

entered into between him and yourself for the erection of a building at the Kohekohe, Waikato. We shall be glad to see you on this matter at your earliest convenience, as Mr. Rutherford desires to have it settled forthwith.

To Mr. A. H. Hunter,  
George's Bay.

Truly yours,  
MERRIMAN and JACKSON.

## No. 27.

The NATIVE SECRETARY to Mr. A. HUNTER.

SIR,—

Native Office, Auckland, September 1st, 1863.

With reference to the claim for compensation forwarded by you for work done and expenses incurred at the Kohekohe building, Lower Waikato, I am directed by Mr. Wood to request that you will be good enough to furnish particulars to this office on the following points:—

1. Lost time of men employed.
2. Damages for contracts made for doors, &c.

A statement of the number of men employed, the time lost, and rate of wages paid.

Also, the names of the contractors, and the amount of damage sustained in each case, should be furnished.

Mr. Hunter, Parnell.

I have, &c.,  
EDWARD SHORTLAND, Native Secretary.

## No. 28.

Mr. A. HUNTER to NATIVE SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Parnell, 10th September, 1863.

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., I have the honor to furnish the information therein required.

1. "Lost time of men employed:—"		
3 men, 6 days, at 12s. per day	.	£10 16 0
1 man, 8 " " "	.	4 16 0
Master, 6 " 15s. "	.	4 10 0
		£20 2 0

(The two shillings are not charged in the account.)

2. "Damage for contracts made for doors, &c.:"—		
J. Gilberd, doors and sashes	.	£5 0 0
W. J. and T. Peek, flooring and lining	.	7 10 0
The shingler	.	7 10 0
		£20 0 0

3. The number of men employed,—the time lost through delay in the supply of blocks to the ground, delay on the interference of the natives, and time occupied in returning,—also the rate of wages paid,—are specified in my reply to No. 1 interrogatory; the name of the contractor under me is Mr. James Rutherford; Gilberd, Peek, and the shinglers were engagements to supply or perform work. The damage in each case is furnished in reply to No. 2.

The Native Secretary.

I have, &c.,

A. H. HUNTER.

## Enclosure 1 to No. 28.

PARTICULARS of Work done, and other Expenses incurred, by JAMES RUTHERFORD, at the Kohekohe Buildings, Waikato.

	August 21st, 1863.
95½ squares of framing, at 10s.	£47 17 6
64 squares roofing, at 5s.	16 0 0
Excavating and levelling ground	15 0 0
Hardware, paint, oil, &c., carried away	40 0 0
Carriage	8 0 0
Lost time of men employed	20 0 0
Damages for contracts made for doors, sashes, flooring, shingling, &c.	20 0 0
Profit on contract	34 0 0
	£200 17 6

The above is Rutherford's claim on Alexander Hunter, contractor; to which add for Alexander Hunter's commission as contractor on £500 at 10 per cent. . . 50 0 0

£250 17 6

I certify that the service performed by Mr. Rutherford is fair and reasonable.

A. H. HUNTER.

## Enclosure 2 to No. 28.

Mr. RUTHERFORD Dr. to W. PEEK, Carpenter, Otahuhu.

March, 1863.

To 12½ days waste time through our engagement to lay flooring at Kohekohe being broken at 12s. per day . . . . . £7 10 0

WILLIAM JOHN PEEK.