

APPENDIX F.
TABLE showing STATE of SURVEYS on the MANCHESTER BLOCK.

Description of Land.	Subdivision A.		Subdivision B.		Subdivision C.		Subdivision D.		Subdivision E.		Subdivision F.		Totals.	
	Surveyed.	Under Survey.	Surveyed.	Under Survey.	Surveyed.	Under Survey.	Surveyed.	Under Survey.	Surveyed.	Under Survey.	Surveyed.	Under Survey.	Surveyed.	Under Survey.
Town Lands ...	Acres. 1,476	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. 200	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. ...	Acres. 1,476	Acres. 200
Suburban ...	2,439	1,438	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,439	1,438
Rural ...	4,419	569	5,826	448	5,061	...	11,165	...	1,566	16,644	2,141	3,883	30,178	21,544
Totals ...	8,334	2,007	5,826	448	5,061	...	11,165	200	1,566	16,644	2,141	3,883	34,093	23,182

TABLE showing PROPORTION of AREAS.

Subdivisions.	Number of Sections, exclusive of Town Allotments.									
	1 acre and under	5 acres and under	10 acres and under	20 acres and under	40 acres and under	50 acres and under	100 acres and under	200 acres and under	500 acres and under	1,000 acres and under
A. ...	52	100	62	44	42	24	6	10	1	1
B. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9	2
C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	44	...	26	...	...
D. ...	...	...	...	...	21	...	6	19	16	4
E. ...	...	...	...	...	29	...	4	2	3	...
F. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	2	...
Totals ...	52	100	62	44	92	68	33	66	31	7

Area occupied by railway line and reserves, 310 acres, included above. Area of Manchester Block, 106,000 acres.
Area remaining undealt with, 48,725 acres.

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Licensed Surveyor in Charge of Surveys.

APPENDIX G.

MR. A. F. HALCOMBE to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Feilding 18th May, 1876.

I have the honor to request your attention and assistance in a matter of considerable importance to the settlement and development of the Manchester Block.

I am forming a road from Feilding through the heart of the Manchester Block, to connect Feilding to Marton; and, as I learn from the Provincial Government, a bridge is very shortly to be commenced over the Rangitikei River, at the point where this road will connect with the roads now formed and in use in the Rangitikei District. So far as the road runs through the Manchester Block, as approximately represented by the red lines in the plan attached, the whole of the formation (of which eleven miles is already done) will be completed during this winter to the point A, the boundary of the Native reserve. From the point A to the point B, where or whereabouts the bridge will be erected, is a distance of a mile, and part of the road will descend a steep cliff, all of which is within the boundary of the Native reserve.

To make my road of any use there must be a continuation through the Native reserve to the river. This connecting link I am anxious should be laid off, and I have the honor to request you to take necessary steps to that end.

I make the application to you because, the matter being connected with the Native Department, neither the Provincial Government nor the Road Board of the district have any power to deal with it; and if I attempt to obtain the right of road from the Natives it only opens the door to exorbitant demands, and creates difficulties, whereas by the employment of one of the engineers of the Public Works Department for a few days, under the authority of the Native Department, there should be no trouble in fixing the proper road line, and there would be a hope of getting it made passable during the winter.

I trust I may be pardoned for pressing your attention to this matter before the meeting of the Assembly, as I know that the claims upon your time during the session will be too great to allow of its consideration; but, with the remembrance of the trouble and expense, with hindrance to settlement, which the Awahuri Road has cost, and that now nearly two years have passed without any decided Governmental action having been taken in a matter so obviously necessary to the settlement of this part of the country, I am naturally fearful lest a similar blockade at this point should render all this work on this new road line useless for an indefinite period.

I have, &c.,

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE,

Agent, Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation (Limited).

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.