

lots marked on the plans are in the swamp, and will be useless for farms until drained by your works. These should for the benefit of all parties be included in your purchase. As a rule, all the allotments not taken up round the swamp are either all swamp, or not accessible until drains are cut.

The dotted portion of the confiscated line is only approximate, as alterations are taking place in the vicinity of Tawhai. It would have been much better for all parties if the line had remained as originally cut, and given the Tawhai Natives a reserve inside.

The total length of drains laid out to date is 53½ miles. When you can spare the plan, return it, and I will mark the works as they progress. The plan would have been sooner ready for you, only I had the misfortune to get a heavy fall, breaking two of my ribs, and it was fortunate I had the light work to do. I am now all right again, and Captain Steele has got me a horse, which will be an advantage to all parties.

Fredk. Whitaker, Esq., Auckland.

I have, &c.,

DAN. SIMPSON.

P.S.—Your boundary so far as yet decided is bordered with yellow; the lots spotted yellow ought to be included in your block.

MEMORANDUM.

THE sections marked with a yellow dot on Mr. Simpson's tracing seem to include all the lots lying near Mr. Russell's purchase which it would be convenient to include with it in a ring fence.

A great number of them are granted to military settlers or to purchasers. Only eleven or twelve seem to be required for drains, and pass through any part of them, or to be likely to have their value increased by the drainage operations, beyond what must always arise from extensive neighbouring improvements.

30th April, 1874.

T. HEALE.

The Hon. Dr. POLLEN to Hon. F. WHITAKER.

Mr. Whitaker,—You will find in this memorandum all the information available about the surveyed allotments adjoining the swamp. There are none of these in possession of the Government now in the market for sale.

1st May, 1874.

DANIEL POLLEN.

LIST OF SECTIONS.

No.	Schedule.	Area.	Price.	Parish.	Remarks.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.		
167	...	50 0 0	...	Taupiri ...	Granted.
141	2	200 0 0	...	"	Not improved by drainage.
144					"
145					"
147					"
174	...	50 0 0	...	" ...	Awarded to ex-rebels.
116 to 140	2	1,242 1 0	...	"	These form a compact block on the north side of the Tahua Stream, apparently not at all affected by the drainage operations.
98	...	400 0 0	...	"	Military grant.
99					"
100					"
102					"
104	2	100 0 0	...	"	"
107					"
108					"
112					"
101	2	289 2 0	...	"	Apparently dry.
103					Not improved by drainage.
105					"
106					"
109	2	22 0 0	...	"	"
110					"
111					"
113					"
82A	2	80 0 0	...	" ...	Apparently dry.
81	...	350 0 0	...	"	Military grant.
82					Wood's purchase.
83					Not required for drains.
83A					"
84	...	44 1 0	...	"	Perhaps improved by drainage—swamp.
87					"
88					"
89					"
90	1	100 0 0	...	"	"
86					"
92					"
93					"
97	...	150 0 0	...	"	"
68 to 70					"
175					"
176					"