

Mr. WARBRICK to Mr. BATKIN. Tauranga, 8th March, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, requesting me to meet you at 10 a.m. this day, "on business connected with the accounts of Mr. J. C. Young." Any business connected with the above matter, if you will put in writing, I will take into consideration; but a *vivâ voce* interview I must respectfully decline, more especially after what has already transpired regarding such examinations, and the use which has been made of them in Mr. J. C. Young's matter, &c.—I have, &c., A. WARBRICK.

Mr. BATKIN to Mr. WARBRICK. Land Purchase Office, Tauranga, 8th March, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, in which you decline to attend at this office as requested in my letter of the 6th instant. I must now repeat my request that you will attend at the place named, at 3 p.m. this day, failing which I shall be compelled, being unable to prolong my stay in Tauranga, to require you by precept, under section 34 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," to appear before me either in Auckland or Wellington.—I have, &c., C. T. BATKIN, Assistant Controller and Auditor.

Mr. WARBRICK to Mr. BATKIN. Tauranga, 8th March, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, requesting me to meet you at 3 p.m. this day, and drawing my attention to the 34th section of "The Public Revenues Act 1878." In reply, I have to state that I have no knowledge of the 34th section of that Act, nor have I seen the Act itself. I must continue to decline, unless you will consent to allow me to be accompanied by my solicitor or agent, as I may be liable to be examined, and I think it is only just to myself that I may be guarded against making any admissions which might possibly be turned to account against me at any future time.—I have, &c., A. WARBRICK.

Mr. C. T. BATKIN to Mr. ABRAHAM WARBRICK.

THESE are to command and require you, laying aside all and singular business and excuses, to appear in your proper person before me at my office in the Public Buildings, Shortland Street, Auckland, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, then and there to testify all those things which you know touching the accounts of Mr. J. C. Young, late Land Purchase Officer at Tauranga, and other matters connected with the business of that office; and also that you bring with you all accounts, books, and papers relating thereto, and all public documents in your possession; and this you shall by no means omit under the penalty of one hundred pounds. Given under my hand, at Auckland, this fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty.—C. T. BATKIN, Assistant Controller and Auditor.

Mr. WARBRICK to Mr. BATKIN. Auckland, 17th March, 1880.

SIR,—I must ask you to excuse my attendance before you this morning in the summons I received in Mr. J. C. Young's case, as I am so unwell that I am unfit to put in an appearance. Will you, therefore, kindly inform me on what other day my attendance will be required. Please address to me at box 102, post office.—I have, &c., A. WARBRICK.

Mr. BATKIN to Mr. WARBRICK. Auckland, 17th March, 1880.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date requesting to be excused (on the plea of indisposition) from attending at my office, as required by my precept of the 15th instant. In reply, I have to inform you that I shall take immediate steps to recover the penalty you have incurred, unless proof to my satisfaction be given during the day that your illness is of such a character as absolutely to disable you from attending as required. I enclose precept requiring your attendance at the same place, at 10 a.m. to-morrow.—I have, &c., C. T. BATKIN, Assistant Controller and Auditor.

In the Police Court, Auckland. In the matter of an information laid by CHARLES THOMAS BATKIN against ABRAHAM WARBRICK.

To ABRAHAM WARBRICK, the above-named defendant,—You are hereby commanded to have with you and produce, at the hearing of the above information in the Police Court at Auckland on the 20th day of March, 1880, a certain precept under the hand of Charles Thomas Batkin, Esquire, Assistant Controller and Auditor, dated 15th March, 1880; and also a certain letter signed by the said Charles Thomas Batkin, addressed to you, and dated the 17th day of March, 1880. Dated the 19th day of March, 1880.—F. M. BROOKFIELD, Crown Solicitor.

[Indorsement on foregoing Order.]

I, ANDREW CLARKE, Sergeant of Armed Constabulary, stationed in Auckland, make oath and say that I duly served a summons (of which a copy is within written) upon Abraham Warbrick, the person to whom the same was directed, by delivering the same to the within-named Abraham Warbrick personally, in Auckland, on the 19th March, 1880.—A. CLARKE, Sergeant Armed Constabulary.

Taken and sworn before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New Zealand, this 19th day of March, 1880, at Auckland.—J. M. DARGAVILLE, J.P.

EVIDENCE OF NATIVES.—AT TAURANGA, MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

TE HURUHURU examined.

ON 27th November, 1878, L34 7s. 5d. is claimed as paid to Te Huruhuru. This amount would appear to form part of a sum of L150 paid to Brennan and Smith. Te Huruhuru states, in the first