

Enclosure 5 in No. 5.

The Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN to Mr. PUCKEY.

DEAR SIR,—

Auckland, 12th November, 1875.

I enclose you an extract from Mr. Alley's petition, which contains the charges preferred against yourself and Mr. Clarke; also a copy of the recommendation of the Petitions Committee, which is all the information I can furnish you at present. I am waiting for a reply from Mr. Alley, who I hear is about to proceed to Napier.

E. W. Puckey, Esq.

I have, &c.,
T. M. HAULTAIN.

Enclosure 6 in No. 5.

The Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN to Mr. H. ALLEY.

SIR,—

Auckland, 10th November, 1875.

I beg to acknowledge your note of the 5th instant, stating that you will furnish me with a list of the witnesses you require to substantiate the charges made against Messrs. Puckey and Clarke as soon as you can find your interpreter, Mr. J. Davis. I hear, however, that you are shortly to proceed to Napier; and if this is the case, I request that you will be so good as to inform me when you are likely to return, as it is necessary that I should know whether there is any prospect of long or indefinite delay in this matter. I regret that whilst in Auckland last week you did not call at my office, as some of the arrangements might then have been considered and decided on. With reference to the last sentence of your note, I must remind you that I have not asked you to name the place at which the inquiry is to be conducted. I am desirous to meet your views in this respect; but as I have also the convenience of other parties to consider, I must myself fix the place of meeting.

Henry Alley, Esq., Hikutaia.

I have, &c.,
T. M. HAULTAIN.

Enclosure 7 in No. 5.

Mr. H. ALLEY to the Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN.

SIR,—

Hikutaia, 15th November, 1875.

I received your note of 10th, and, in reply, I hear that Mr. John Davis was engaged by Mr. Brissenden, on behalf of the Government, some time ago, to go to Waikato. If so, you might find out his whereabouts, and write to him to come down. If I hear from him through any source I will wait for him, and he will furnish the names of the Natives. I will postpone my journey to Napier for a fortnight, so that this investigation may take place as soon as possible.

When I was in Auckland, I was busy buying store stock for grazing purposes. I understood by your first note that I was to fix the place of meeting.

I have not had a reply from Mr. John Davis yet. So soon as I hear from him I will let you know; or should you hear from him, please to let me know, and I will endeavour to get through this business as soon as possible.

T. M. Haultain, Esq.

I have, &c.,
H. ALLEY.

Enclosure 8 in No. 5.

The Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN to Mr. H. ALLEY.

SIR,—

Auckland, 17th November, 1875.

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, I have the honor to inform you that it is not in my power to assist you in communicating with your late interpreter, Mr. John Davis; but if he is in the employ of the Government, you should have no difficulty in procuring his address from the Native Lands Purchase Department.

I am anxious to proceed with this inquiry at once, as, if it is put off, other duties will interfere, and further delay will be occasioned.

This now depends upon yourself; and if you are proceeding to Napier, I again request that you will be so good as to inform me when you are likely to return. It would expedite matters if you could in the meantime furnish me with the particulars of the charges you have made against Messrs. Clarke and Puckey.

H. Alley, Esq.

I have, &c.,
T. M. HAULTAIN.

Enclosure 9 in No. 5.

Mr. H. ALLEY to the Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN.

SIR,—

Hikutaia, 21st November, 1875.

I received yours of the 17th, and, in reply, I beg to say, you state you cannot assist me in communicating with my interpreter, Mr. John Davis. I understood from your first note that the Government only wanted the names of the witnesses, and after which you would call them to appear at any appointed place of meeting, or does the Government want me to bear the expense of collecting the witnesses; if such is the case, I must decline any such expense.