

there shall be a dwelling-house to each block occupied by a settler. If the selectors fail to erect such dwelling-houses, no settler shall be entitled to his grant until this condition be complied with.

11. Each settler shall for a period of three years continuously occupy the land so selected; and one-fifth of the land so occupied shall be brought into cultivation before the expiration of the said term of occupation. For the purposes of these regulations cultivation shall mean—(1) Breaking up and laying down the same in English or other cultivated grass; or (2) breaking up and planting or sowing root or other crops therein. (3.) In the case of bush land, cultivation to mean burning off and surface-sowing; and, in the case of swamp land, draining and surface-sowing.

12. Each settler occupying a block of land shall have the right at any time prior to the expiration of the term of occupation aforesaid to acquire such block by purchase, at a price per acre and payable in such manner as may be agreed upon between the selectors and the settler; but the settler shall be entitled at any time to pay up the balance unpaid of such purchase-money, and, subject to the provisions of the next section, viz., No. 13, to get his Crown grant hereunder.

13. Each settler shall be entitled to his grant upon proof to the satisfaction of the Governor that he has fulfilled the conditions herein contained as to cultivation, and also that he has paid to the selectors the price agreed upon for the purchase. The written statement of the selectors that they have been paid in full shall be sufficient evidence that full payment has been made.

14. If at any time previous to the expiration of the term of occupation aforesaid the said selectors shall have faithfully performed the foregoing terms and conditions as hereinbefore required, then the Governor shall cause a Crown grant to be issued to the said selectors for so much of the land as has not been taken up by settlers.

15. Every grant issued under these regulations shall contain an express power to the Governor at any time to take not exceeding five per cent. of the land comprised therein for roads, railways, or other public works, without payment of any compensation for the land so taken, and each grant shall be issued subject to the payment of the usual Crown-grant fees. The right of the Crown to gold and silver will be reserved, and the right to work the same, subject to compensation for any surface damage.

16. If the selectors shall not well and faithfully fulfil the terms and conditions of these regulations, or shall commit or suffer any breach thereof (of which the Governor shall be the sole judge), or shall fail in the observance or performance of all or any of the said conditions, then these regulations and every clause therein contained shall cease and be void, and neither the said selectors nor any settler or other person whosoever shall have any claim or demand to or in respect of the said land, nor for any compensation on account thereof: Provided that, if any settler has fulfilled all the conditions hereinbefore prescribed, he shall nevertheless be entitled to his grant; and the Governor may receive and act upon such evidence as he shall deem sufficient as to the payment of the purchase-money by the settler to the selectors, and the grant may issue accordingly.

17. The selectors shall not be at liberty to assign their rights or privileges as such selectors (otherwise than in accordance with the foregoing terms and conditions) without the written consent of the Governor first obtained.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### LAND ORDER FOR SPECIAL SETTLEMENT AT TE AROHA, NEW ZEALAND.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, of [address and occupation], having duly contracted with us to become a settler in the above-named special settlement, is hereby granted this land order, entitling him to select and occupy \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land in the said settlement, subject to the terms and conditions fixed by the Governor in Council under the authority of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, and called "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1879."

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_.

(Signed.)

Witness to signature:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, accept this land order, subject to the above-mentioned terms and conditions (which, so far as they affect me, are printed on the back hereof); and I have made arrangements for the following persons to accompany me to the said special settlement.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_.

(Names in full.)

(Ages.)

Witness to signature:

MESSRS. GRANT and FOSTER have paid to me the sum required to be paid by them under the above-mentioned terms and conditions, in respect of the area of land comprised in this land order.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_.

Agent-General.

FORSTER GORING,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

#### No. 31.

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

General Crown Lands Office,

(Memorandum.)

Wellington, 6th December, 1880.

WITH reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, transmitting an application from Captain Steele, on behalf of Messrs. Grant and Foster for the reserve of 616 acres on the west side of the river, the Hon. the Minister of Land instructs me to say that the Government is of opinion that the present arrangement with Messrs. Grant and Foster should remain as it is, and that the further proposal to deal with the Manawaru reserve should remain in abeyance until the arrival of the settlers, when the question of the school sites, timber reserves, &c., will be dealt with: in the meantime the reserve in question will not be dealt with in any way. The question of the bridge site will not be prejudiced.

The above was conveyed to you by telegram on the 4th instant.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland.

H. J. H. ELIOTT,  
Under-Secretary.