

these terms I cannot overlook the outrages that you have committed. Whatever may have been the dispute in reference to the land at Waitara it was a matter with which you had no concern. Without even pretence of quarrel with the Queen's Government, or her European subjects, you have taken advantage of the disturbances caused by another tribe to set the authority of the Queen and the Law at defiance; to attack Her Majesty's troops; to burn, destroy, and steal property; and treacherously kill without provocation Her Majesty's subjects while engaged in their peaceful occupations. Moreover, you have driven off the settlers from land which, years ago, you had sold and been fully paid for, and have avowed your intention of repossessing yourselves of it and retaining it by force. However much I may condemn the offences committed by the Ngatiawa, I look on those perpetrated by you to be of a far more serious nature, and before I can consent to grant you peace I shall require restitution and compensation for the past, and explicit declaration of your intention to conduct yourselves as peaceable and or-

derly subjects of Her Majesty for the future.

I require—

(1) Entire submission to the Queen and the Law.  
 (2) All plunder now in your possession to be forthwith given up, and compensation made for that which is not returned, and for property destroyed and injured.  
 (3) That all mails shall be permitted to pass without interruption, and the mail-carriers protected.

(4) That people, goods, and cattle shall be allowed to pass without molestation.  
 The grave offence of killing unarmed settlers and children is one against the Queen and the Law, and will not be overlooked. Whenever those men who are charged with having committed that offence are taken by the Officers of Justice they will be tried, and the Law will declare whether they are guilty, and, if guilty, what punishment they shall suffer.

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE,  
 Governor.

\*The time given to the Ngatiruanui tribe was Saturday, the 13th inst.



# GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, PROVINCE OF TARANAKI, NEW ZEALAND.

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NEW PLYMOUTH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1861.

Provincial Secretary's Office,

New Plymouth, 1st May, 1861.

HIS Honor the Superintendent has directed the following correspondence, relative to subscriptions in aid of the Taranaki settlers, to be published for general information.

J. C. RICHMOND,  
 Provincial Secretary.

Superintendent's Office,  
 Auckland, April 4, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you enclosed copy of a series of Resolutions which were unanimously adopted at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Auckland, convened on Monday evening last, the 2nd instant, for the purpose of affording the people of Auckland an opportunity of expressing their sympathy with their fellow-settlers at Taranaki, and to devise some means for affording timely aid for the reception of such of their wives and families as may wish to come to Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
 (Signed) J. WILLIAMSON,  
 Superintendent.  
 (Chairman of the Meeting.)

His Honor  
 The Superintendent,  
 Taranaki.

Auckland, April 4, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose you copy of the Resolutions passed unanimously at the Public Meeting held on Monday evening last to express the sympathy of the people of Auckland with, and their desire to render every possible aid to, their fellow-colonists of Taranaki during the present disturbance in that Province; and which, by the last thereof, your Honor is requested to forward to His Honor the Superintendent of Taranaki.

I have, &c.,  
 (Signed) ALBERT WM. HANSARD,  
 (Sec. of said Meeting.)

To His Honor  
 The Superintendent of the Province of  
 Auckland.

#### COPY OF RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Dr Campbell, seconded by Mr Graham:—"That this meeting desires to express its warmest sympathy with their fellow-colonists at Taranaki in the present disastrous state in which they are involved by the recent native disturbances in that district, and feels it to be alike a duty and a privilege to offer whatever aid is in its power towards their relief."

Moved by Mr Gilfillan, seconded by Mr Heale:—"That a refuge and cordial welcome be offered to any parties who may be desirous of removing from Taranaki to

Auckland during the present troubles, and (if required) that steps be taken to afford relief to the sufferers there."

Moved by Mr Henderson, seconded by Mr Clarke,—“That a subscription list be now opened for a Relief Fund, and for carrying the foregoing Resolutions into immediate effect, and that a Committee be appointed with power to administer the same according to their discretion, and to report to a future meeting."

