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PAPERS RELATING TO PETITION OF W. LINDSAY AND OTHERS.

The Hon. the MINISTER of LANDS to the CHAIRMAN, Otago Alleged Evasion of Land Act Committee.

SIR,—

General Crown Lands Office, Wellington, 26th July, 1883.

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, requesting to be informed as to what had been done with respect to the petition of William Lindsay (No. 385), which was referred to the Government by the Waste Lands Committee of last session, I have the honour to transmit, for your information, copy of a memorandum which was forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Dunedin on the 19th August last, covering copies of the petition, together with the report of the Waste Lands Committee thereon, and requesting him to take care that the provisions of the law were strictly complied with with respect to the holdings referred to in the petition.

I further transmit, for the information of the Committee, the report, which was received on the 19th instant, from the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the deferred-payment holdings at Waitahuna West.

I have, &c.,

The Chairman, Otago Alleged Evasion
of Land Act Committee.

WM. ROLLESTON,
Minister of Lands.

MEMORANDUM from the UNDER-SECRETARY of CROWN LANDS to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Dunedin.

General Crown Lands Office, Wellington, 19th August, 1882.

I TRANSMIT herewith, for your information, a copy of a petition presented to Parliament by William Lindsay and others, together with a copy of the report of the Waste Lands Committee thereon.

Will you please take care that the law is strictly complied with in the cases referred to in the petition.

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

No. 385.—REPORT on the Petition of WILLIAM LINDSAY and Others.

PETITIONERS applied for sections, on deferred payment, of Run No. 106, County of Tuapeka, which was thrown open for selection; but they were out-bidden at the sale; and they believe that their successful competitors are, in some cases, owners of more than 640 acres, and, in others, were employed by the late lessee of the run.

They consider that some of the purchasers are not *bona fide* selectors, and they pray for an inquiry into the matter.

I am directed to report: That the attention of the Government be directed to the allegations in the petition, with a view of seeing that the regulations are enforced.

8th August, 1882.

JAMES FULTON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF DEFERRED-PAYMENT HOLDINGS in the UNDER-MENTIONED DISTRICTS.

License.	Purchaser's Name.	Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Where Purchaser's usual Residence.	Nature of Buildings and Value of same.	What Yards and Fencing on Sections.	What Improvements: Cultivation, Grass-sowing, &c.
2041	J. M. Smith ..	17	V.	Waitahuna West	A. R. P. 313 3 7	On his section	House and stables, £300	80 chains fencing, £60	Ploughing and clearing 100 acres, £90.
2042	James Smith, jun.	18	V.	"	207 3 3	At present at Timaru, usually on his section	Ditto, £450 ..	110 ditto, £82 ..	Ploughing 150 acres, £95.
2043	A. A. Wymar ..	19	V.	"	117 0 10	On his section	House and out-buildings, £100	100 ditto, £75 ..	Clearing and ploughing 30 acres, £35.
2044	John Hughes ..	20	V.	"	318 3 29	"	House, £20 ..	120 ditto, £65 ..	Ploughing 40 acres, £26.
2046	Robert Lowe ..	11	IX.	"	314 2 35	"	House, £35 ..	130 ditto, £97 ..	Clearing and ploughing 60 acres, £55.
2047	William Jamieson	12	IX.	"	316 2 2	"	House, £100 ..	40 ditto, £26 ..	Clearing and ploughing 50 acres, £45.
2048	William Durrant	13	IX.	"	317 1 16	"	House and stables, £200	90 ditto, £60 ..	Ploughing 60 acres, in cultivation 20 acres; £75.
2049	William Smith	14	IX.	"	297 1 1	"	Ditto, £100 ..	160 ditto, £104 ..	In cultivation 260 acres, £312.
2054	E. F. Ball ..	16	XI.	"	319 2 5	"	House, £25 ..	50 ditto, £37 ..	Clearing and ploughing 30 acres, £30.
2055	John Gilliland ..	17	XI.	"	317 3 36	"	House and out-buildings, £108	95 ditto, £71 ..	Ploughing 25 acres, £15.
2056	Henry Eadie ..	18	XI.	"	69 0 16	"	House, £30 ..	6 ditto, £4 16s. ..	Ploughing and clearing 5 acres, £4.

NOTE.—All the land in this return is ring-fenced, only three internal fences erected. Arrangements are being made to have division fences erected.

J. P. MAITLAND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.