

MESSAGE No 5.

In compliance with the Resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 27th ultimo, requesting to be furnished with a Return of all Moneys received as Rents of the Native Reserves in the Province of Nelson from the month of January, 1852 till the present date, and of the Expenditure of such moneys, the Officer administering the Government lays before the House a Return prepared by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Nelson, from the 1st July, 1853, (the date on which the accounts were handed over to him,) to the 4th February, 1854.

A Return of the Accounts prior to July, 1853, cannot be furnished without a reference to the books kept by the Trustees, which are at Nelson.

His Excellency further transmits a second Return from the Commissioner on the same subject, being "A Return of the Native Trust Property and Rental for the Province of Nelson.;"

R. H. WYNYARD,

Government House, Auckland, 16th June, 1854.

RETURN of Moneys received and Expenditure in respect of Nelson Native Trust Fund, from 1st of July, 1853, to 4th of February, 1854.

Dr. MATTHEW RICHMOND, Esqr., Crown Land Commissioner.

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1853.		1853.			1853.			
July 1st.		£	s.	d.	October 31st.	£	s.	d.
To Balance handed over by Sub-Treasurer		119	0	7		6	12	0
1854.								
February 4th.	Rents receivee to date	137	14	4		6	8	0
						100	0	0
						30	0	0
						113	14	11
						256	14	11
1854.								
April 1st	Balance brought down					256	14	11

(Signed)

M. RICHMOND,
Commissioner Crown Lands.

RETURN of the Native Trust Property and Rental for the Province of Nelson.

Number of Tenants.	Number of sections.		Quantity Land Let.		Term of Lease.						Annual Rental.		Quantity of Land occupied by Natives.		Number of Acres Unlet.		Number of Acres given in Trust to the Bishop of New Zealand for our Industrial School.		
	Town of Nelson. Acres.	Motueka and Moutere. Acres.	Town of Nelson. Acres.	Motueka and Moutere. Acres.	Town of Nelson.			Motueka and Moutere.			£	s.	d.	Town of Nelson. Acres.	Motueka and Moutere. Acres.	Town of Nelson. Acres.		Motueka and Moutere. Acres.	
					Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.									
66	53 of 1 acre	100 of 50 acres.	37½	654	7	10	14	21							3½	364	12	2787	925
	53	5000			3	3	16	2	22	1	274	3	0						

(Signed)

M. RICHMOND,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

