

subsection (2) of section 2 of the Act, there is, or was, some reason within the scope of the Act why the claim was not, or is not, effectual. This will, of course, depend on the facts and the particular law in force applicable to the case when the claimant retired from Her Majesty's service.

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

AUCKLAND.

INTERIM REPORT.

Crown Lands Department, 14th August, 1890.

THE total number of claims received to date is 555.

I have personally gone through the whole, resulting in the following:—

1. Of those that will be rejected without the necessity of further inquiry ...	115
2. The number awaiting information from Horse Guards or Admiralty, necessitated through the absence or loss of discharges ...	127
3. Volunteer claims referred to brigade office for verification of dates ...	102
4. Number of claims consideration of which is deferred pending supply of proper information ...	154
5. Number substantiated, and forwarded herewith ...	57
Total ...	555

Very great difficulty has been experienced in coming to decisions, owing to the absence in so many instances of records.

In the case of Defence Forces no complete rolls are in existence, and had it not been for the valuable assistance of Mr. Charles J. Wilson, formerly an officer in the corps, the result would have been very incomplete and most unsatisfactory. The same is to be said of the Forest Rangers; but here, fortunately, Mr. W. McGregor Hay, the only surviving officer of that branch of the service, came with his valuable aid, and enabled me, with the assistance of such records as were to be found in the Defence Office, to satisfactorily settle these.

As may be seen, a very large amount of investigation has yet to be done, and it is to be regretted that the numerous calls on my time in my multifarious duties prevent me from devoting so much as I would wish to do. To do the work rapidly and effectively the consideration should be consecutive and uninterrupted, but in my case it is impossible unless equally, in fact much more important work in connection with the settlement of the colony is neglected.

In conclusion, though the books here have been examined to see that the list of claimants now sent forward have not received land, it is possible that land has been acquired in some other part of the colony, so I would ask to have them verified by the records in the head office.

THOMAS HUMPHRIES,
Commissioner, Crown Lands.

The Under-Secretary, Crown Lands, Wellington.

CLAIMS RECOMMENDED.

Name, Regiment or Corps, and Rank.	Entitled to Scrip or Land.	Name, Regiment or Corps, and Rank.	Entitled to Scrip or Land.
£	Acres.	£	Acres.
Arthurs, J., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Moran, Michael, 18th Royal Irish, private ..	60
Bell, Richard, Forest Rangers, private ..	25	Nixon, M. G. (deceased), Colonial Defence Force, colonel ..	400
Beloe, W. L., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	25	Pollack, Thomas, Forest Rangers, private ..	25
Brodie, F., 71st Highlanders, lieutenant ..	400	Potter, William, 58th Regiment, private ..	20
Brown, T. A., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Rosborough, Thomas, Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50
Carran, Henry, Forest Rangers, private ..	25	Russell, A. H., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50
Carter, W. H., Forest Rangers, private ..	25	Schumacker, A., Forest Rangers, private ..	25
Charman, H., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Scurrah, H., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50
Cole, George C., Forest Rangers, sergeant and guide ..	40	Sherret, A. S., Forest Rangers, sergeant ..	40
Croucher, C., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Sisam, Alfred John, Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50
Daveney, B. I., 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, lieutenant ..	400	Skinner, Richard, 58th Regiment, private ..	20
Dawson, Thomas, 67th Regiment, captain ..	400	Slattery, Matthew, 58th Regiment, captain and quartermaster ..	20
Dearness, W., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Smith, T. J. L., Forest Rangers, private ..	25
Dunn, A. J. N., Colonial Defence Force, corporal ..	60	Steenen, William, Forest Rangers, private ..	50
Finlay, James, Forest Rangers, private ..	25	Stoney, Henry B., 40th Regiment, major ..	400
Fussell, James C., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Strong, Joseph, Forest Rangers, private ..	25
Gallagher, E., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Sturges, William N., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50
Haggan, James, 65th Regiment, private ..	60	Swindley, Frederick, 12th Lancers and 8th Hussars, lieutenant ..	400
Hart, John Sanders, 34th Regiment, armourer-sergeant ..	80	Tabbutt, A., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50
Hay, W. McG., Forest Rangers, private ..	100	Thurston, James (by widow), 40th Regiment, private ..	60
Hendry, Harry, Forest Rangers, private ..	25	Treanor, Henry, Colonial Defence Force, corporal ..	60
Holden, Thomas, Forest Rangers, private ..	25	Tylden, C. R., 70th Regiment, lieutenant ..	400
Long, Henry, Forest Rangers, private ..	25	Walker, Thomas Henry, Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50
Mair, William G., Colonial Defence Force, sub-inspector and lieutenant ..	200	Walmsley, James (deceased), Colonial Defence Force, major ..	400
Malloy, Patrick, 58th Regiment, private ..	30	Watters, James, Forest Rangers, private ..	25
McLarnon, W. G., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Wells, William, Forest Rangers, private ..	25
Meurant, H., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50	Wilson, Charles I., Colonial Defence Force, lieutenant and sub-inspector ..	200
Moir, William I., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50		
Moore, Albert S., Colonial Defence Force, private ..	50		