

You will notice that I have not been able to confine my transactions to the blocks of land only for the purchase of which I sent in requisitions for money, owing to delays in getting the Native owners together when I required them; so I have used the moneys on the purchase of other blocks. It would greatly assist my negotiations if I could have a sum of money on hand for general purchase advance on lands that are likely to come under my notice from day to day.

I therefore enclose a requisition for £1,000 for general advances on account of land purchase.

The Taungako Block, of about 5,000 acres, now under survey, will be finished in a few days. I hope to send you particulars by next mail.

H. T. Clarke, Esq., Under Secretary,
Native Department, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
E. T. BRISSENDEN.

Bank Certificate, £800.

Brissenden, Pakiri Purchase Account, in account with the Bank of New Zealand.

1874.	Cr.	
May 30—Balance	...	£800

I hereby certify that the balance to credit of E. T. Brissenden, "Pakiri Purchase Account," at the close of the business on the 30th May, 1874, was £800 sterling.

For the Bank of New Zealand.

G. S. KISSLING,
Manager.

Schedule of Documents Enclosed.

Agreement to sell 20,000 acres of Pakiri Block by Hori te More, Arama Karaka Haututu, John Sheehan.

Deed of Arakiore Block, 470 acres.

Bank receipt showing £800 deposited in Bank of New Zealand to Pakiri Purchase Special Account.

Requisition for £1,000 on account land purchase.

E. T. BRISSENDEN.

P.S.—The deed for Owihiti will be sent forward by next mail.—E. T. B.

No. 39.

Mr. H. T. CLARKE to Mr. BRISSENDEN.

Native Office (Land Purchase Branch), Wellington,
12th June, 1874.

SIR,—

I have the honor to return herewith two deeds, as per margin, and to draw your attention to several matters which you have omitted.

All instruments of disposition by Natives of land to persons other than of the Native race are not valid, unless previously explained by an interpreter, under "The Native Lands Act, 1873," and the signatures attested by a Resident Magistrate or a Judge of the Native Land Court, and one other adult credible witness. This has not been done in either of the cases under notice. The interpreter should indorse on the back of the deed a clear statement in Maori of the contents of the deed, and sign it. This has not been done. The interpreter should then record a certified copy of such indorsement in the Native Land Court of the district in which the land affected is situated. I enclose herewith a specimen deed which will perhaps more clearly indicate the proper course to be taken, and request you to refer to section 85 of "The Native Lands Act, 1873," where instructions as to the proper execution of deeds by Natives are definitely set forth.

I have, &c.,
H. T. CLARKE,
Under Secretary.

E. T. Brissenden, Esq., Auckland.

No. 40.

Mr. H. T. CLARKE to Mr. BRISSENDEN.

Native Office (Land Purchase Branch), Wellington,
12th June, 1874.

SIR,—

I have the honor to draw your attention to the enclosed copies of Treasury vouchers for £100 and £20 respectively. These moneys were advanced to Hori te More and Arama Karaka and Mr. Sheehan (as trustees for Wi Apo) on account of the Pakiri Block when under negotiation by Colonel McDonnell. You are now requested to see that this amount is accounted for in your payments for the block.

I have, &c.,
H. T. CLARKE,
Under Secretary.

E. T. Brissenden, Esq., Auckland.