

reverts (passes away) to the Government; and it is at their disposal at the present time for (carrying on) their system of settlement (*i.e.*, placing men upon it).

When the sale of the lands above mentioned is completed, if we are desirous for any eel-fishery or other place, we consent to purchase such of those lands as may be conceded (agreed to) for us, according to the rate of payment which may be fixed upon by the Government—but on the condition that a Crown grant be attached to such lands as may thus be taken (purchased) by us.

Enough as to that.

We have received from Mr. Turton, the Judge of Lands (Special Commissioner for investigating Native Titles), £50 sterling, as a binding and making sacred of this our agreement to sell those pieces of land to the Government (explained to them by the term “utu-maatamua,”—*i.e.*, deposit or first-payment for the land).

In witness hereof we have signed our names below on this the 24th day of May, 1864.

(Here follow the signatures, not a single claimant declining to sign.)

(True translation.—H. H. TURTON.)

No. 3.

Copy of a LETTER from H. H. TURTON, Esq., to the Hon. T. RUSSELL.

SIR,—

Auckland, July 4th, 1864.

In reply to your inquiry as to the Native proprietorship of the small block of land comprised within the township at Ngaruawahia, I have the honor to inform you that after making due investigation both there and at Raglan and elsewhere according to the special instructions of the Government to that effect, I have arrived at the opinion—

1. That by far the greater portion of the town site belonged to the rebels, many of whom are on board the hulk.

2. That the small remainder is claimed by Wiremu Nera, old Kaniwhaniwha, and Wm. Barton, with their several people, and

3. That there are no other claimants to that piece in this District beyond those whose consent to sell I have obtained. What other claims may be preferred by-and-by from distant places (if any) can easily be dealt with as they arise.

I have other lists from Aotea and Kawhia lately received, assenting to my arrangements to purchase their claims on that delta as soon as I can with justice both to themselves and the Government; so that I feel well assured, from the peculiar character of Native titles, that every claimant of the least importance is represented fully in the list of signatures obtained.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of War, Auckland,

H. H. TURTON.

No. 4.

MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

Ministers respectfully submit to His Excellency plans of the proposed township at Ngaruawahia, also the reports made by Mr. Commissioner Turton upon the friendly Natives' claims to land at Ngaruawahia. It is of great importance that the township should be sold as soon as possible. Ministers therefore respectfully advise His Excellency to sanction the sale by Public Auction in the usual way.

Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, 4th July, 1864.

T. RUSSELL.

No. 5.

MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

The Governor has just received his Responsible Advisers' Memorandum of yesterday's date, advising that the township of Ngaruawahia should be sold by Public Auction in the usual way.

The Governor observes from Mr. Turton's reports forwarded to him, that claimants for portions of this township may hereafter appear from distant parts of New Zealand. He would, therefore, with a view to meeting such claims if they may arise, prefer seeing a portion of the township reserved for such purpose for the present.

He, however, adopts the advice in other respects of his Responsible Advisers with regard to the other portions of this township being disposed of. The manner in which it is disposed of to the persons to whom it is to be granted must of course be settled by Ministers.

July 5th, 1864.

G. GREY.

No. 6.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given that certain allotments in Queenstown (Ngaruawahia) have been set apart as sites for places of worship, and the Representatives of the several recognised religious bodies who may wish to obtain, respectively, one of the said allotments, are hereby invited to make application at the Survey Office, on or before Monday, the 3rd October next.

Survey Office, Auckland, 6th September, 1864.

CHARLES HEAPHY, Chief Surveyor.

Schedule of Sites reserved in Queenstown for Places of Worship.

No. of Lot.	Contents.	No. of Lot.	Contents.
39	0 1 14	262 and 263	0 2 12
72 and 73	0 2 16	314 „ 315	0 2 14
128 „ 129	0 2 12	325 „ 326	0 2 16
156	0 1 20	391	0 1 33
215 „ 216	0 2 8	498 „ 499	0 2 16