

of Ngeitu and Ngateue tribes, and purchased a large slice of land adjoining the Waoku; price 1s. 5d. an acre.

I reached Ohacawai the same evening, and met the Whangaroa chiefs on Monday, the 12th instant. I paid them a deposit of £50 on their blocks of land in their district, acreage and price partially arranged for; but I am to meet them at Whangaroa the next time I go North.

The next day, 13th, I purchased a block near the Waitaroto named "Okaka," about 5,000 acres more or less, price to be 1s. 3d.; also another block, acreage not known, price to be fixed in future, but survey is to commence at once.

When my health is restored I shall proceed North again, as there is yet much work to be completed in all the lands I have mentioned about, for there is great jealousy existing, and the greed for money is unbounded, leading the Natives to all sorts of tricks and devices to obtain advances. I have been constantly at work day and night, sometimes working till daylight to accomplish our object, with the exception of the time I was laid up.

I have, &c.,
THOS. McDONNELL,
Land Purchase Commissioner.

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

No. 72.

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

SIR,—

Auckland, 3rd November, 1874.

I have the honor to report that I have secured by purchase, and paid deposit on account of Government on several blocks of land north of Auckland, a schedule of which I enclose. Nearly all of them are now under survey. I may state that the land is of the general mixed character, as it necessarily must be in so large an area. I have been as particular as possible to select the best at the lowest price.

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

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

Enclosure in No. 72.

A SCHEDULE of LANDS purchased for the GOVERNMENT by E. T. BRISSENDEN, North of Auckland, since August 20th, 1874.

No.	Name of Block.	District.	Remarks.
1	Punakitere	Hokianga	
2	Waimamaku	"	
3	Pakanae	"	
4	Kanae o Ruruwahine	"	
5	Pawhero	"	
6	Tukuwhenua and Oteraite	"	
7	Kuhuera	"	
8	Pukowhaeaihi	"	
9	Pawhero	"	
10	Wai Hoanga	Bay of Islands	
11	Wairau	"	
12	Rakauhongu	"	
13	Orowhana	"	
14	Te Aua Tuturu	Whangape	
15	One No. 2	Hokianga	
16	Okorihi	"	
17	Ponewhanua	"	
18	Kahumaku and Rairoa	"	
19	Unuhaia, Te Huia, Te Patoa, and Opuiti	Whangaroa	
20	Turata	Hokianga	
21	Omatoroa	"	
22	Taraire	"	
23	Mangataraire	Bay of Islands	
24	Tutamoe	Kaipara	
25	Te Takanga	Hokianga	
26	Waipona*	Kaipara	
27	Ngapuku	Hokianga	

* (26) This block is in my former report. I have since extended it from Hokianga Heads to Kaihu, comprising now nearly 100,000 acres: its former area was about 40,000 acres. I believe I am much under the mark. The blocks here mentioned at 200,000 acres.

November 3rd, 1874.

E. T. BRISSENDEN.

No. 73.

MEMORANDUM to Sir DONALD McLEAN on Land Purchase Matters North of Auckland.

I HAVE to report considerable progress in the acquisition of Native lands for the Government north of Auckland, made since my last report.

I have been able to add about 200,000 acres, comprised in very many blocks, as the holdings are but small in the Ngapuhi country.