

No. 176.

MEMORANDUM from Mr. W. C. KENSINGTON to Messrs. SHEEHAN and WHITAKER.

Auckland, 3rd May, 1880.

I HAVE received a telegram from the Hon. Mr. Bryce confirming the action taken both with regard to surveys and plans within proclaimed Patetere Block—viz., that no survey or plan shall be approved until the Government block is before the Court.—W. C. KENSINGTON (for C. S. and Deputy Inspector of Surveys).

No. 177.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 3rd May, 1880.

L. CUSSEN, Esq., D.S., Hamilton.—Mr. Bryce directs that boundary of proclaimed block on Waikato River side may be taken back from that river a sufficient distance to exclude certain blocks which Mr. Graham will tell you of.—W. C. KENSINGTON (for C. S.).

No. 178.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 3rd May, 1880.

W. C. KENSINGTON, Esq., Survey Office, Auckland.—Do I understand that Cook's or my parties are not to commence work until Cussen's map of external boundaries is complete?—W. A. GRAHAM.

No. 179.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 3rd May, 1880.

W. A. GRAHAM, surveyor, Cambridge.—Yes; as far as lands situated within the proclaimed district are concerned. Hon. Mr. Bryce wired finally yesterday, ordering me to refuse approval until Government survey is before Court.—W. C. KENSINGTON (for D. I. S.).

No. 180.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 3rd May, 1880.

C. E. COOKE, Esq., surveyor (care of R. C. L. Williams, Cambridge).—You thoroughly understand that the three surveys you are authorized to make are outside the proclaimed Patetere Block, and must not encroach upon it.—W. C. KENSINGTON (for Deputy Inspector of Surveys).

No. 181.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 4th May, 1880.

L. CUSSEN, D.S., Hamilton.—Please use all possible expedition in the prosecution of the Government Patetere survey. Trig. pipes will be up directly.—W. C. KENSINGTON (for Chief Surveyor).

No. 182.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 5th May, 1880.

R. J. GILL, Under-Secretary, Land Purchase, Wellington.—Do you think Mr. Bryce understands that there is no claim lodged with the Native Land Court for the hearing of the proclaimed Patetere Block on behalf of the Government, and that when Survey Department has completed survey the present Court for 10th cannot take it? And so Chief Judge says Court will simply open and close, as only one or two blocks advertised are without the proclaimed boundary: all the rest are within the proclaimed block; and therefore must refuse to receive, approve, or send before the Court, under section 7, "Native Lands Act, 1878."—W. C. KENSINGTON (for Chief Surveyor).

No. 183.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 6th May, 1880.

CHIEF SURVEYOR, Auckland.—Sketch-map of Patetere cannot be ready for the Court, if it is to be in conjunction with the regular triangulation. I should like to consult you on this and other questions. Please telegraph when I may go up to town to see you.—L. CUSSEN, District Surveyor.

No. 184.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 6th May, 1880.

L. CUSSEN, Esq., D.S., Cambridge.—Come down so as to be here Saturday morning. If points can be fixed accurately enough, the regular triangulation can follow.—W. C. KENSINGTON (for C. S.).

No. 185.

(Telegram.)

Wanganui, 8th May, 1880.

W. C. KENSINGTON, Survey Office, Auckland.—Plan of surveys of land within Patetere Block, if prepared to your satisfaction, can now be authorized for purposes of Native Land Court.—JOHN BRYCE.

No. 186.

Mr. S. P. SMITH to the INSPECTOR of SURVEYS, Wellington.

SIR,—

Survey Office, Auckland, 17th May, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that applications for the survey of the blocks of land as per margin\* have been received—all of which blocks are within the proclaimed boundaries of Patetere. None of these have been surveyed yet; but, as the applicants will no doubt press the matter, I wish to know definitely whether the Hon. the Native Minister will give permission for these surveys to go on before the boundaries of the Proclamation have been defined—a work which is now proceeding. Several maps have been forwarded to the Court, with provisional certificates, of lands within the pro-

\* Patetere, No. 4,918; Te Tokoroa, No. 4,917; Tikorangi, No. 4,916; Te Rotokaikoro, No. 4,915; Whakaaratamaiti, No. 4,914.