Moved by Mr King, seconded by Mr Hansard :—“That the following gentlemen be the members of the ‘Relief Fund’ Committee :—

Dr Campbell,  
Mr G. Graham,  
“ A. Clark,  
“ T. Heale,  
“ Thos. Henderson,  
“ John Salmon,  
“ E. King,  
“ John Graham,  
“ H. Coolahan,  
“ J. A. Gilfillan,  
“ G. P. Pierce,  
“ T. S. Forsaith,  
“ J. T. Boylan,  
“ A. W. Hansard."

Moved by Mr Forsaith, seconded by Mr Boylan :—“That the Chairman be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing Resolutions to His Honor the Superintendent of Taranaki."

Superintendent's Office,  
New Plymouth, April 6, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing a copy of the Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting in Auckland.

I have to return my grateful acknowledgments on behalf of the people of Taranaki to the inhabitants of Auckland for their sympathy, and the liberal manner in which they propose to assist the distressed women and children of this Province.

The intelligence received by the mail that brings the Resolutions will, of course, prevent our taking advantage of your offer, as your Province appears not unlikely to share our difficulties. It is, however, a great satisfaction to know that, should your circumstances permit and ours require it, we shall have the same generous aid from you as we have already received from the people of Nelson.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) G. CUTFIELD,  
Superintendent.

His Honor  
The Superintendent, Auckland.

Auckland, 7th April, 1860.

SIR,—The formal proceedings of the Public Meeting held here to sympathise with and afford aid to our suffering fellow-colonists in your Province having been forwarded to you through the Superintendent of Auckland, it becomes unnecessary for the Committee of the Auckland “Taranaki Relief Fund” to transmit a second copy.

The pleasing duty, however, devolves on the Committee to place at your disposal a first instalment of the subscriptions collected. The Committee are well aware of the delicacy of the duty which they request you to undertake in dispensing aid, which has the appearance of a charity, to those who must feel that, but for the fearful calamity which has fallen upon them, they would have been far beyond the necessity of accepting such relief. The Committee trust, however, that you may be able to make use of the means now transmitted in some way which may be acceptable to the recipients. The Committee having received the fullest discretionary power, consider they cannot better serve the wishes and feelings of the subscribers to the fund than by delegating the same discretionary power to your Honor, being convinced your position will better enable you than any other person to attain the desired object of succouring the homeless settlers now at Taranaki, or who may have sought refuge at Nelson.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) E. LOGAN CAMPBELL,  
Chairman to the Auckland “Taranaki Relief Fund."

His Honor  
The Superintendent,  
Taranaki.

Enclosure.

Alex. Kennedy's letter of credit dated 7th April, 1860, authorising you to draw on the Union Branch, Auckland, at sight, in such drafts as may be convenient to extent of Five Hundred Pounds (£500).

New Plymouth, April 17, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing a letter of credit on the Union Bank of Australia, Auckland, for £500, an assistance which is as gracefully as it is generously tendered by our fellow-colonists of Auckland for the relief of the sufferers here by the present war.

The discretionary power you place in my hands will enable me to delay for some time my appropriation of this fund, and as I have already received help of the same

kind from his Excellency's Government, I propose so to delay until it shall have been decided in the General Assembly in what respect, and in what degree the burden of the war is to be borne by the Colony generally.

The uncertainty of the extent of the war, and as to how far some parts of the Auckland Province may yet be involved, is a further reason why I should defer employing the money. I think it would be wrong to make use at so early a stage of the generous gift that may soon be as much or more needed by persons more closely connected with Auckland. In such a case, I should wish either to return the money into your hands, or to throw it into a more general fund, applicable for the relief of sufferers in any part of the Island.

I believe one of the hardest trials the settlers here will have to experience will follow the establishment of peace and the cessation of all military pay and rations, and the return to their homesteads, ruined by neglect where they shall have escaped violence. In anticipation of this time, if for no other reason, it would, I think, be right to defer the immediate use of the funds.

