

## Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

MR. MACANDREW TO MR. JOHN BULLOCK, DUNEDIN.

Superintendent's Office,  
Dunedin, 15th October, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant, stating that you propose to erect extensive Saw Mills at Paterson's Inlet, Stewart's Island, provided you can get the assurance either from the Provincial or General Government, that you will be secured in possession of a sufficient tract of land, you paying for the same when open for sale.

In reply, I have the honor to state that at present the Island in question is not included within the boundaries of the Otago Province, but in event of its being included, I shall be quite prepared to comply with your request, and to secure you the exclusive right to the timber within a given radius of the spot on which your works may be erected, assuming of course that they shall be capable of sawing the quantity mentioned in your letter.

In the meantime, and pending the question as to the future administration of Stewart's Island, I shall transmit a copy of this correspondence to His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand (who is the only authority that can deal with the Island), strongly recommending his favorable interposition in the matter, and pointing out the great importance to this Province of your being protected and encouraged in the proposed enterprise.

I have, &c.,  
JAMES MACANDREW,  
Superintendent.

Mr. John Bullock,  
Dunedin.

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 No. 2.

MR. TANCRED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, DUNEDIN.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 23rd January, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from a Native named John Topi, in which he offers part of Stewart's Island for sale to the Government, and to request that your Honor will be good enough to inform me whether the Provincial Government of Otago require this land, and if so, whether they will provide the necessary funds for extinguishing the Native title thereto.

No. 15.)

I have, &c.,  
HENRY JOHN TANCRED,  
In Mr. Stafford's absence.

His Honor the Superintendent,  
Dunedin.

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 Enclosure in No. 2.

JOHN TOPI TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Raupuke,  
2nd August, 1860.

SIR,—

I beg to address your Excellency respecting the sale of Stewart's Island, and I beg to offer to your Excellency for sale, all that portion of the said Island westward of the one hundred and sixty eight degree of longitude, under the regulations enacted for the sale of Maori lands.

Hoping to receive an answer as early as convenient,

I have, &c.,  
JOHN TOPI.

To His Excellency Colonel T. Gore Browne, C.B.,  
&c., &c., &c.

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 No. 3.

MR. MACANDREW TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office,  
Dunedin, 20th February, 1861.

SIR,—

With reference to your Despatch No. 15, of 23rd ultimo, respecting the purchase of Stewart's Island, I have the honor to state that the Provincial Government of Otago will be pre-