

# REPORT

ON THE

## NATIVE RESERVES IN THE PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

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HIS EXCELLENCY.

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COMMISSIONER OF NATIVE RESERVES, Auckland, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Wellington, 2nd July, 1872.

I have the honor to forward herewith, my Report on the Native Reserves in the Auckland District, for 1872.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES HEAPHY,  
Commissioner of Native Reserves.

### REPORT of the COMMISSIONER of NATIVE RESERVES, AUCKLAND.

THE Lands mentioned below which have been marked on the plans as Native Reserves, but have hitherto had no legal status, have lately been proclaimed as Reserves for educational purposes under "The Confiscated Lands Act, 1867." An Act of the Legislature will be necessary to define the more immediate purposes, whether for Native, industrial, or common schools, to which they shall be devoted.

#### PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

Town of Tauranga.—All those parcels of land in the said town being—

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     | A.  | E. | P. |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Allotment No. 3, Section 2, containing                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   | 1  | 0  |
| " 4  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   | 1  | 0  |
| " 193  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   | 1  | 0  |
| " 72   | 1   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   | 0  | 25 |
| " 140  | 1   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   | 0  | 32 |
| " 141  | 1   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   | 0  | 32 |
| " 604  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 605  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 606  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 607  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 608  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 609  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 610  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 611  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 612  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 613  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 702  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 703  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 714  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| " 715  | 2   | "   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Suburbs of Tauranga, Allotment No. 50, Section 2, containing | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Rural Allotment No. 114, Section 2, containing               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 103 | 0  | 0  |

The following properties have been let during the present financial year:—1. The Hospital Reserve at Mangonui, with the building upon it, let to Mr McIntosh, at a rent of £10 8s. 0d. a year commencing from 1st January, 1871. First nine months' rent received.\*

2. The occupation of the Native Grain Store at Onehunga, no longer required for the purposes for which it was built, has been let to Mr. M. H. Roe, on condition that he shall expend £2 annually in preventing the further dilapidation of the building, which had not been used since the rebellion in the Waikato.

\* Mr. McIntosh had been previously in irregular occupation.

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3. The Sub. lot No. 8, of Allotment 11, Section 20, Onehunga, has been agreed to be let to Mr. M. H. Roe, for 21 years, from 1st July, 1872, at £4 10s. a year.

4. The footpaths having been removed by the City Council, at my request, and an improved way opened, I have been enabled to let by auction for 21 years, at £13 a year, the lower or Eastern portion of Allotment 4, of Section 12, City of Auckland. Mr. Andrew Craig, the tenant, has paid half a year's rent in advance.

Account current from 7th October, 1871, date of last account, to 30th June, 1872, is attached.

After the confiscation of the Waikato lands, Crown Grants were given to the loyal Natives of the Ngatiteata tribe for very extensive blocks of land, out of the territory so taken, at the West Waiuku, between the Waikato and Manukau Harbours. These grants were issued in pursuance of recommendations made by Mr. Commissioner Turton, and were confirmed by "The Friendly Natives Contracts Confirmation Act, 1866."

The Grants conveyed the land in some cases absolutely to several Natives, and in others in Trust to the Chiefs for the loyal Natives of the tribe. The interests in the lands were of a very varying character; occasionally the grantees were almost the sole owners, while in other cases they possessed but a moderate interest in the land. Some of the lands were for cultivation, some were *wahi tapu*, and some were fishing stations, or landing places.

From not understanding, in some cases, the nature of the responsibility attaching to the Trusts, and in others from cupidity, the grantees mismanaged the administration of these lands. They are stated to have illegally sold some, and to have misappropriated the rents of other of the reserves.

Under these circumstances they applied to the Government to extricate them from their difficulties, which had reached to such a height that the grantees, whose acts were loudly complained of by the inferior owners, were, themselves, anxious to hand over the Estates to Government Agents, for partition, either of area or interest, amongst the parties entitled to share in the respective Grants.

With this view, 103 pieces of land are being handed over by the Natives interested, in Trust, to Mr. John White and myself. This refers to the lands for which there are absolute grants. Where the Grants are in trust to the Chiefs, the latter are giving their consent to such an allocation of the land as will admit the inferior men, whose interests were before ignored, and are asking the Commissioner of Native Reserves to act on their own behalf. This work, which Mr. John White appears to be carrying out to the satisfaction of the Natives of both interests, will be very tedious, and will further involve some expense in surveying.

At the Piako, two estates are also being conveyed to Mr. Searancke, R.M., and myself, as Trustees, and in other places the Natives are desirous of doing similarly.

In the prosecution of my duties as Commissioner of Native Reserves, I have found that a considerable block of land in the Coromandel Peninsula, near Cape Colvill, belongs to the Crown. The place is called Whangataupiri, and takes its name from a beach and bay, situated mid-way between Cabbage Bay and the Cape. The block extends for a mile parallel with the beach, and about half-a-mile inland.

