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CHARLES BROWN, Superintendent.

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Post Office, New Plymouth,  
18th April, 1855.

**N**OTICE is hereby given for general information, that arrangements have been made to open branch Post Offices at the Bell Block and at Omata.

Mr. ROBERT SUNLEY has been approved of as District Postmaster for the Bell Block, and Mr. JOHN GULLY as District Postmaster for Omata.

Mails will be interchanged between this Office and the District Offices on every Tuesday and Friday.

The first Mails under this arrangement will be despatched from this Office at Three o'clock on Friday the 20th instant.

Persons residing in the Omata District, (which is considered to commence at the Herekua River,) who may not be desirous that their letters shall be forwarded to the District Office, are requested to make their wishes known at this Office.

W. LEECH,  
Postmaster.

Superintendent's Office,  
21st April, 1855.

**T**HE following Despatches from His Excellency's Private Secretary are published for general information.

CHARLES BROWN,  
Superintendent.

New Plymouth, 7th April, 1855.

Sir,—I am directed to acquaint you that it is with extreme regret the Officer administering the Government finds that his unwearied exertions during his sojourn in Taranaki have failed to secure that happy result (so earnestly aimed at from a visit to this settlement) on the minds of the surrounding natives connected with the feud that has so long been existing amongst them.

At one time he was in hopes, by the support of the bulk of the chiefs, to have arrived at a conclusion that would have been satisfactory to all; but the absence of a feeling of subordination or deference to the British supremacy on the part of a few, has convinced His Excellency that any prolonged exertions on his part would only lessen the influence the European Authorities ought to possess. And whilst he much laments this conclusion he has the satisfaction of having ascertained from personal enquiry that the reports made by yourself and the Resident Magistrate have been fully borne out, and that the present state of the settlement of Taranaki is one calling for the serious and earnest consideration of the fostering care of the Imperial Government.

During His Excellency's stay, no time has been lost to meet any emergency, and while contemplating a negotiation with the

contending Natives, steps have also been taken to prepare for Military occupation. His Excellency will consider it his duty to represent to the coming Governor, and also to the General Commanding in chief the urgent necessity which appears to him to exist for a Force being stationed at Taranaki, such as may not only protect the European inhabitants, but support the British authority.

With this feeling His Excellency feels the propriety of stationing in the Province of New Plymouth a considerable detachment of Troops (considerable in reference to the force detailed for the colony) which coupled with local exertions may in his estimation be sufficient to secure the object in view. If therefore a detachment of 300 men, supported by guns, can be supplied for this post it will be the duty, as he believes it will be the disposition of the inhabitants, (under the peculiar position of the Mother country) to lend their cordial aid by the formation of a local corps, for the arming of which he will use his utmost endeavours to secure the necessary supply of weapons and ammunition, provided such a force be placed under the authority and command of an Officer enjoying the confidence of the General Government. I am to add that His Excellency will be pleased to receive from you a nominal return of such settlers as may wish to enrol themselves for the sake of self preservation, and for the purpose of acting in conjunction with Her Majesty's Forces when placed in position, and for which purpose no unnecessary time will be lost, although this moment may be considered most unfortunate—a moment when the Military in New Zealand are undergoing a change in disposition, although not in actual numbers.

A copy of this communication, as also a copy of His Excellency's enquiries during his stay in Taranaki, will be furnished to the Secretary of State, and laid before the new Governor on his arrival, and I am directed to add that any suggestions the constituted authorities of New Plymouth may be disposed to introduce to his notice shall meet with his best consideration.

His Excellency, from his enquiries, does not apprehend any immediate annoyance to the inhabitants from the existing state of things, although at the same time he thinks it advisable to leave his admonition that the Europeans should studiously avoid all interference whatever with the differences existing between the Natives, in order that they may have no cause whatever to justify any, the slightest, molestation.

The feeling of the inhabitants has so far merited his highest approval, and from their display of forbearance he attributes the all but universal attachment of the Natives to the settlers on the soil from whom they de-

rive so many and such substantial advantages.

His Excellency has requested me to draw your special notice to the cordial support and candid information he has, during his sojourn received from Tahana, Raniera, and Tamati Wiremu, Native Assessors, in whom the utmost confidence he considers may be placed.

