

8. With regard to the remaining 54,300 acres provided for in the Act, I propose to look for it in one or more blocks, at a subsequent period.

I am advised that the successful future of the settlement will be materially influenced by the block being proclaimed:—1st. A separate Road Board district; 2nd. A separate riding; 3rd. A separate licensing district. And, if there be no objection to its being so proclaimed, I shall feel obliged if you will bring these additional matters before His Excellency, at his and your earliest convenience.

The Hon. Major Atkinson.

I have, &c.,
J. BROOMHALL.

No. 5.

Mr. J. MACKAY to Mr. D. A. TOLE.

SIR,—

Auckland, 16th January, 1877.

Understanding that it has now been finally arranged to hand over to Mr. Broomhall the Aroha Block, containing 62,552 acres, more or less, as shown in the conveyance from the Natives to the Crown (subject to the final extinguishment of the Native title over the block), I have the honor to inform you that a large area will be required for Native reserves for residence and occupation, and it will not be safe for the Waste Lands Board to make terms with Mr. Broomhall for the sale or disposal of an area exceeding 50,000 acres. I believe that the Native title, with the exception of that to necessary reserves, will be extinguished within about two months from this present date. I shall endeavour to have the Native reserves laid out in such manner as will suit the requirements of the occupiers, and will not in any way detract from the value of the remainder of the property for European settlement.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACKAY,
Land Purchase Agent.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland.

No. 6.

Mr. D. A. TOLE to Mr. BROOMHALL.

SIR,—

Crown Lands Office, Auckland, 18th January, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, signifying your acceptance of the terms and conditions specified in the resolution passed at a special meeting of the Waste Lands Board yesterday, and transmitted to you on the same date.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter now under reply, I beg to furnish you with a copy of the communication addressed to me by Mr. Mackay, and alluded to in the introductory part of the resolution above referred to.

I have, &c.,

D. A. TOLE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

J. Broomhall, Esq., Auckland.

No. 7.

Mr. D. A. TOLE to the Hon. Mr. WHITAKER.

SIR,—

Crown Lands Office, Auckland, 18th January, 1877.

I have the honor to forward, for your information, the accompanying copy of a letter which I have this day received from Mr. Broomhall, signifying his acceptance of the terms and conditions specified in the resolution of the Waste Lands Board, transmitted to you yesterday.

I have, &c.,

D. A. TOLE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Hon. F. Whitaker, Auckland.

Enclosure in No. 7.

Mr. BROOMHALL to Mr D. A. TOLE.

SIR,—

Auckland, 18th January, 1877.

I beg to acknowledge your letter of yesterday's date, covering a resolution of the Board passed at its meeting yesterday, in which, in substitution of previous resolutions, it resolves to offer me 50,000 acres of land in the Te Aroha Block, and in reply to say that I accept the resolution. I shall be glad if you will favour me with a copy of Mr. Mackay's letter referred to in the preamble of the resolution, which letter you were so good as to read to me yesterday, as its engagement that the Native reserves shall be chosen in a manner not to interfere with the remaining portion of the block to detract from its value as a special settlement for Europeans was a great satisfaction to me.

The Chairman, Waste Lands Board,
Auckland.

I have, &c.,

J. BROOMHALL.

No. 8.

Mr. D. A. TOLE to the Hon. F. WHITAKER.

SIR,—

Crown Lands Office, Auckland, 17th January, 1877.

I have the honor, at the instance of the Waste Lands Board, to forward to you the accompanying copy of a resolution, by which the price, terms, and conditions of sale to Mr. John Broomhall of a block of 50,000 acres of land in the Upper Thames District, have, subject to the approva,