

## Enclosure.

Mr. STARK to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Auckland, 21st January, 1886.

I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of yesterday—20th January, 1886—relative to my claim against the Government for £20,000 for my property at the North Shore, containing 28 acres and 16 perches, being Allotment 3 and part of Allotment 4 of Section 2, Parish of Takapuna, and containing an offer on behalf of the Government to pay me £17,100 for the said property and in satisfaction of all claims and demands against the Government in connection with the property. In reply, I beg to state that I hereby accept your offer of £17,100 in terms of your letter.

The Hon. E. Richardson, Minister for Public Works,  
Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
R. A. M. STARK.

## No. 16.

The RAILWAY LAND PURCHASE OFFICER, Auckland, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS.

(Telegram.)

Public Works Office, Auckland, 23rd January, 1886.

*Re* land for Takapuna Battery: Enclosed I forward voucher in favour of Mr. R. A. M. Stark for £17,100, together with solicitor's memorandum thereon. Transfer has been prepared by Government solicitor, and signed by Mr. Stark.

H. M. BREWER,  
Land Purchase Officer.

C. Y. O'Connor, Esq., Under-Secretary for Public Works, Wellington.

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Mr. THOS. BUDDLE to the RAILWAY LAND PURCHASE OFFICER, Auckland.

5, Wyndham Street, Auckland, 22nd January, 1886.

STARK to the Queen: I have prepared transfer herein, and sent same to Mr. W. Coleman (Mr. Stark's solicitor) for execution.

P.S.—Voucher returned herewith.

THOMAS BUDDLE.

H. M. Brewer, Esq., Auckland.

## No. 17.

Mr. R. A. M. STARK, Auckland, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 10th February, 1886.

KINDLY inform me when money for land taken for battery will be sent up. I accepted Ministers' terms, several thousands less than value, on the distinct understanding, in writing, that money should be paid at once. I signed conveyance of property nearly three weeks ago.

The Under-Secretary for Public Works, Wellington.

R. A. M. STARK.

## No. 18.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS to Mr. R. A. M. STARK.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 11th February, 1886.

IN reply, *re* land at Takapuna: Treasury will post cheque to-morrow.

R. A. M. Stark, Esq., Auckland.

C. Y. O'CONNOR.

## No. 19.

The RAILWAY LAND PURCHASE OFFICER, Auckland, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS.

(Telegram.)

Public Works Office, Auckland, 15th February, 1886.

ENCLOSED I forward voucher in favour of Mr. R. A. M. Stark for £17,100, signed and accepted.

H. A. M. BREWER,  
Land Purchase Officer.

C. Y. O'Connor, Esq., Under-Secretary for Public Works, Wellington.

## No. 20.

Mr. STARK, Auckland, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 20th February, 1886.

As the residence, Takapuna Point, may be placed at the disposal of a high personage, it occurred to me it would be a pity to disturb the furniture. I will deal very liberally with the Government, if they wish to purchase furniture, Venetian blinds, china, plate, napery, garden-tools, large stock fire-wood, &c.—the whole a going concern. An inventory could be taken by your Engineer, and your care-taker could step in when we leave. Please let me know if the Government wish to make the purchase.

The Under-Secretary for Public Works, Wellington.

R. A. M. STARK.