

SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE.—*continued.*AUCKLAND.—*continued.*

AS TO TERMINUS.—TUAKAU OR MERCER.

No.	Date.	From.	To.	Subject.
31	Mar. 27	Mr. Wrigg	Mr. Blackett	As to several lines of original survey and deviation.
32	Mar. 23	Hon. D. Pollen	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwarding letter from Mr. James Runciman, offering to point out a better terminus at Mercer than that at Tuakau.
33	April 12	Mr. Knowles	Mr. Blackett	Calling his attention to Mr. Runciman's proposal.
34	April 12	Mr. Knowles	Hon. D. Pollen	Survey of section to Tuakau terminus to be stopped until Mr. Wrigg has reported on Mercer Line.
35	April 13	Mr. Knowles	Hon. D. Pollen	Mr. Wrigg instructed to make a preliminary report on the Mercer Line before survey can be authorized.
36	April 17	Mr. Knowles	Mr. Blackett	As to the suspension of survey.
37	April 18	Mr. Blackett	Mr. Knowles	Proposed change of terminus will add to the cost, but will be glad to find that a good line may be found to Mercer.
38	April 22	Mr. Knowles	Hon. D. Pollen	Suspension of survey decided on until question of terminus settled.
39	May 4	Hon. D. Pollen	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Wrigg will make a rapid inspection of country between Drury and Mercer.
40	May 24	Hon. D. Pollen	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwarding Mr. Wrigg's report recommending Mercer terminus.
41	June 6	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent of Auckland	Requesting His Honor's opinion on Mr. Wrigg's report.
42	June 13	Superintendent of Auckland	Hon. Colonial Secretary	If terminus can be placed at Mercer within the amount per mile available, it will be better than at Tuakau.
43	June 21	Mr. Knowles	Hon. D. Pollen	Mr. Wrigg to be instructed to lay off the line to Mercer proposed in his report (No. 40).
44	June 22	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent of Auckland	Informing him of the above instructions having been given.
45	June 10	Mr. Wrigg	Mr. Blackett	Forwards plan of Waikato Railway to date. Remarks as to the line through the Domain and neighbourhood of Auckland.
46	June 17	Mr. Knowles	Hon. D. Pollen	Government hope to receive Superintendent's reply to No. 41 as early as possible.
47	June 17	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent of Auckland	Enclosing copies of Nos. 45 and 46, and requesting early reply.
48	June 24	Superintendent of Auckland	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Not in a position to give an opinion on the Domain route, but the original Tunnel route ought, if possible, to be avoided.

DOMAIN, COAST, AND TUNNEL LINES.

49	July 5	Mr. Wrigg	Mr. Blackett	Forwards plans in connection with the Waikato railway. Wishes instructions as to Domain Line.
50	July 20	Mr. Blackett	Mr. Wrigg	Minister of Public Works and Hon. D. Bell condemn the Domain Line, but in order to arrive at a correct decision, an approximate estimate of the Domain, Coast and Tunnel routes is required.

PLAN.

Diagram showing state of surveys, Waikato Line, up to 10th June No. 45.

TARANAKI.

51	1870. Aug. 21	Mr. Kelly, M.G.A.	Hon. J. Vogel	Urging importance of a West Coast line of railway.
52	1871. Feb. 13	Mr. Blackett	Mr. O. Carrington	West Coast survey to be under his direction as far south as Wanganui.
53	Mar. 24	Mr. O. Carrington	Mr. Blackett	Mr. Hursthouse and Mr. Hogg have been put on survey. Hopes to be able to report favourably on line in a few weeks.
54	June 15	Mr. O. Carrington	Mr. Knowles	Forwards reports from Mr. Hogg and Mr. Hursthouse. Line from Wanganui to Kai Iwi and from Whenuakura to Waingongoro, completed.

PLANS.

Nos. 1 and 2, showing railway surveys, Wanganui to Kai Iwi, and from Whenuakura River to Waingongoro River ... No. 54.

HAWKE'S BAY.

55	1870. Oct. 18	His Honor J. D. Ormond	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards a report of Mr. Weber relating to available lines of railway from Napier to the Seventy-Mile Bush.
56	Oct. 25	Hon. Colonial Secretary	His Honor J. D. Ormond	Authorized to have surveys made of the several lines suggested by Mr. Weber.
57	Nov. 11 1871.	Mr. Blackett	Mr. Weber	Suggesting three lines of exploration.
58	Jan. 2	His Honor J. D. Ormond	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards Mr. Weber's report of exploration.