

I have been unable for eight years to work at my trade as a farrier owing to my wound, failing eyesight, and general physical infirmity from old age, being now sixty-one, which also debars me from earning sufficient to sustain my invalid wife, whose age is sixty-three, and myself.

I would respectfully point out that, as my pension is insufficient for my own support, you will be pleased to grant my request for an annuity, and enable me, with my present pension, to sustain my wife and myself in our declining years.

I have, &c.,

JAMES TYLER,

Late Farrier-Sergeant, 4th Hussars.

The Hon. the Secretary of State for War, War Office, London.

I certify that I have compared the "account-book" of Farrier-Sergeant James Tyler, and found the services claimed duly certified therein. I have also inspected his discharge certificate, as well as his pension certificate; also his medals and clasps.—ALEXANDER ROSE, Collector of Customs; also Local Paymaster Imperial Pensions, Christchurch District. Christchurch, 2nd January, 1885.

Sub-Enclosure.

SIR,—

St. Albans, Christchurch, New Zealand, 5th December, 1884.

We have much pleasure in supporting the application of Farrier-Sergeant James Tyler, hereunto annexed, for an annuity from the Patriotic Fund, and consider that the present age of himself and wife, and his long and valuable services in his country's defence, entitle him to every consideration at your honourable hands.

We have, &c.,

H. J. C. Christchurch, Primate of the Church in New Zealand.

C. P. Halbert, Mayor of Christchurch.

James W. Stack, Curate of St. Albans, Christchurch.

De Renzie Brett, Colonel, late of H.M. 108th Regiment, New Zealand.

T. J. Maling, merchant, Christchurch.

John Holmes, M.H.R.

P. Cunningham, J.P.

Alexander Rose, Local Paymaster Imperial Pensions, Collector of Customs, Lyttelton, &c.

E. C. J. Stevens, M.L.C., New Zealand.

Frederick Hobbs, J.P., ex-Mayor of Christchurch.

J. D. Macpherson, J.P.

John T. Matson, J.P., New Zealand.

John Anderson, J.P.

F. W. Hutton, late Captain 23rd R.W. Fusiliers.

Wiban Vigors Richards, late Lieutenant 87th R.I. Fusiliers.

J. L. Coster, M.H.R., J.P.

F. J. Garrick, M.H.R.

Henry Jacobs, D.D. Oxon., Dean of Christchurch, New Zealand.

George Roberts, J.P., Christchurch.

Leonard Harper, M.H.R.

H. Thompson, J.P., Christchurch.

Thomas W. Maude, J.P., Christchurch.

George Harper, Barrister-at-Law, Christchurch.

Max. Lean, Lieut.-Colonel Commanding Canterbury Volunteer District, J.P.

Ernest Gray, J.P.

John Hall, K.C.M.G.

Charles V. Eccles, A.D.C., Major Rifle Brigade.

The Hon. the Secretary of State for War, War Office, London.

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MY LORD,—

Christchurch, 31st January, 1885.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a petition from Mr. H. Baucke, of Wellington, addressed to Her Majesty, concerning his claim against the Government of this colony.

2. As your Lordship will perceive from the enclosures to the petition, the case has been frequently considered by Parliament, the Supreme Court, and successive Ministries. Mr. Baucke has also petitioned several of my predecessors and myself. I do not consider, therefore, that any further report on the subject is called for.

I have, &c.,

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.