

land, and are divisible into the class under 10s. per acre Proclamation, and into the class under the 1d. per acre Proclamation.

20. Both these Proclamations were declared by the Judgment of the Supreme Court in 1847 to have been illegal.

21. An Ordinance (Lands Claims Ordinance, Sess. 7, No. 22,) was passed in 1846, to deal with some of these claims, by providing for the issue of Debentures for compensation in certain cases. The 'Government Gazette' of 10th August, 1847, shows that the mode suggested by Earl Grey, and also that proposed by Governor Grey, to deal with these claims.

22. Three modes were left open to the claimants, to avail themselves of the instructions from Home, to avail themselves of the Local Ordinance, or to avail themselves of certain regulations proposed by Governor Grey, which are specified in the 'Gazette.'

23. I think the same rule might be adopted in reference to the adjustment of this question, as regards the enquiry by a Commission with a similar limitation,—as I recommended with regard to the old Land Claims.

24. The same difficulties, however, do not attend this subject as are involved in the other, for the claims are limited in extent, and are chiefly in the vicinity of Auckland, moreover the Grants in respect of these claims are those usually issued, the boundaries and the land granted being duly defined and surveyed, and they are accordingly free from the difficulties which are involved in the other Land Grants to which I referred.

(Signed) W. GISBORNE.
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

P.S.—The Returns enclosed along with this memorandum are corrected up to this month.

August 13th, 1855.

(Signed) W. GISBORNE.