I concluded to be the valley of the Mohoroa.

The Remutaka Range appeared on the same side bearing in a north easterly direction. The Ridge we were travelling now turned towards the South and eventually descended into a valley which I have no doubt was the Mohoroa Valley, since the water ran towards the Pakuratahi. This valley was not run out at the part where we crossed, but turned at the upper extremity. We then ascended the opposite side and proceeded up a wide glacis, covered with fine trees thinly spread but not possessing very good soil and shortly arrived at Te Horo, this it appeared we had passed round to a low gap of the Remutaka mountains and were then on the highest summit to be overcome, having taken only 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours deducting stoppages and easy walking in reaching it from the Pakuratahi and with only one valley and one ridge but it appeared to me that the proper way for the road was up the Mohoroa Stream which takes its rise near the summit; the land moreover appears good. There is an extensive land slip on the other side of the summit being about two or three hundred feet in height and which exhibits the usual formation of these parts being gravel and bituminous shale.

The mountains around are named Te Horo on this account being the maori for landfall or slip. A fine opening appeared below which ran almost without break due East beyond which the rich plains of the Wairarapa extended, and although our view was straight across yet we could scarcely discern the Ruamahanga mountains on the opposite side.

Mr Kettle passed from the Wairarapa by this pass, but approached and left it by a different route, a stream appeared below called the Ohuera by which we descended and entered the valley at about two miles from the head of the lake. The greater part of our route downwards would be too steep for a road particularly at the upper part, but it could be improved. The land along the valley is good in some parts and there are also occasional flats. The stream sunk into the earth as we approached the Wairarapa and became entirely lost.

The first impressions of the Wairarapa are highly favourable, notwithstanding its present state. I consider future inspection and examinations will raise it in general estimation. The valley is of immense extent and runs in a south easterly direction being bounded on each side by ranges of hills. The secondary hills are very extensive and sweep along in gently undulating lines upon a far larger scale than any in the neighbourhood of Port Nicholson.

They are mostly free of bush and partly covered with grass and other herbage; the valley also contains fine open land enclosed by spreading belts of bush and clumps of trees the whole well watered. A finer grazing country can scarcely be imagined for both sheep and cattle, a very fine ripe grass abounding throughout which in some parts is very high, it is therefore no great wonder that pigs should be plentiful, which is the case. There is quite sufficient land fit for arable purposes to suit settlers in this district, some of the land next the lake is swampy, but it would be much improved by occupation and trifling expence but there is abundance of land without taking this portion of the valley.

We rambled about the valley along the side of the lake towards the coast crossing several rivers and at length encountered a party of Ngati Kahuni who insisted on our visiting their pah at the river huraninui on the opposite side of the lake, which we accordingly did, and were much pleased the land appeared very excellent and quite fit for the plough. They gave us a plentiful feast of delicious eels and potatoes the latter being the finest specimens I have seen in this country. The number of Maories in these parts appeared very insignificant; they are of a docile disposition. We had a very long korero as you may imagine and E. Kure said much in the praise of the pakehas which they listened to with evident gratification.

Being anxious to ascertain what sort of a road the beach offered to the Wairarapa, I returned to Port Nicholson by the coast. The first four miles of our route along Palliser Bay was under high cliffs composed of Sand Stone regularly stratified and claystone. I also observed some beds of Lignite coal cropping out at parts.

There is a terrific surf in this bay when the wind is southerly which accounts for the sand bar separating the lake from the sea, wherefore the communication with the Wairarapa by sea is very difficult; the same obstacle would operate along the beach, rendering the road a very expensive undertaking.

The remaining portion of coast past Muka muka, Baring Head and Palliser Bay &c to the Kohonga Pipiri river is better. The Maori track here takes the hills and joins the beach at Port Nicholson about a mile from Okiwi, but a road could not be carried over them without great outlay and the beach round Pencarrow head is very much exposed and almost impassable even at low water. Therefore I would not recommend the construction of a Road to the Wairarapa along the beach.

