

No. 20.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to Mr. W. KELLY.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th June, 1874.

I HAVE received your telegram, but none from Superintendent. The Government will make no further objection to putting aside 10,000 acres at Kati Kati for Mr. Stewart until the end of 1875, upon conditions such as those proposed by the General Government, and Mr. Gillies on behalf of the Provincial Government; but those conditions must be clearly stated, so that there shall be no possible uncertainty as to their nature. I cannot agree to Mr. Stewart going home with any claim to lands unless the agreement upon which these lands are to be put apart is definitely reduced to writing. It will therefore be desirable that he should come on to Wellington. After all that has taken place, I am sure no one can doubt the necessity of there being no further misunderstanding, and that can only be guarded against by the plan I propose. I am sending a copy of this telegram to the Superintendent.

William Kelly, M.H.R., Auckland.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 21.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th June, 1874.

I HAVE received from Mr. Kelly telegram conveying resolutions of Provincial Council *re* Mr. Stewart. I attach copy of my reply to Mr. Kelly.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 22.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 5th June, 1874.

RE Kati Kati.—Your telegram just received. The Address from Provincial Council, forwarding resolution agreed to, did not reach me until four o'clock yesterday afternoon, at which time Messrs. Kelly and Stewart called at my office, and desired to know what course I then proposed to take. I informed them that the usual course would be to forward to Colonial Secretary copy of the Address; but as that would involve delay, I would send my letter covering the resolution to the Hon. the Secretary for Crown Lands, now in Auckland, who no doubt would communicate by wire with you at Wellington. I append my letter to Mr. O'Rorke for your information. I quite concur with you in the propriety of settling conditions and necessary details with Mr. Stewart before he leaves for Europe. "Here-with I have the honor to forward for your information, copy of an Address received from the Auckland Provincial Council, recommending the reservation of the Kati Kati lands for Mr. Stewart's proposed special settlement. I have adopted the present course of referring the matter direct to you, rather than incur the delay which would necessarily be caused by forwarding the address in the customary way to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary at Wellington, in order that such regulations and conditions as the General Government may think proper to propose to Mr. Stewart may be submitted to that gentleman in time for the closing of negotiations with him if possible before the departure of the outgoing mail steamer, as desired by the Provincial Council."

The Hon. Julius Vogel, Wellington.

J. WILLIAMSON.

No. 23.

Mr. W. KELLY to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 6th June, 1874.

RECEIVED telegram. Glad you approve of what is done, and prepared to carry out arrangements. Stewart anxious to leave. Scheme demands that he should leave on Monday.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

WILLIAM KELLY.

No. 24.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to Mr. W. KELLY.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 6th June, 1874.

You must have misunderstood my telegram if you conclude that I think it possible any arrangement could be made with Mr. Stewart before Monday. The property is an exceedingly valuable one, and the agreement should be carefully drawn up. I do not know whether Mr. O'Rorke will be willing to deal with the matter. If not, the best thing Mr. Stewart can do is to come on to Wellington. You seem to suppose that I approve of what has been done. If you will again read my telegram of yesterday, I think you will see that it means only this: that as the Provincial Council wishes that Kati Kati land should be set apart, I agree to carry out that wish, subject to necessary conditions.

William Kelly, M.H.R., Auckland.

JULIUS VOGEL.