

1878.

NEW ZEALAND.

SPECIAL SETTLEMENT, MOUNTAIN ROAD,
TARANAKI

(PAPERS RELATIVE TO).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

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

SIR,—

Crown Lands Office, Taranaki, 26th July, 1877.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed resolution passed by the Waste Lands Board at its last sitting, recommending that a block of land containing 5,000 acres should be set apart as a special settlement. The gentleman in whose favour this is proposed to be done has ample means for complying with the conditions (copy of application enclosed), and these are most favourable to the district, as they will insure a good road being carried five miles into the interior of the country; and as Mr. Fookes takes only the sections immediately abutting on this proposed road, the sections north and south of these will be at the disposal of the Board, and available for speedy sale, being so close to a road. Major Brown, whom I consulted, thinks there will be no difficulty in dealing with the strip of land between the Huiroa Block and the Ahuroa Block, and, with his approval, the survey is being carried through it. I enclose a plan and preliminary description of the land for gazetting under the 63rd section of "The Taranaki Waste Lands Act, 1874," as amended by clause 8 of the 33rd section of "The Waste Lands Administration Act, 1876," should the Government deem it advisable to carry out the recommendation of the Waste Lands Board.

I have, &c.,

C. D. WHITCOMBE,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Under Secretary for Crown Lands, Wellington.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

COPY of Resolution passed by the Taranaki Waste Lands Board, on Monday, 23rd July, 1877.

THE Board, having considered the application of A. C. Fookes for a block of 5,000 acres of land abutting on the Mountain Road, recommends the same for the approval of the Government, in accordance with clause 63 of "The Taranaki Waste Lands Act, 1874," and directs that a copy of Mr. Fookes's application, with plan and description of the proposed block of land, be forwarded to the Government for its information, in order that the necessary steps may be taken for carrying out this recommendation of the Board.—Carried.

Waste Lands Board Office,
New Plymouth, 23rd July, 1877.

C. D. WHITCOMBE,
Chief Commissioner of Waste Lands.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

MR. A. CRACROFT FOOKES to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Taranaki.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 20th July, 1877.

Having, since writing my letter of 6th instant, become better acquainted with the land regulations of this district, and having had several interviews with yourself upon the subject of my proposal, I think it better to substitute the following slightly modified plan for your approval.

Should there be any of the clauses therein which the Board cannot agree to as they stand, we may, no doubt, modify or alter them to our mutual satisfaction at the next meeting of the Board, when I shall be in attendance.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Taranaki.

I have, &c.,

A. CRACROFT FOOKES.

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