

Enclosure in No. 11.

EXTRACT from MINUTES of Meeting of Waste Lands Board.

RESOLVED,—(1.) That in pursuance of section 56, Part V., of “The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1874,” His Excellency the Governor be recommended to set apart for special-settlement purposes the lands described in the accompanying Schedule:—

Schedule: All that parcel of land bounded towards the North by the confiscation boundary to the south-west corner of Lot 97, Parish of Katikati; towards the North-east by a road bounding Lots 97, 20, and 94 of the parish aforesaid to the Tauranga Harbour; towards the East by the Tauranga Harbour aforesaid to the north-west corner of Lot 3 of the Parish of Tahawai, thence by that lot 2904 links to a road, thence by that road and by Lot 4 of the aforesaid parish 479 links to the Tuapiro Creek, thence by that creek and by the Tuapiro River to part of the western boundary of Lot 34 of the aforesaid Parish of Tahawai, thence by the western boundaries of Lots 34, 35, 69, 68, 51, 53, 66, 65, 55, and 57, 34,094 links and 250 links; and thence by Lot 58, Parish of Te Mania, 4616 links, to a road; towards the South by the aforesaid road; towards the West by lines 7604 links, 7545 links, 7700 links, 6500 links, 9000 links, 11300 links, 5700 links, 6300 links, 4700 links, 8600 links, 6300 links, and 6100 links; again towards the North by a line 19800 links; again towards the West by lines 13400 links, 1858 links, 2516 links, 276 links, 837 links, 1206 links, and 1230 links; again towards the South by lines 3300 links and 4600 links; again towards the West by lines 2000 links, 4600 links, and 2600 links, to the confiscation boundary at the point of commencement; and also Allotments Nos. 27, 29, 32, 46, 65, 66, 67, and north-western portion of Allotment No. 70, of the Parish of Tahawai, and Allotments No. 60, 66, 67, 73, 74, 75, and 76, of the Parish of Mania: the said parcels of land containing in the aggregate 10,000 acres.

Resolved,—(2.) That His Excellency the Governor be requested to enter into a contract with Mr. George Vesey Stewart, under Part V., of “The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1874,” for the occupation by emigrants forming a special-settlement party of 10,000 acres of land at Katikati, District of Tauranga, the classification of which has been determined as follows: 1st class, 4200 acres; 2nd class, 1675 acres; 3rd class, 4125 acres.

Resolved,—(3.) That His Excellency the Governor be recommended to approve the amended draft agreement relating to the said contract.

Resolved,—(4.) That in so far as relates to the lands specified in the said contract, His Excellency the Governor be recommended to negative the provisions of Part IV. of “The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1874,” and to substitute in lieu thereof the conditions embodied in the said amended draft agreement.

No. 12.

The UNDER SECRETARY for CROWN LANDS, Wellington, to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

8th September, 1877.

VESEY STEWART Settlement. Board cannot make three classes of land for this settlement; only first and second class allowed by section fifty-six of Act; this must be amended. The resolution which the Board should pass is set out at length in draft printed agreement as amended by you.

J. GILES.

No. 13.

DRAFT of AGREEMENT arranged between the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION and Mr. GEORGE VESEY STEWART.

ARTICLES of AGREEMENT made and entered into this day of , one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, between the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand of the one part, and George Vesey Stewart, of Katikati, in the Provincial District of Auckland, Esquire, of the other part.

WHEREAS the Waste Lands Board of the said district, under the provisions of Part V. of “The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1874,” has recommended the Governor to set apart the land hereinafter mentioned, being a block of class land, for the occupation by persons forming a special settlement: and the same land has, by a notification in the *New Zealand Gazette*, been set apart for such purposes accordingly. And whereas the said Board has passed a resolution of which the following is a copy:—

“Resolved this 18th day of September, 1877, that the Governor be requested to enter into a contract with Mr. George Vesey Stewart, under Part V. of ‘The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1874,’ for occupation by emigrants forming a special settlement party of ten thousand acres of first and second class land at Katikati, Tauranga District. The land to be surveyed by Mr. Stewart at his own cost (except for minor triangulation), but subject to the approval of the Surveyor-General. Roads to be laid out in convenient directions. The price to be one pound an acre, ten shillings to be paid in cash to the Agent-General in London within six months from the date of agreement; the payment of the second ten shillings per acre to be made by the introduction by Mr. Stewart from the United Kingdom of one adult emigrant for every seventy-five acres of land—that is, one hundred and thirty-three emigrants in all. The emigrants to be approved by the Agent-General or his agent at the port of embarkation, and to be placed on the land on or before first November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight. An adult emigrant to mean a person of either sex of eighteen years of age, and two persons under eighteen to count as one adult. That within eight months after the arrival of the emigrants he shall erect at least thirty-