I am safe in saying, on behalf of every person in this Province, that the friendly help of the people of Auckland is highly valued, and that our settlers are greatly encouraged by this and similar acts of kindness from other quarters which have accompanied the war. I trust the mutual goodwill so stimulated may never flag, but that, when no long time hence our population and civilisation meet on the common boundaries of the Provinces, we shall be found substantially, as well as in form, one undivided nation.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) G. CUTFIELD,  
Superintendent.

J. Logan Campbell, M.D.,  
Chairman to the Auckland Taranaki Relief Fund.

Superintendent's Office,  
Dunedin, 16th April, 1860.

SIR,—On behalf of the settlers of Otago, I have the honor to convey to you the heartfelt sympathy they entertain towards their fellow-countrymen in Taranaki in the distressing circumstances under which you are now placed, and to express our earnest prayer to God that, ere this reaches, peace and safety may have been fully restored. As, however, it is feared that many of your outlying settlers may have suffered the loss of their all under the casualties of war, we were desirous of manifesting our sympathy by a pecuniary contribution, to be

placed in the hands of your Honor for the relieving of any such distress; but, as we are without any authentic information as to the extent or nature of the distress, I have the honor to request that you will, if necessary, draw upon the Provincial Treasurer of Otago at sight for any sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, to be applied as you may see fit.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) JAMES MACANDREW,  
Superintendent.

His Honor  
The Superintendent,  
Taranaki.

Superintendent's Office,  
New Plymouth, 27th April, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to convey my grateful acknowledgments to yourself and the settlers of Otago for the warm sympathy they have manifested towards the settlers of Taranaki.

The duties which have devolved on the Taranaki people are and will be very arduous, but the knowledge that they are sympathised with and assisted by their fellow-colonists has cheered them in their long night watches. The losses sustained up to this time have been very considerable, as the whole of the country has been abandoned. In the Omata District nearly every house has been sacked and reduced to bare walls; while in the Bell Block five homesteads have been burned down. The heart of the settlement has not yet been invaded, but it is in hourly peril.

The Provincial Government, assisted by that of the Colony, has been using its best endeavours to meet the demands made upon it for the housing and support of the country families, and the timely assistance afforded us by our nearest neighbour, Nelson, has enabled us to relieve our overcrowded town of 430 women and children.

The war, at this moment, is confined within the limits of our small Province, but great agitation exists throughout Waikato, and to that district we look with considerable anxiety for intelligence. Should the people of Waikato, at a meeting shortly to take place, determine to render no aid to our disaffected natives, I trust the war will soon end, and a wider field be opened for the energies of the settlers of Taranaki.

I propose to retain the power of drawing for the considerable sum you have so generously placed at my disposal, should the necessities of our people at any time require extraneous support, or until after the termination of the war.

I will do myself the pleasure of writing

you again, so soon as any crisis takes place in our affairs, and, in the meantime, beg that you will accept the grateful thanks of this Government for the prompt and hearty aid the Provincial Government of Otago has offered to our people.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) G. CUTFIELD,  
Superintendent.

His Honor  
The Superintendent of Otago,  
Dunedin.

Superintendent's Office,  
Wellington, May 19, 1860.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in informing you that the Provincial Council, at their sitting on Wednesday last, unanimously voted a sum of One Thousand Pounds for the relief of their fellow-colonists at Taranaki.

I lose no time in enclosing you a draft on the Union Bank at Nelson for the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, and shall be prepared to remit a similar amount very shortly, or whenever you may advise me that further funds are required.

I beg, on behalf of the inhabitants of this Province, that you will have the goodness to convey to our fellow-settlers of Taranaki the assurance of our deepest sympathy with them, and our warm admiration of their gallant conduct in the field.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) I. E. FEATHERSTON,  
Superintendent.

His Honor G. Cutfield, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Taranaki.

Superintendent's Office,  
New Plymouth, 29th May, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to return my grateful acknowledgements on behalf of the inhabitants of Taranaki for the sympathy and liberal feeling manifested by the Provincial Council of Wellington, as communicated by your letter of the 19th inst.