This land was purchased from the Natives by Mr. F. Peppercorne, who received from the Government, in 1848, or thereabouts, scrip to the amount of £125 in extinguishment of his claim. The land is supposed to be auriferous, and is well timbered. I should recommend that conspicuous branded pegs be placed at the four corners of the block, and its position trigonometrically fixed with regard to the off-lying islands.

CHAS. HEAPHY,

Commissioner of Native Reserves.

2nd July, 1872.

IN THE PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

AN ACCOUNT of all MONEYS RECEIVED and PAID into PUBLIC ACCOUNT by the COMMISSIONER of NATIVE RESERVES, in respect of Native Reserves in the PROVINCE of AUCKLAND, from 7th October, 1871, to 30th June, 1872.

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| Date.                   | Particulars of Receipts.  | Amounts.       | Date.                   | Particulars of Payments into Bank.   | Amounts.       |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|
|                         |   | £ s. d.        |                         |  | £ s. d.        |
| 1872.<br>February 20... | To cash, nine months' rent from Mr. McIntosh for Native Hospital, Mangonui, from 1st January to 30th September, 1871                                    | 7 16 0         | 1872.<br>February 20... | By cash paid into Public Account   | 7 16 0         |
| June 14...              | To cash, one year's rent from J. C. Blackett (per Walter Grahame) for Native Hostelry Reserve, at Blackett's Point, due 9th June, 1872                  | 13 0 0         | June 14...              | "  | 13 0 0         |
| June 18...              | To cash, one year's rent from Rev. T. S. Grace, for Native Reserves, Township of Tauranga, from 1st July, 1871, to 30th June, 1872                      | 3 10 0         | June 19...              | "  | 44 0 0         |
| June 19...              | To cash, half-year's rent from Archard and Brown, for part of allotment 19, Native Hostelry Maintenance Reserve, Mechanics Bay, due 31st December, 1871 | 37 10 0        | June 27...              | " deposit to Trustee Native Reserves, by S. Cochrane and Son, as half-year's rent for sub-division 4, section 12, City of Auckland | 6 10 0         |
| June 27...              | To cash, half-year's rent from S. Cochrane and Son, for part of Sub-division 4, section 12, City of Auckland  | 6 10 0         | June 28...              | "  | 7 0 0          |
| June 28...              | To cash, half-year's rent from Matthew H. Roe, for Native Reserves, Onehunga, due 30th June, 1872   | 7 0 0          |                         |  |                |
|                         |   | <u>£75 6 0</u> |                         |  | <u>£75 6 0</u> |

RENTS OWING ON 30TH JULY, 1872.

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Mr. Rogan, part of sub-division 4, section 12, Auckland | £14 0 0         |
| Archard and Brown, allotment 19, Auckland               | 37 10 0         |
| Mr. Sheet, allotment 50, Tauranga                       | 0 12 0          |
| Mr. McIntosh, Native Hospital, Mangonui                 | 7 16 0          |
| Mr. Sims, lot 7, Onehunga                               | 1 15 0          |
|   | <u>£61 13 0</u> |

The cause of so much money being unpaid is that the above account is made up to the 30th June, the date on which the greater part of the above amount falls due.

30th June, 1872.

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| Date. | Particulars of Receipts.                                | Amounts.  | Date.              | Particulars of Expenditure.   | Amounts.  |
|-------|---|-----------|--------------------|---|-----------|
| 1872. |   | £ s. d.   |                    |   | £ s. d.   |
|       | To balance from last year, ending the 7th October, 1871 | ... ..    | 1871               | By payment to Chas. Williamson (agent for Proprietor of <i>Daily Southern Cross</i> ) for advertising for repairs to Hostelry, Mechanics' Bay | 2 0 0     |
|       | To balance for present year, ending 30th June, 1872     | ... ..    | 1872.              | By payment to Messrs. Archard and Brown, for repairs to Native Hostelry, Mechanics' Bay   | 64 11 0   |
|       |   |           | May ... ..         | By payment to Thos. Peacock, for repairs of chain   | 0 3 6     |
|       |   |           | May 11 ... ..      | By payment to Messrs. Cochrane and Son, for advertising and auction charges   | 7 11 0    |
|       |   |           | June 27 ... ..     |   |           |
|       |   |           | 1871.              | By payment to John F. Churton, for survey expenses of Native Reserves, Auckland and Onehunga  | 1 7 0     |
|       |   |           | December 22 ... .. |   |           |
|       |   |           | 1872.              | By balance in Bank paid to Public Account   | 98 0 10   |
|       |   |           | June ...30         |   |           |
|       |   | £173 13 4 |                    |   | £173 13 4 |

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