

six pounds ten shillings (£886 10s.) between the 1st of January and the 31st July, 1853. This sum the Sub-Treasurer has been directed to pay over to you, as well as all other Land funds in his hands, and you are also authorised and directed to retain in your possession any funds arising from the sale of Crown lands in the Province of Otago until the sum of Two thousand six hundred pounds (and any expenses incurred in obtaining that amount) to be paid to the Natives for the newly acquired block, has been liquidated. Any funds derived from lease of pasture lands should also be applied to the same purpose, unless it would interfere with any previous instructions you have received to such a degree as to be detrimental to the public service. It is hoped that the funds thus placed at your disposal will enable you to liquidate the entire debt in question, as His Excellency anticipates that considerable sums will be obtained at an early period from the sale of portions of the new block. If, however, you find yourself in want of the thousand pounds or any portion of it, for which you apply in your letter, you are authorised either to draw on the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Wellington for that amount at thirty days sight, or to write to him requesting him to remit to you the required amount to Otago. If you are compelled thus to borrow the whole or any part of this sum of the thousand pounds from the Wellington Land Fund, you will be good enough to repay it out of the first proceeds of land sales which come into your possession.

In your letter you allude to the probable expenses you may have incurred in raising the first sum of One thousand pounds to complete this purchase. I am therefore to state that any reasonable expenses which you have incurred in a manner so creditable to yourself, in completing a purchase so clearly desirable, will of course be refunded to you.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED DOMETT,
Civil Secretary.

Walter Mantell, Esq.,
Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Otago.