He also wishes me to remark that the feelings of William King have been decidedly for peace, and for the preservation of a good understanding with the Europeans; and that even Katatore has been anxious to assist him in his undertaking so far as to relinquish to the Crown the boundary in dispute up to the Mangoraka River. Ihaia has also evinced his desire for peace, thus reducing the numbers positively inimical to an adjustment, to a few in the Hua Pah, with whom, however, Arama Karaka has now announced his disposition to unite.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) J. J. TRAVERS,

To His Honor Private Secretary.  
The Superintendent,  
New Plymouth.

New Plymouth, April 10, 1855.

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency to express, on leaving Taranaki, his sense of the welcome and courteous attention he has received from you and several of the inhabitants during his sojourn in the settlement; and he requests you will receive his assurance to forward as far as lies in his power the advancement, security, and prosperity of this promising Province.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) J. J. TRAVERS,

Private Secretary.

His Honor The Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,

21st April, 1855.

**H**IS Excellency the Officer administering the Government having requested to be supplied with a nominal return of such settlers as may wish to enrol themselves in a local corps for the purpose of acting in conjunction with Her Majesty's Forces when placed in position, the Superintendent calls on the settlers of the Province to enrol themselves and support the Government of the colony, on the grounds so forcibly stated in the preceding Despatch of His Excellency's Private Secretary of the 7th instant.

The Superintendent will submit the following propositions for the approval of His Excellency.

The Officer in command of the Corps shall be appointed by the Governor and shall exercise the same authority as a similar position would confer in Her Majesty's Forces.

The Corps shall consist of a

Rifle Company,  
New Plymouth Company,  
Omata Company,  
Grey Company,  
Bell Company.

Each Company to elect its own officers and frame its own regulations subject to approval.

Settlers who enrol at the present time, or on arrival in the Province, to be exempt from Militia service—And also that the Militia be forthwith embodied.

Volunteers for the Rifle Corps are requested to apply to the Rifle Corps Committee.

For the Omata Company can enrol their names at the District Post Office, Omata.

For the New Plymouth Company—will be enrolled by Mr. Hughes, Brougham-street.

For the Grey Company—will be enrolled by Mr Hughes, Brougham-street.

For the Bell Company—will be enrolled at the District Post Office, Bell Block.

CHARLES BROWN,  
Superintendent.

#### NOTICE.

Superintendent's Office,  
21st April, 1855.

**I** HEREBY NOTIFY that the under-mentioned Rural Lands will be put up to Auction at the Crown Lands' Office, New Plymouth, on Saturday the 23rd day of June, 1855, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Ten per cent of the purchase money to be deposited at the sale, and the remainder paid within one month, or the deposit forfeited.

CHARLES BROWN,  
Superintendent.

#### LANDS REFERRED TO.

*Rural Sections.*

Grey District.

Lot.	Section.	Contents.			Upset price.
		A.	R.	P.	
1	782	66	more or less	£90	
2	782b.	8	more or less	£12	

#### NOTICE.

Crown Lands' Office,  
New Plymouth, 21st April, 1855.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the Surveys between the Henui and the Western boundary of the Omata Block having been completed, sales of land in the Omata district between the above limits will be resumed on and after Wednesday the 2nd of May, 1855.

W. HALSE,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

**I**N exercise of the power in me vested for this purpose by the Ordinance of the Province, Session 2, No. 9, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the maintenance of Public Works within the Province of

New Plymouth"—I hereby appoint that an Instalment of one-fourth of the amount of the Rate of One Shilling and sixpence per acre imposed under the authority of the said Ordinance on all lands within the Second District by the General Meeting for the said District convened and held for the purposes of the said Ordinance on the 24th day of February last shall be due and payable to the Provincial Treasurer at his Office in the Town of New Plymouth on Monday the 7th day of May next. And a further instalment of one-fourth of the said Rate shall be due and payable to the said Treasurer at his said Office on Monday the 4th day of June next.

CHARLES BROWN,  
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,  
21st April, 1855.

**I**N exercise of the power in me vested for this purpose by the Ordinance of the Province, Session 2, No. 9, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the maintenance of Public Works within the Province of New Plymouth"—I hereby appoint that an Instalment of one-fourth of the amount of the Rate of One Shilling per acre imposed under the authority of the said Ordinance on all lands within the Third District by the General Meeting for the said District convened and held for the purposes of the said Ordinance on the 24th day of February last shall be due and payable to the Provincial Treasurer at his office in the Town of New Plymouth on Monday the 7th day of May next. And a further instalment of one fourth of the said Rate shall be due and payable to the said Treasurer at his said office on Monday the 4th day of June next.

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CHARLES BROWN,  
Superintendent.

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21st April, 1855.