

No. 41.

Mr. BRISSENDEN to Lieut.-Colonel St. JOHN.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 29th August, 1874.
 RE Ara Kioire and Owhetu deeds. I await the return of Paora Tuhaere from Wellington to execute fresh deeds. The present ones are informal.

Colonel St. John, Wellington.

E. T. BRISSENDEN,
 Government Land Purchase Agent.

No. 42.

Mr. BRISSENDEN to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Office.

SIR,—

Auckland, 3rd November, 1874.

I have the honor to enclose the Owhetu and Ara Kioire deeds. I trust you will now find them correct.

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

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

No. 43.

Mr. STANNUS JONES to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Metropolitan Hotel, 18th August, 1874.

With the object of successfully carrying on a cattle run on my property at Cape Maria Van Diemen, distant many miles from any European settlement, I find it will be necessary to have a station midway between the extreme North and Auckland, and for this object I have been negotiating with the Native owners for a block of land, not exceeding 5,000 acres, Umukaikotare Rereawewere, on Punaketere Stream, above Te Taheke and near Otawa. Before commencing the survey I have thought it proper to make known my intentions to you. I wish to avoid any action that may in the slightest degree interfere with the Government. It is however of great importance to me that I should become possessed of this property, and I venture to hope you will see no objection to my doing so. In all my negotiations with the Natives I have, as you are aware, always acted strictly in accordance with the Government wishes. In this case, I believe, I cannot in the slightest manner interfere with your arrangements.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

I have, &c.,
 STANNUS JONES.

No. 44.

Lieut.-Colonel St. JOHN to Mr. BRISSENDEN.

(Telegram.)

August 20th, 1874.

STANNUS JONES writes he has been negotiating for 5,000 acres, named Umukaikotare Rereawewere, on Punaketere Stream, above Te Taheke and near Otawa. Is this not included in some of your Hokianga dealings? Answer by wire. He wants Government to let him have it.

E. T. Brissenden, Auckland.

By order,
 J. H. H. ST. JOHN.

No. 45.

Mr. BRISSENDEN to Lieut.-Colonel St. JOHN.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 8th August, 1874.

REFER Jones to me. All blocks about Te Taheke must be included in my advances. He has stated here that he can compel the Government to give him any lands he may require. He must be kept out of the field. See letter next mail.

Colonel J. H. H. St. John, Wellington.

E. T. BRISSENDEN,
 Government Land Purchase Agent.

No. 46.

MEMORANDUM to the Hon. the Native Minister, Sir D. McLEAN, on Matters connected with Land Purchase in the Province of Auckland.

I HAVE received several telegrams from Colonel St. John in reference to negotiations now being carried on by Mr. Stannus Jones for a block of land in the Hokianga district. I gather from the tone of these telegrams that Mr. Jones has been in communication with the Government, and that you are anxious to ascertain how far the Government might, consistently with the public interest, allow Mr. Jones to proceed to purchase.

The question thus raised appears to me of such importance that it will justify me in trespassing on your time with a special memorandum upon it.