

ment, upon the same terms and subject to the same conditions as those set forth in a resolution of the Board, of date 10th April, 1877, except as regards the number of weather-boarded houses or other more permanent dwellings to be erected, which is now increased from twenty-eight to thirty-five. The Board is further prepared to recommend that the purchase-money be paid within three months from the date of the completion of the survey (to be undertaken at Mr. Stewart's own cost) of the total area of 10,000 acres proposed to be sold to Mr. Stewart, such survey to be commenced and proceeded with whenever the necessary instructions for its execution shall have been issued by the Chief Surveyor.

No. 8.

Mr. G. V. STEWART to the Hon. D. REID.

SIR,—

The Club, Wellington, 25th June, 1877.

With reference to our conversation of this morning, I should feel much obliged to you to write to me in your official capacity to the effect that the parties forming the extended Katikati Special Settlement may (if they feel so disposed) obtain Crown grants for their holdings direct from the Government, upon my certificate, and also upon the certificate of the Commissioner of Crown Lands that they have complied with the provisions of the agreement as to cultivation, &c.

2. That instructions will be sent to the Agent-General to despatch a ship direct from Belfast, and that the Government is prepared to further and assist the undertaking by every reasonable means in their power.

3. That you will kindly order a small parcel to be made up, containing maps, statistics, or any other information on New Zealand (independent of the Province of Auckland) likely to diffuse sound information on the resources of the colony.

Waste Lands Board.

In order to guard against any possible misapprehensions on my return to Auckland, but which I do not anticipate, I should feel much obliged to you, when sending instructions to Mr. Tole, to intimate to him that the 10,000 acres now intended to be sold to me are the lands referred to in the resolutions adopted by the Auckland Waste Lands Board on 14th April and 14th June respectively.

I should also feel obliged by your kindly giving me a proof copy of the proposed amended agreement before it is finally despatched to Mr. Tole.

With many thanks for your uniform courtesy and attention,

The Hon. D. Reid.

I have, &c.,

GEO. VESEY STEWART.

No. 9.

Mr. G. V. STEWART to the Hon. D. REID.

(Telegram.)

30th July, 1877.

I LEAVE *via* Frisco on Wednesday; kindly send agreement for my signature to Agent-General; also wire me here letters promised *re* Belfast ship.

GEO. VESEY STEWART.

No. 10.

The Hon. D. REID to Mr. G. V. STEWART, Mechanics' Institute, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

31st July, 1877.

I SENT letter to above address on 23rd instant informing you that, as Board appeared to attach importance to alteration in draft agreement, Government could not reverse decision of the Board. The land was proclaimed under Act of 1876 on the 13th instant, but I have not received resolution of Board setting land apart for purpose of special settlement. I think it would be well to have agreement finally settled before you leave, to avoid any misunderstanding. When the agreement has been completed I will give you letter to Agent-General.

D. REID.

No. 11.

Mr. D. A. TOLE to the UNDER SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS.

SIR,—

23rd August, 1877.

Referring to your memorandum of the 16th July ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the accompanying resolutions on the above subject were passed by the Waste Lands Board at a meeting held on the 31st July last, but that, owing to unavoidable delay in obtaining from the Survey Office a description of the land to be dealt with, their transmission was necessarily allowed to stand over until now. I beg to add that a classification of the land has been made with the following result, viz.:—

1st class	...	...	...	...	...	4,200 acres.
2nd class	...	...	...	...	...	1,675 acres.
3rd class	...	...	...	...	...	4,125 acres.

I have, &c.,

D. A. TOLE,

The Under Secretary for Crown Lands.

Chairman, Waste Lands Board.