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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by command of His Excellency.

AUCKLAND.

No. 1.

Mr. G. V. STEWART to the Hon. G. M. O'ROKKE.

SIR,—

Auckland, 29th April, 1874.

Referring to our conversation yesterday, I wish to state in writing, as briefly as possible, the terms upon which I consider the Government should hand over the Kati Kati Block for special settlement; and in asking such, I refer you to Agent-General's letters to me dated 10th July and 23rd October, 1873, as well as to the previous official correspondence that passed between you and Mr. Gillies, the late Superintendent of Auckland.

1. Forty acres to each adults of free land, providing each family shall not claim more than 300 acres, excepting leaders of the settlement, as hereafter reserved; children under twelve years to be entitled to 20 acres.

2. Each adult to count at twelve years of age and upwards.

3. Though ordinary members are now entitled to free steerage passages on faith of Agent-General's letters to me dated 23rd October last, and which I would still hope and expect, yet I would accept the terms then current, viz. free passages for females, and £5 cash or £10 promissory notes for males. Those males under twelve to rate at half the above rates.

4. Land to be left open for special settlement for all approved applicants leaving the United Kingdom during the year 1875.

5. Members of the settlement to be entitled to purchase any additional quantity of land upon the settlement and continuously adjoining their own block; such additional quantity not to exceed the previous amount of the free grant.

6. Such additional land to be sold at 10s. per acre, and to be limited to members of the special settlement.

7. Such additional purchased lands to be also subject to the clearing, fencing, and occupation clauses. A deposit of 2s. 6d. per acre to be paid on purchase, and to be forfeited if land is not cleared or reclaimed within such reasonable time as may be agreed upon, and on completion of which a Crown grant is to issue.

8. Temporary accommodation to be provided for emigrants on arrival by Government.

9. Suitable roads to be made to each 100-acre section at expense of the Government; also, a schoolhouse erected, and master provided. A qualified National Board master could be got from Home.

10. Blocks of 10 acres each to be reserved in the most central portion of the settlement for each of the three religious denominations, viz. Episcopalian, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic, for erection of churches and permanent clergymen's houses.

11. Free town allotments to each family, at rate of half an acre to each 100 acres of free lands.

12. Special forms of application for such special settlement to be provided and signed in duplicate, addressed to me; duplicate copy to be sent to Agent-General, as official contract to join settlement.

13. Right of selection or rejection of applications to be left to Agent-General, G. V. Stewart, or H. W. Farnall.

14. Emigrant vessel to sail from any port in Ireland I may select, and to discharge emigrants at Kati Kati.

15. Agricultural labourers with families, who may wish to accompany their former employers, to receive free passages, and a free grant of 50 acres for entire family, upon the usual cultivation clauses.

16. Single farmers paying their own full passages in first or second-class cabin, and bringing with them respectable farm labourers, to be entitled to a free grant of 40 acres for each adult of said labourer's family, provided he does not claim more than 300 acres for each family, and deducts from same 50 acres in one block for entire of such family.

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