I have always been of opinion that the proper route for a road to the Wairarapa was up the valley of the Hutt and I am happy to state that the result of my trip has fully confirmed that opinion. My present knowledge of the country warrants my recommendation that the road should pass up the Hutt as far as the Mungaroa river, the precise line must be decided by future examination. I consider that there is little difficulty except in crossing the river where a bridge must be constructed; the line could then be continued up the Hutt to the junction with the Pakuratahi Stream and proceed up the latter and after reaching the Monoroa Stream turn in that direction and thus reach the Te Horo summit. The only objection to this route from the Mungaroa is its length. I am not certain that I cannot pass from the Mungaroa Stream across the hills to the Monoroa which would save some miles. I am also undecided whether I should proceed higher up the Pakuratahi. These points can only be determined by subsequent examination. But I am satisfied of the perfect practicability of laying out a road from Petoni to Te Horo. The great desideratum would be to take the shortest route and most available country. The road from Te Horo to the Wairarapa would be the most difficult portion. I should not run the line direct down the Otiwera, but probably wind in a north easterly direction and enter the valley beyond the head of the lake, but the precise route must be hereafter determined.

I can only state my perfect conviction that it can be accomplished. I estimate the length of a road from Petoni to the Wairarapa at between 40 and 50 miles, 17 or 18 of it running through the Preliminary Sections in the district of the Hutt and much of the remaining portion would pass through available land. Thus in event of this road being constructed Port Nicholson the most central port in the islands of New Zealand and the most capacious harbour in these parts would be united to a very extensive grazing country perfectly ready to receive any number of cattle and sheep and affording means of agricultural pursuits in connection with the former, the road moreover extending through the richest valley in the island. PS. I have annexed a sketch of my Route.

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**Pages 301-315** Return of Disbursements made by the Principal Surveyor for quarter ending 31 Mar 1842

*Port Nicholson*

James Thompson, Allan Cameron, William Weeks, Alfred Chetham, Matthew Dunnett, George Lismore, William Nichol, John Cameron, Hugh Cameron, Lachlan McKay, Angus Cameron, Archibald McQueen, David Marshall, John Burningham, Richard Stewart, Louis Stewart, John Bell, Dugald McLachlan, Robert Wilton, Jos. Beard, Henry Buck, Robert Craig, Alexander Cameron [1], Joseph Saunders, William Barton, Edmund Chatfield, Samuel Inghem, Alexander Cameron [2], Thomas Robertson, Henry Chapman, Anthony Murray, Andrew Rankin, Frederick Bills, William Nichol(son), James Creamer, James Ward, William Mitchell, William Stewart, Jonathan Roberts, William Brewer, Robert Paterson, J. Tutchen, William Stewart, Dugald Cameron, Alexander McQueen, William Brooke, Michael McCarthy, George Buck, Peter Langley, Daniel Ledgeid, Benjamin Dixon, Richard McLellan, Donald McKay, James Campbell, James Craig, Peter Buxton, Fred Mason, George Felgate, William White (Foreman), J. McManson, P. Roberts, J. Duncanson, Donald Cameron [1], Robert Bloomfield, John Bentley, George Thompson, Charles Stewart, John Castle, John Moulton, Thomas Suckham, Henry Jones, J. Woods, William Cable, John Gill, David Hains, John Edwards, John Edward's son, John Murray, John Chisholm, Alexander Chisholm, Edward Davis, James Rankin, W. Lachlan, George Wells, T. Williams, A. Cathro, Richard Lockwood, Joseph Angel, William Sellers, Peter Star, J. Williams, R. Manson, M. Manson, J. Smith, Alexander McDonald, Henry Buck

*Manawatu*

James Campbell (Overseer), Alexander Chisholm, John Chisholm, William Stewart, Dugald Cameron, John Murray, Donald Cameron, Alexander McQuarrie, James Mitchell, Duncan Cameron, Benjamin Upton, John McKay, Donald Cameron [2], Peter Langley, James Craig, William Cable, Matthew Wilkins, William Allen, John Cummerfield

*Wanganui*

John Cameron, Hugh Cameron, Angus Cameron, William Pearson, John Cameron [2], Hugh Morrison

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**Pages 316-318** A list of wages paid at sundry times to Wanganui labourers not included in any previous return... and instructions for payments to be made – John Cameron and Hugh Morrison

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**Page 320** Return of the disbursements made by the Principal Surveyor for quarter ending 31 Dec 1842

Robert Sheppard – Manawatu Survey  
 Read – Tin cases to contain maps  
 A. Burr – Hire of boats  
 J. C. Brees – crossing of Porirua Harbour  
 Wilton – paste and dusters  
 Allan Cameron – crossing rivers  
 Alexander Grant – crossing rivers  
 Robert Nankeville – Hire of canoes, purchase of provisions for use of men  
 John Rout – cross cut saw  
 Jos. Carryford – sharpening saws  
 John Lowry – Wanganui labourer for services on the survey  
 A. McQuarrie – crossing rivers  
 Marshalls – carrying rations

