

claimed boundaries—the surveys of which were made some time ago by direction of the Hon. the Native Minister; but, judging from the correspondence that has passed between the Hon. the Native Minister and the Chief Draughtsman of this office in my absence, nothing appears to justify me in authorizing any surveyor in making further surveys within the district covered by the Proclamation, in contravention of the 7th clause of “The Native Land Act, 1878,” until further permission is granted by the Hon. Minister of Native Affairs.

I have, &c.,

S. P. SMITH,

Deputy Inspector of Surveys.

The Inspector of Surveys, Wellington.

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No. 187.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 20th May, 1880.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL, Wellington.—There appears every chance of being able to carry triangulation right through Patetere to Taupo now, at once. Please authorize engagement of assistant surveyor at 21s. per diem, and an allowance of 15s. per diem to Cussen to find extra horses and food for them. Very important that work should proceed whilst Natives are in the humour. Awaiting reply.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 188.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 29th May, 1880.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL, Wellington.—Can you reply to my telegram of the 17th *re* Patetere surveys? The expenditure is going on, and, if not authorized, had better stop the surveys at once.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 189.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 29th May, 1880.

CHIEF SURVEYOR, Auckland.—Your proposals for extra expenditure triangulation Patetere approved. About what date do you anticipate trig. and topographical surveys to be completed over area proclaimed?—JAMES MCKERROW.

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No. 190.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 31st May, 1880.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL, Wellington.—I expect the sketch-map for use of the Court now sitting, showing the proclaimed boundaries of Patetere, will be ready in three weeks. The regular major triangulation will take probably three to four months.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 191.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 20th May, 1880.

CHIEF SURVEYOR, Auckland.—Shall I supply information and assistance to facilitate preparing a sketch-map of Tokoroa in interests of Patetere Land Company? I am pressed for an answer to this.—L. CUSSEN.

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No. 192.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 21st May, 1880.

DISTRICT SURVEYOR, Cambridge.—You can supply trig. information to anybody, but must not delay trig. work on any account. No further surveys have been authorized by Native Minister as yet. I must therefore decline to receive any map. Please say so.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 193.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 31st May, 1880.

L. CUSSEN, Esq., D.S., Cambridge.—Referring to my telegram to you of a late date on the subject of supplying information *re* Tokoroa, there is no objection to your furnishing the information you will obtain as to the boundaries of the Proclamation, which I believe are common to the above block. It is probable that this will allow of a map of that block being made; but until the Native Minister authorizes the reception and approval of such plan, it could not be sent to the Court. The Surveyor-General has approved of the employment of an assistant to yourself at 21s. per diem, and an allowance of 15s. per diem to provide what extra horse-hire may be required. I must, however, urge you to keep expenses as low as possible. On the completion of the sketch of Proclamation boundaries, the map showing all the other blocks, which has been prepared, will be sent you to Hamilton, in order that you may lay down the boundaries on it. After this, pending further instructions, please let triangulation proceed in regular course.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 194.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 3rd June, 1880.

THE CHIEF SURVEYOR, Auckland.—Mr. Sheehan informs me that my survey is required for the Court. Pending instructions from you, I have declined to produce it. Please advise me.—L. CUSSEN.

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No. 195.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 4th June, 1880.

DISTRICT SURVEYOR, Hamilton.—When your map is complete, send it to me.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 196.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 3rd June, 1880.

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., Survey Office, Auckland.—What reason (if any) exists to prevent Mr. Cussen from supplying Native Land Court with provisional map of Tokoroa?—J. SHEEHAN.