

The land to be set apart for the purpose would be laid out in villages and in small farms in the vicinity of such villages; the villages would be divided into acre allotments; each man would be entitled to select one village allotment, and the remainder of his land out of the small farms in the vicinity, while each member of his family above eighteen years of age would be entitled to a Land Order for selecting forty acres, and each member over five years of age and under eighteen to a similar order for twenty acres, under the conditions of the Immigration clauses of the Waste Lands Act.

The Regiment would be bound to serve under such Regulations as the Imperial Government may please to make; and the Officers and Men, upon retirement or discharge, would be entitled to the privileges granted under the Act before mentioned to Naval and Military Settlers, viz., to Land Orders after the following rates—Commissioned Officers, 400 acres; Non-commissioned Officers, 80 acres; Privates, 60 acres.

With regard to due provision being made for the accommodation of the men and their families, I have further to add, that if power can be obtained to enable the Provincial Government to borrow a sufficient sum of money, it will undertake to build the requisite quarters for the Officers in command of the companies, and for each man a cottage with two rooms upon his acre allotment, so as to be ready for occupation upon the arrival of the force; the cost to be refunded by instalments or otherwise within five years from the date of their location. Should the necessary power to borrow money not be obtained, the Government will provide barrack accommodation for a sufficient length of time to enable the men to build cottages for themselves.

Should Her Majesty's Government in this Colony obtain the consent of the Imperial Government to any arrangement such as I have described, whereby an effective Military force in addition to the Queen's troops already located in this Province could be introduced; and should it be determined to send out men under conditions such as I have proposed, it would be desirable that I should be informed of such determination at as early a period as possible, so that I may be enabled to have the requisite quantity of land set apart and surveyed, and other preparations for their reception completed, prior to the arrival of the immigrants.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Signed) J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

MR. STAFFORD TO SUPERINTENDENT OF AUCKLAND.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 14th March, 1860.

SIR,—

With reference to your Honor's letter of the 29th January, 1859, relative to a Resolution of the Auckland Provincial Council, on the subject of the introduction into the Province of Auckland of Enrolled Pensioners, I have the honor to inform you that the subject has been brought under the notice of the Imperial Authorities, but that the latter do not hold out any encouragement that the arrangements proposed by your Honor will be adopted.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE, C. B., TO THE RIGHT HON. SIR
E. B. LYTTON, BART.

Government House,
Auckland, New Zealand,
12th February, 1859.

(No. 17.) SIR,—

At the request of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor to forward certain documents from Colonel Wynyard, lately in command of the Troops in New Zealand, and Colonel Mould, the Commanding Royal Engineer.

MILITARY
No. 1.
Col. Wynyard,
C.B., 31st July,
1859.

Nos. 2 & 3.
Col. Mould, R.E.
30th July and
15th Oct., 1859.

These Officers suggest that the Colony of New Zealand should support an entire Company of the Royal Engineers at their own expense. The details of the proposed scheme will be found in Colonel Mould's Memoranda. It is recommended by Colonel Wynyard, and adopted by my Responsible Advisers, who request me to inform Her Majesty's Government "that the Colonial Government will defray the expense of an entire Company of the Royal Engineers, on the scale specified in the Memoranda of Colonel Mould, of 30th July, and 15th October, 1858."

I beg to recommend this proposal to your favourable consideration. The employment of a Company of the Royal Engineers would be of incalculable advantage to the Colony either in peace or war, and the measure would be one of economy. I entirely coincide with Colonel Mould's remarks in reference to the cost of transport. If that be paid for out of Colonial funds, the Settlers would think themselves hardly treated if Her Majesty's Government should find it necessary to remove the men on short notice or after short service.