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**Page 321** Samuel Charles Brees – Instructions to Mr Charlton, Cadet, New Zealand Company  
 Sir, I have to request that for the future you have charge of the office. It will be your business to keep the several plans in their places and to attend to any parties requiring them for inspection and to replace them and to see that the assistant surveyors and cadets replace any plans they require. You must also be at the office at nine precisely and leave at five o'clock and bring the key to my house and fetch it again in other words open and shut the office. Everything connected with the office is left to you such as the proper depositing of the instruments &c and seeing that it is cleaned. I will not admit of excuse for the nonfulfilling of same and if any of the staff refuse to replace their plans to inform me of the same at the time of writing.

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**Page 322** Samuel Charles Brees to Proprietors of Land, Wanganui [no date]  
 Notice is hereby given that the assistant surveyor stationed at Wanganui will leave this district within then days from this date and as no other will be appointed during the winter Proprietors requiring to have their Sections pointed out to them are accordingly requested to apply at the Office without delay.

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**1842 Dec 8 – Page 325** William Mein Smith

I have examined the following account and find it correct

Drs to James Bruce  
 Passage money from 16 Sep to 10 Nov both days inclusive at 20s a day - £56  
 Provisions &c supplied to Boat Crew at Cloudy Bay - £1  
 Boat and Crew at Otago – 3 days rations &c - £7  
 Boat and Crew at the Bluff surveying - £5  
 Four days demurrage at Patterson River - £12  
 Boat and Crew at Patterson River - £3 10s  
 Two days demurrage at Port Adventure - £6  
 Boat and Crew at Port Adventure - £1 10s  
 Boat and Crew at Rubuku – 15s  
 Boat and Crew at Tutucki – 16s  
 Ports Levy and Cooper, board and lodging and Boat hire - £6  
 Passage from Port Levy to Wellington - £3  
**TOTAL** £102 11s

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**1843 Apr 1 – Pages 327 to 333** Samuel Charles Brees – Report to Colonel William Wakefield  
Sir, I have the honor to report to you the progress of the Surveys. The Staff of Surveyors may be now described as finishing and testing the plans general of the several districts. The holders of preliminary land orders have selected their Sections, except a few, who have reserved for particular spots. A certain time was appointed after the last selection for the holders of the remaining Preliminary Land Orders to determine where they would take their sections agreeable to certain conditions, which you read in public to them.

The 2nd of March was the day stated, being two months notice, and nearly the whole of the proprietors sent in Requisitions with the exception of about ten who agreed to select sites as soon as possible. When the several districts are properly connected on what is technically termed “tied” together the amount of land intervening between the several parts may be safely calculated and laid off to those who are desirous of taking it. This then is the present occupation of the Staff notwithstanding it may appear doing the work again, yet it is highly necessary and the professional ability of the Surveyor is much now in requisition in this part of the Survey than in the commencement.

Mr Tiffen has been engaged in setting out some sections on the Hutt District situated near Lowry Bay comprehending those chosen the Selection of 3<sup>rd</sup> January and in showing the Lowry Bay District also Horokiwi Road and Horokiwi Valley pursuant to Public Notice to the Proprietors and upon the Town of Wellington. Messrs Smith and Hunt, cadets have been assisting him.

My Wylie, Assistant Surveyor, has been engaged connecting the Karori and Porirua Roads, and on the work connected with same also in pointing out the Sections chosen in the Ohariu District at the Selection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January to the Proprietors pursuant to Public Notice.

Mr Whitehead, Assistant Surveyor, has been engaged in setting out sections chosen in Watts Peninsula at the selection 3<sup>rd</sup> January also in surveying some sections adjoining the Ohiro District for which requisitions were made and in pointing out the Sections chosen in the Upper Hutt at the Selection of the 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Proprietors pursuant to Public Notice and in cutting a line up the Hutt forming the commencement of the road to Wairarapa.

Messrs Thomas, Kettle, Harrison and Nankevil have been engaged latterly upon various Office work with which they have been associated and having finished have left the Staff pursuant to Notice.

Mr R. Sheppard, Assistant Surveyor has been engaged in finishing the Survey at Manawatu and is accompanied by Mr Norman, Cadet.

