

No. 9.

Messrs. KIRK AND ATKINSON to the UNDER-SECRETARY for DEFENCE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 10th October, 1890.

We have the honour to certify that a transfer from Tamati Wiremu te Wera has been effected to the Queen of Section 6 of Block XV.A, Polhill Gully, containing 8 acres 3 roods 29 perches (subject to formal approval by His Excellency the Governor of Judge Mackay's recommendation for the removal of restrictions from this land). We have therefore to request that a payment on account of purchase-money, in the terms of our letter herein of the 12th September last, of £540 (that is, for, say, 9 acres at £60 per acre) be made to us as soon as convenient.

We have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary for Defence, Wellington.

KIRK AND ATKINSON.

No. 10.

MEMORANDUM from the LAND and DEEDS REGISTRY OFFICE to MESSRS. KIRK AND ATKINSON. LOT 6, Block XV.A, Polhill Gully, transfer, Tamati Wiremu te Wera to the Queen. This transfer has been lodged for registration, and will be registered so soon as the restriction on alienation is removed.

15th October, 1890.

G. B. DAVY, District Land Registrar.

No. 11.

Messrs. KIRK AND ATKINSON to the UNDER-SECRETARY for DEFENCE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 9th December, 1890.

We have the honour to enclose herewith certificate of title, Vol. lvi., Folio 188, for Lot 6 of Block XV.A, Polhill Gully, containing 8 acres 3 roods 29 perches, a progress-payment for which we have already received from you. We also enclose certificate of title, Vol. liii., Folio 97, for Section 1 of same block, containing nearly 5 acres, also in the name of Her Majesty the Queen, and shall be obliged if you kindly let us have a cheque for £300, being a progress-payment, in terms of our contract, at the rate of £60 per acre.

We have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary, Defence Office, Wellington.

KIRK AND ATKINSON.

No. 12.

Messrs. KIRK AND ATKINSON to the UNDER-SECRETARY for DEFENCE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th August, 1891.

We have the honour to enclose herewith a certificate from the District Land Registrar that we have completed the Queen's title to a further portion of the land under agreement for purchase between your department and ourselves—viz., Section 2, Block XV.A, containing 6 acres.

Under the terms of the contract we are on this certificate entitled to a payment on account of purchase-money of £60 per acre. We shall therefore feel obliged if you will be good enough to let us have a cheque for £360 at your earliest convenience.

We have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary, Defence Department, Wellington.

KIRK AND ATKINSON.

No. 13.

MEMORANDUM from the CONTROLLER and AUDITOR-GENERAL.

BEFORE the money is paid for the purchase of Section 6, of Block XIV., the deeds ought to be shown to be ready to be deposited in the Crown Lands Office, otherwise the money ought only to be issued to a Government officer on imprest.

14th October, 1890.

J. E. FITZGERALD.

THE District Land Registrar having certified (see certificate attached) that a transfer of the land in question has been deposited with him for registration, and will be registered so soon as the restriction on alienation is removed, the claim for £540 in favour of Messrs. Kirk and Atkinson may now pass.

15th October, 1890.

J. C. GAVIN, Accountant and Auditor.

No. 14.

MEMORANDUM for MESSRS. KIRK AND ATKINSON.

I HEREBY certify that transfers in favour of Her Majesty the Queen of Section 2, Block XV.A, Polhill Gully Native reserve, containing six acres (6 acres), have this day been lodged by you for registration and accepted by this office. In due course the certificate of title for the above land will issue in favour of Her Majesty, who is now the registered proprietor.

Wellington, 12th August, 1891.

G. B. DAVY, District Land Registrar.

No. 14A.

The ACTING UNDER-SECRETARY of DEFENCE to MESSRS. KIRK AND ATKINSON.

SIR,—

Defence Office, Wellington, New Zealand, 24th August, 1891.

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant reporting that you have completed the Queen's title to a further portion of the land under agreement for purchase between your firm and this department—namely, Section 2, Block XV.A, containing 6 acres—I have the honour to inform you that a writ has been served on the Attorney-General, dated 20th August, 1891, between Ihaka te Rou, of Wellington, aboriginal native, plaintiff, and Daniel Love, of the Taita, farmer, executor of the will of Wi Tako Ugatata, deceased, and Her Majesty's Attorney-General for the Colony of New Zealand, defendants; and to request that you will inform the Defence Minister what action you propose taking in the matter. Mr. Seddon directs that as this writ was issued prior to the