Our men being employed in the Militia, and rations being furnished to all whose necessities require them, no distress at present exists. The time of difficulty and privation will be at the termination of the war, when both pay and rations will cease. I propose, therefore, to retain the liberal gift presented to this Province till then, when some assistance in cash administered with judgment to those who will have lost all and have to commence the world anew may prove of great and lasting advantage, and will be fully appreciated.

I will make known to our people your kind recognition of their exertions and

losses, and shall feel obliged by your communicating my thanks to the Provincial Council of Wellington and the inhabitants in general.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) G. CUTFIELD,  
Superintendent.

His Honor  
The Superintendent,  
Wellington.

Provincial Secretary's Office,  
Christchurch, May 28, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that several influential gentlemen in this Province are desirous of calling a meeting and setting on foot a plan for the purpose of raising subscriptions for the relief of our fellow-colonists at Taranaki. At the same time no authentic information has arrived as to the channel through which this relief should be administered in order that it may be productive of the most beneficial results.

I should feel obliged, if not troubling you too much, by your communicating with me on this matter by return of post.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) CHAS. R. BLAKISTON,  
Provincial Secretary.

His Honor  
The Superintendent,  
Taranaki.

Superintendent's Office,  
New Plymouth, 15th June, 1860.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult., requesting me to acquaint you through what channel relief should be administered to the colonists of Taranaki, so as to produce the most beneficial results.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the plan adopted by the Provincial Government of Wellington and Otago and by the Auckland subscribers has been to remit, or to empower me to draw for the funds at their disposal for my administration.

In acknowledging the receipt of the several sums, I have described in general terms the position of the settlers, and have stated that I do not feel warranted in expending any portion of the funds placed in my hands until the close of the war, unless some unforeseen event should render an earlier distribution absolutely necessary.

Up to the present time I have been able to meet all cases of immediate distress out of funds advanced by the General Government of the Colony, but I am unable to state what the future position of our settlers is likely to be, as that will depend greatly on the action of the General As-

sembly in the ensuing Session, and in the chances, duration, and extent of the war.

The loss of property has already been very considerable. The houses at the two extremities of the settlement have been sacked and maltreated, and in one district four homesteads have been destroyed by fire. The gardens and fields have been almost converted into a common by the destruction of fences, and are being overgrown with Scotch Thistle and other noxious weeds. Cultivation has almost ceased,—flocks and herds are being sold for the butcher, and in a few months nothing may be left outside the lines save the untilled lands.

The position of the settlers at the close of the war must in any event be one of great difficulty; and years must pass away before the country can assume the aspect of smiling plenty which once characterised it.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) G. CUTFIELD,  
Superintendent.

C. R. Blakiston,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Christchurch.

Provincial Treasury,  
Christchurch, 1st June, 1860.

SIR,—I am instructed to transmit to your Honor Twelve Pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, proceeds of an entertainment given at the Town Hall, Christchurch, by Mr and Mrs B. N. Jones, in aid of the "Taranaki Relief Fund."

It is not known here who are the Trustees or Managers of that Fund, or even that such a Fund exists, and it is transmitted to your Honor as the best means of securing its appropriation to the purposes which the donors intends.

I am advised by the Union Bank that the most convenient mode of transmission is through their Auckland Branch, and I therefore enclose their draft on that establishment for the amount.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) JOHN MARSHMAN,  
Provincial Treasurer.

His Honor  
the Superintendent,  
Taranaki.

Superintendent's Office,  
New Plymouth, 29th June, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant covering a draft on the Union Bank of Australia, Auckland, for £12 16s. 3d. proceeds of an entertainment given at the Town Hall, Christchurch, by Mr and Mrs

B. N. Jones in aid of the "Taranaki Relief Fund."

In reply I have to request that you will convey my best thanks to Mr and Mrs B. N. Jones for the assistance they have so kindly given to the colonists of Taranaki.

With respect to the application of funds placed in my hands for the relief of this community, I beg to refer you to my letter to your Provincial Secretary of the 15th instant.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) G. CUTFIELD,  
Superintendent.

John Marshman, Esq.,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Christchurch.

Superintendent's Office,  
New Plymouth, 7th July, 1860.

