" M."

Auckland, 21st December, 1889. (Telegram.) TRUST land-order matter settled Monday, Minister consented to exercising them outside Auckland, because general land revenue not affected; indorsements, if necessary, can be improved afterwards. Original owners here. Peruse telegram to Receiver. Please reply.

Mr. Baker, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch.

J. B. WHYTE.

"N"

Re Whyte's land-orders and balance of Murray's purchase-money on Lake Ellesmere lands, due 13th inst. He deposited Bank Manager's cheque £4,502 3s. 10d. for balance with Receiver, and I allowed one week from that date to permit of Whyte's land-orders being received from Auckland.

You have been advised that they are incomplete. Shall I give further time to allow land-orders to be returned to Auckland for correction, or shall I instruct Receiver to pass cheque to revenue?

John H. Baker,

The Under-Secretary, Crown Lands, Wellington.

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

23rd December, 1889.

HAVE asked Under-Secretary Lands if I can give further time to allow land-orders to be returned to Auckland for correction. Will wire you result.

J. B. Whyte, Esq., Wyndham Street, Auckland.

JOHN H. BAKER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Auckland, 24th December, 1889. WILL suffer serious loss and great embarrassment if orders not accept(ed) now. Irregularities not mine, and can be easily remedied afterwards. Validity of orders can be ascertained by wire.

Mr. Baker, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch.

J. B. Whyte.

"P."

Auckland, 24th December, 1889. PLEASE read Eliott's former telegram authorising receiver to accept if irregularities can be remedied afterwards, as they easily can. Their validity is undoubted, and I am responsible.

Mr. Baker, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch.

J. B. WHYTE.

Wellington, 24th December, 1889. THE Government has undertaken, after decision of Court of Appeal, to allow Mr. Whyte's scrip to be taken in payment for Ellesmere lands, and we cannot now go back from that. If there are technical irregularities in transfer, give Mr. Whyte reasonable time to get them corrected, day before 14th January at latest. The tendering of the scrip must be regarded as payment of balance of purchase-money.

Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch.

H. J. H. ELIOTT.

" R."

24th December, 1889. HAVE accepted orders which came through Bank of New South Wales; those through Bank of New Zealand will have to be returned to Auckland for proper endorsements. I have received authority to extend time to the 14th January at latest. Orders returned to bank to send up at once.

J. B. Whyte, Esq., Wyndham Street, Auckland.

JOHN H. BAKER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Christchurch, 24th December, 1889.

HEREWITH I beg to return the following land-orders: P. S. McLean, £226 6s.; J. A. McLean, £248 6s.; Frank Hubbard, £529 11s., which should be sent back to Mr. Whyte, in order that the transfers written in red may be duly signed by the person whose name is indicated in pencil.

Please return my receipt which I gave you for these orders.

The Manager, Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch.

JOHN H. BAKER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Auckland, 27th December, 1889.

Trust you will inform me precisely what land-orders require. Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch.

J. B. WHYTE.

"TA."

28th December, 1889.

HAVE put proper declaration on back of orders, and returned them to the bank to be returned to Auckland. When signed they will be in order.

J. B. Whyte, Wyndham Street, Auckland. J. H. BAKER,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.