Mr Frederick Sheppard, Assistant Surveyor and Mr Scroggs, cadet are still at Wanganui shewing the Sections and directing the men who have been employed in clearing the streets latterly.

Messrs Jollie, Nicholson and Charlton, cadets, have been principally employed in the Office.

Perhaps it is proper that I should notice the fact that nearly the whole of the Assistants and Cadets have been indisposed and incapable of attending at times to their duties. I state this on account of its being so very general among them lately, not that there is illness in the Town, but certainly more than usual on the Staff.

The number of men applying for employment on the roads has increased considerably lately, as you may perceive by the weekly return of men’s wages.

The Karori road is proceeding under Mr Allom, Cadet and Forman McMaster and has nearly reached the Karori Stream.

Agreeable to your instructions, I have commenced a road up the Hutt, with the ultimate view of extending it to the district of the Wairarapa via Hutt. In order to reduce the expenses of the road department the return of this party is placed to the Survey. The Line is in charge of a surveyor (Mr Whitehead), Cadet (Mr Wills), Foreman (Hughes) and they cut the whole of the timber and bush complete and left all the logs off the road. The Line has already reached beyond Section No.31 and I trust will proceed with much expedition. I am further convinced of the expediency of this trunk line since writing my Report on the Wairarapa.

I have no doubt that by following the course of the Hutt beyond the Pakuratahi (where the road turns off to the Wairarapa) to reach Waikanae, since I understand there is a Maori path in this Direction, therefore unless great difficulties exist in this direction it will lead to the West as well as to the East Coast, and if there be any pass in the Tararua Range, the interior will also be opened. I prepared two designs for timber bridges to cross the River Hutt, which you have inspected, one having piles, piers and the other crossing it by a single arch. The rise of the River in flood season, will render the former hazardous, but of the safety of the latter I entertain no doubt. I am however, preparing a plan for a ferry, which I shall shortly lay before you.

The Porirua Junction Road has been completed and I have sent the party to the Hutt to carry the road over marshy parts, to dress the Surface where necessary and to form Bridges over Gullies and Streams. This party is under the direction of another Cadet (Mr Tully) and foreman (Bishop) and employed entirely on earth work.

There is a small party under a foreman (Stacey) yet engaged on the Porirua Road who will just run over the bridle path from the junction Road to the Porirua Harbour such as clearing the timber, improving the slopes and making Cuts to carry off the rain water and soaks.

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**1843 Apr 22 – Page 335** Samuel Charles Brees to Hair, Esq.

Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant containing a list of Subscribers for widening the Karori Road. I have laid the letter before the Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company who has requested me to inform you that in his opinion it is of no use whatever increasing the width of the road unless it be made 12 feet wide and perfectly available for carts and waggons for which purpose the sub subscribed is inadequate and he will be happy to assist you to the extent of one half the amount necessary to construct a 12 feet road as far as Karori flat as soon as you have sufficient amount of Subscription.

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**1843 Apr 24 – Pages 333 to 334** Samuel Charles Brees – Instructions to Mr Whitehead

Sir, I have to request that you take charge of the Field party to be employed in cutting the line up the Hutt. It is necessary that you be constantly with the men superintending except when engaged upon other business in this district for which you may receive instructions. You must take every means to secure the best line, and report anything you may discern from time to time, that will influence its direction. Unless a better route be found you will take that which I described to you, but it is your duty to thoroughly examine the ground as you proceed. You will also let me know the sum required to pay the men every Saturday morning: they will be paid by my certificate at the Principal Agent's Office: and you will also have charge of the tools &c, and will perform every duty connected with this party, which must not exceed one Foreman (McMaster) and 20 Fieldmen.

Mr Wills, Cadet, will also assist you. I also request that you make a plan of the road as full as possible and lay down the distance cut every week and bring it up on Saturday with all divisions of sections &c marked upon it: also an account of the expenses of the same and details, including the cost per chain, number of bridges &c. I also wish you to mark out two sections at the back of Mr Bartons, if there is sufficient ground, but you must apprise the parties that I cannot pledge myself to allow them a road to them through the sections; but the formal delivery of these sections I will take upon myself upon my return from Wanganui.

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**1843 May 4 – Page 336** Samuel Charles Brees to William Swainson

My dear Sir, I shall direct Mr Whitehead to show you the boundaries of your Sections on the Hutt and mentioned in your note received this morning directly he returns from the Wairarapa. I am sorry the removal of any of the trees should have caused any inconvenience to you.

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