SIR,—His Excellency the Governor has requested the Officer Commanding the Forces to release from Militia duty any person residing here whose age exceeds 50 years or whose family numbers six persons or more in all, providing such persons shall quit the settlement with his family. In order to give practical effect to that permission it is necessary that free passages should be granted to these persons to other parts of the Colony.

I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether any of the existing arrangements for immigration to Canterbury will meet such cases, or whether it is in the power of the Provincial Government to make any special provision for giving free or assisted passages to such of our people as may be inclined to settle in your Province. Hoping an early answer.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) G. CUTFIELD,  
Superintendent.

His Honor  
the Superintendent,  
Canterbury.

Superintendent's Office,  
Christchurch, July 26, 1860.

SIR,—In reply to your communication of the 14th instant, respecting the order which has issued from his Excellency the Governor making it permissive to persons coming under certain conditions to quit the settlement of Taranaki, and enquiries as to whether the Immigration Regulations in force here admit of their receiving free or assisted passages to Canterbury, I beg to inform you that our Immigration Regulations do not provide for the cases you contemplate.

I must also inform you that the condition of the Public Exchequer does not at

the present moment admit of the Government making a money grant in aid of so desirable an object as that alluded to in your letter; at the same time I am most happy to inform you that a Public Meeting, called by myself, has been held, and an appeal to public sympathy in aid of Taranaki refugees readily responded to.

I beg to enclose a copy of the resolutions, and to inform you that Mr Joseph Brittan has been authorised and appointed to act as hon. secretary with a view of carrying out the wishes of the public of Canterbury.

I need hardly add that the Government of Canterbury will welcome and assist to the utmost of its ability all and any who may avail themselves of the privilege granted by his Excellency the Governor.

I would, in order to give Mr Joseph Brittan's communication to your Honor proper authority, again repeat that that gentleman has been duly appointed the medium of acquainting your Honor, from time to time, of the wishes of the subscribers to the fund in aid of Taranaki sufferers.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) CHARLES BOWEN,  
Deputy-Superintendent,  
Canterbury.

His Honor  
The Superintendent,  
Taranaki.

#### RESOLUTIONS

*Proposed at a Meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 25th instant, in aid of the sufferers at Taranaki.*

1. That this meeting having learned by the latest intelligence from Taranaki that the war between the European and Maori populations still continues, and that there is no definite period at which it is reasonable to look for a cessation of hostilities, desire to express its deepest sympathy with the European settlers there, for the suffering and loss to which they have been exposed.

2. That this meeting having had laid before them a communication addressed by the Superintendent of Taranaki to the Superintendent of Canterbury, asking if it be in the power of the Province to assist the immigration to Canterbury of a portion of the Taranaki settlers, resolves that a subscription be immediately set on foot throughout the Province for the purpose suggested in that communication, or for any other purpose which may tend to the relief of the Taranaki settlers.

3. That for the purpose of collecting subscriptions a Committee be formed, the same to consist of

Christchurch, Aug. 1, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to acquaint you that a Public Meeting was held at Christchurch on Wednesday, the 25th ult., for the purpose of considering the best means of rendering assistance to those persons in your Province who require to be helped by reason of the Maori war.

That meeting was called in consequence of a communication made by your Honor to the Superintendent of Canterbury, bearing date the 7th ult. In reply to that communication I have been given to understand that your Honor will be officially informed by this mail that Immigration Ordinances, the Waste Land Regulations, nor the state of the Provincial Treasury, enable the Provincial Government to answer your Honor's despatch as they would wish to have been able to do.

I have, however, the pleasure of stating that the result of the Public Meeting was the subscription of a sum of money, and such a prospect of future funds as to enable me, by direction of the Committee appointed by the meeting, to inform you that they are prepared to defray the charges of the conveyance to this Province of those persons and families referred to in your Honor's despatch, or even others, should any cases of such exigency exist as may appear to your Honor to call for like aid.

You will, therefore, take what steps you may deem necessary to carry into effect the suggestions contained in your despatch, and the Committee will defray the expenses consequent thereon.

