

No. 10.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. WHITAKER to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

(No. 612)

Office of the Agent for the General Government,

Auckland, 17th November, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward, enclosed herewith, the copy of a letter of the number and date quoted in the margin, and its enclosures, addressed by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Province and Superintendent of Telegraph, to the Deputy Superintendent of the Province of Auckland, reporting the transfer of the Military Electric Telegraph Line, and his having taken over charge of the several stations on the line and of the stores found at them, on behalf of the Colonial Government.

S. O. 66-2345,
Oct. 3, 1866.

The enclosures above referred to consist of inventories of furniture, camp equipage, and other stores, now the property of the Colonial Government, which remain at each station on the line, under the care of the clerks in charge.

These documents are transmitted for the information of the Government.

I have, &c.,

FREDK. WHITAKER.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 10.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. WEAVER to the DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

(S.O. 66-2345.)

Public Works Department,

Auckland, 3rd October, 1867.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that in compliance with your instructions I have taken over charge of the several Stations and Stores of the Electric Telegraph, in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into between His Honor the Superintendent and the Deputy Quartermaster General, and found the articles to be transferred correct, in conformity with the list furnished me.

S. O. 66-2345.

I also selected such barrack furniture and camp equipage at each station as I considered necessary for the public service—lists of which are forwarded herewith. The articles were left by me in charge of the clerks of the respective stations, whose receipt I hold for the same.

I also took the necessary steps at Ngaruawahia for the instruction of candidates for the situation of Telegraph Clerks at that and all stations in the Delta, the parties learning being, in all cases, officers or men of the Militia regiments settled in the locality.

As the clerks and others now employed in carrying on the work of the telegraph belong, for the most part, to the Military, and will be removed at the end of the current month, I beg to submit the following as the smallest staff which is, in my opinion, necessary for the efficient working of the Telegraph Service.

Superintendent of Telegraphs—the Provincial Engineer.

Inspector—Sergeant Brodie	...	...	...	@	9s. 0d. per diem.
Sub-Inspector—Corporal Butcher	...	...	...	@	6s. 0d. "
Book keeper—S. Tanfield	...	...	...	@	7s. 6d. "
Two Line Repairers	...	...	...	@	5s. 0d. "

Head Station—Auckland.

Clerk in charge	...	...	...	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
Assistant Clerk	...	...	...	@	5s. 0d. "
Supernumerary ditto and head Messenger	@	4s. 0d. "
Two Messengers	@	2s. 6d. "

Otahuhu

Clerk in charge	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
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Onehunga.

Clerk in charge	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
Messenger	@	2s. 6d. "

Papakura—Station to be closed.

Mercer—Point Russell.

Clerk in charge	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
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Ngaruawahia.

Clerk in charge	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
Assistant Clerk	@	5s. 0d. "
Messenger	@	2s. 6d. "

Whata Whata—Station to be closed.

Te Rori.

Clerk in charge	...	...	...	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
Messenger	...	...	...	@	2s. 6d. "

Te Awamutu.

Clerk in charge	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
Assistant Clerk	@	5s. 0d. "

Cambridge.

Clerk in charge	@	6s. 0d. per diem.
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As the time for completing the arrangements is short I shall be glad to be favoured with your Honor's early instructions as to the foregoing appointments.