

survey at one time proposed been made, no new facts whatever would have been brought to light, nor anything to vary the conclusions come to.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

I have, &c.,
T. HEALE.

The Hon. Dr. POLLEN to Major GREEN.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 13th June, 1876.

PLEASE receive thirteen thousand one hundred and thirty-two pounds three shillings and ninepence from Mr. Thos. Russell, per New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited), on account of Piako Swamp Block, containing 83,325 acres 2 roods 20 perches. Telegraph when received.

Major Green, Receiver of Land Revenue, Auckland.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Major GREEN to the Hon. Dr. POLLEN.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 14th June, 1876.

MONEY paid to Public Account this day.

The Hon. Dr. Pollen, Wellington.

EDWARD L. GREEN,
For General Government Agent.

Mr. HEALE to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Inspector of Surveys' Office, 23rd June 1876.

I have the honor to enclose a plan of the north boundary of the Piako Swamp Block, as now surveyed and admitted by the Natives.

It will be seen that this reduces the area of the block by 823 acres, leaving the net area 86,502 acres.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

THOS. HEALE.

Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON to the COMMISSIONER of CONFISCATED LANDS.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 11th July, 1876.

PIAKO grant urgently required. Hon. Secretary for Crown Lands wishes to know when it will be sent to this office for execution. It must be sent through the Commissioner for Crown Lands.

The Commissioner for Confiscated Lands, Auckland.

C. E. HAUGHTON.

Mr. SINCLAIR to Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 12th July, 1876.

PIAKO grant in quadruplicate will be ready to-morrow morning. I shall see Mr. Tole, and have it sent by mail on Friday morning. The area is now reduced to 86,502 acres. The area mentioned in *Gazette* of 12th June last is 83,325 acres 2 roods 30 perches, 4,000 acres less than the original area.

The Under Secretary for Crown Lands, Wellington.

A. SINCLAIR.

Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON to Mr. SINCLAIR.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 12th July, 1876.

I do not understand latter part of your telegram *re* Piako grant. Please repeat from the words "the area," giving the numbers in words instead of figures.

The Commissioner of Confiscated Lands, Auckland.

C. E. HAUGHTON.

Mr. SINCLAIR to Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 13th July, 1876.

THE area sold is eighty-seven thousand three hundred and twenty-five acres two roods and twenty perches. The area on plan now furnished by Inspector of Surveys for grant gives only eighty-six thousand five hundred and two acres. The area in *Gazette* is eighty-three thousand three hundred and twenty five acres two roods and twenty perches.

The Under Secretary for Crown Lands, Wellington.

A. SINCLAIR.

Mr. D. A. TOLE to Mr. SINCLAIR.

SIR,—

Crown Lands Office, Auckland, 13th July, 1876.

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the signature of His Excellency the Governor, a draft Crown grant, in favour of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited), of the Swamp Block, Waikato, Banks County.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary for Crown Lands, Wellington.

D. A. TOLE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MEMORANDUM for the SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

UNDER the Order in Council of 12th June, 1876, providing for the sale of the Piako Swamp, will it be competent to the Governor to grant to the purchasers a less area than that described in the Order in Council?

H. A. ATKINSON.

MEMORANDUM for the Hon. the SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS.

If the purchaser is willing to take less area than that mentioned in the Order in Council, I see no objection to the grant being made accordingly; but, as the price fixed by the Order in Council is a stated lump sum, I do not think that a proportionate reduction in price can be made. Indeed, the purchaser must distinctly consent to take the lesser area in lieu of the whole area mentioned in the Order in Council, and should give an undertaking that he will not call upon the Crown to fulfil the contract in respect of the difference in area.

18th July, 1876.

W. S. REID.

On behalf of the purchaser, I agree to the above terms, and undertake accordingly.

19th July, 1876.

FRED. WHITAKER.