For carrying out this object, the Committee having been in communication with the Agents of the I.C.S.S. Company here, who have given them every encouragement to believe that the Company will act with liberality in this matter, and considerably reduce the amount of passage money. The Agents, however, do not consider themselves authorised to enter into a positive agreement, and have expressed the opinion that the most favorable terms may be effected by communication with the head office, to which, therefore, I have written.

As the cost per head is thus an open question, I am further directed to ask your Honor's co-operation (if it be in your power to assist) in endeavouring to secure from the Company terms as favorable as possible. Those terms, of course, will include the entire provisioning the parties from the period of their departure from Taranaki to that of their arrival in this Province.

I need hardly observe that the object the Committee have in view in pressing this on your notice is that they may be able to husband their funds as much as

possible, so that it may be in their power to furnish further assistance to those whom your Honor may send after their arrival here.

It remains only for me to request that, should this offer of the Committee be acted on, you will be so good as to forward me the names of those whom you may send away, together with such information of their former position in your Province as may guide the Committee in the ministration of what further assistance it may be in their power to render them.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) JOSEPH BRITTAN,  
Hon. Sec. to the Committee.

To His Honor  
The Superintendent of  
Taranaki.

Superintendent's Office,  
New Plymouth, 29th August, 1860.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant informing me that, at a public meeting held at Christchurch, subscriptions were entered into for the purpose of defraying the passages of families hence to Canterbury.

On behalf of the inhabitants of this Province I beg you will accept our sincere thanks for the sympathy evinced towards us. The liberal offer of free passages to your Province I have made public, and when the steamer proceeds to Canterbury I will furnish you a list of those families who have availed themselves of it, together with the information you request as to their previous position. Under arrangements with the General Government the cost of these families will be defrayed to Nelson, leaving the cost from that port to Canterbury to be defrayed from the funds at your disposal.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) E. L. HUMPHRIES,  
Deputy Superintendent.

Joseph Brittan, Esq.,  
Hon. Sec. to the  
Taranaki Aid Committee,  
Christchurch.

Christchurch, 18th August, 1863.

SIR,—I had the honor of addressing you by the last mail on the subject of the fund which is being collected in Canterbury for the aid of those persons in your Province who may be in need of help in consequence of the present war with the Maoris.

In that communication I informed your Honor that the Committee by whose directions I wrote were guided in the course they then adopted by the interpretation put on the despatch of your Honor to the

Provincial Government of Canterbury of the 7th ultimo, and inferring from that despatch that the necessity for the removal of a portion of your population might be urgent and not admitting of the delay necessarily consequent on interchange of letters, I was instructed to authorise you to send whoever it might be necessary to remove, and that the Committee would defray the charges of their removal.

Since then, however, the Committee have reason to think that it is not required of them to meet the cost of conveying the refugees hither; but that that expense will be borne by the General Government. They observe it stated in the local newspapers that the military authorities had given orders for the removal of the women and children to some of the southern Provinces, and it follows that had that order been acted on with respect to Canterbury, and the Airedale had brought any number of persons here, the cost of conveyance must have been met by the General Government. There can be no reason therefore for doubting that the same rule will be observed hereafter.

I may further observe that, since my last despatch, the Committee have been informed that the cost of the passage for each adult would probably not be less than £5 per head, which for any considerable number of souls would amount to a sum so large as greatly to cripple the means of the Committee in their future administration of assistance. The Committee are compelled to keep this fact in mind, as there are no other funds at present available in the Province but those raised by private contribution. In order, however, to prevent any misapprehension, I am directed to request your Honor to consider that portion of my letter in which the Committee undertakes the charge of removing the refugees hither as withdrawn, and in its place I am to inform you that the Committee will be prepared to receive and to make provision for (to the full extent of their means) so many as your Honor may think it expedient to send.

May I request of your Honor the favour of your communicating to me for the information of the Committee the nature of the arrangements made with the Province of Nelson, and whether (and if so to what extent) the General Government contributes to the support of the refugees who have gone there.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) JOSEPH BRITTAN,  
Honorary Secretary.

His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki.