

Audit Office, Auckland,  
22nd January, 1845.

SIR,—As we have been led to apprehend that an impression prevails very generally amongst Official Functionaries and others, that the local examination of the Public Accounts has been conducted on principles unnecessarily strict and minute, we have the honor to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, the accompanying Extracts from Queries received from the Commissioners of Audit in England; and, as we are of opinion that if publicity be given to them, it may tend to insure a greater degree of accuracy and attention to points of detail, we beg to recommend that His Excellency the Governor will authorize their being published in the *Government Gazette*.

We have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servants,  
WILLIAM SWAINSON,  
JAMES COATES,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR.

The Honorable  
the Colonial Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM QUERIES AND OBSERVATIONS  
RECEIVED FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF AUDIT  
IN LONDON.

*Voucher 22, Abstract 6, October, Allowance to the Colonial Surgeon for hospital servant and lodgings.*

This Voucher is not supported by a Certificate of the servant having been kept, or of no Public Quarter having been available.

*Abstract A. A., December, Fines levied at the Police Office at Kororarika, in November, £5. Do. Fees, 5s.*

The Voucher to support these credits should be produced.

*February, Voucher 11, Colonial Surgeon £79 2s. 6d.*

*Item—Allowance for hospital servant, from 1st October to 31st December, at 1s. 6d. per diem, £6 16s. 6d.*

Computes to ..... £6 18s. 0d.  
Apparently short paid .. 1s. 6d.

*Item—Passage money from Sydney to Bay of Islands, as per receipt, £23.*

The receipt referred to has not been produced and should be delivered.

*July, Voucher 72, Paid for insertion of advertisements in the New Zealand Gazette (Voucher 1) £5 2s. 8d.*

The Voucher for this Item does not accompany the accounts. To be produced.

*Voucher 88, Commander of the brig "Victoria," allowances for necessary money, stationery, and mess, £13 4s. 3d.*

These allowances are stated to have been authorized by the Colonial Secretary's letter of 31st May, 1841. It is requested that a certified copy of this letter may be furnished.

*Voucher 133, Commander of the Colonial ship "Victoria," for victualling sundry persons, £147 1s. 1d.*

*Last item £1 6s. 11d.*

Computes to..... £1 4s. 9½d.  
Apparently overpaid ... 2s. 1½d.

*February, Voucher 18, Lining and finishing the signal house at Kororarika, as per agreement, £40.*

The agreement should be produced. In this instance the certificate of the satisfactory performance of the work has no signature.

It is of importance that the Accounts and Vouchers for final Audit (and especially from so distant a Colony) should be rendered in as complete a state as possible, and duly accompanied by the Authorities and other Documents referred to in them.

True Extracts.

W. LEECH, C. C.

CROWN GRANTS.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 6th February, 1845*

THE undermentioned Deeds of Grant are now lying at this Office, and will be delivered to the Grantees, on application, on or after Monday, the 10th instant.

In cases where it is impossible for the Grantee to attend in person to receive his Deed, it will be delivered to the bearer of an authority according to the subjoined form, certified by a Magistrate, or by a Solicitor of the Supreme Court.

*Form of Authority for a Deed of Grant on an approved Claim to Land.*

I hereby authorize A. B. of \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Deed of Grant in my favor, for Land Claim Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS, (Signature of Grantee.)  
Signature of a Magistrate, or of a }  
Solicitor of the Supreme Court. }

*Lands obtained at Crown Sales in Exchange for confirmed Land Claims.*

56. Pierce Pierre Tuite, four acres, three roods, and twenty perches, Suburban Allotment No. 3, of Section No. 5.

57. Pierce Pierre Tuite, four acres, three roods, and twenty-seven perches, Suburban Allotment No. 4, of Section No. 5.

58. Thomas Spicer, twelve acres, two roods, and twenty perches, Suburban Allotment No. 8, of Section No. 5.

59. Thomas Spicer, eight acres, two roods, and twelve perches, Suburban Allotment No. 15, of Section No. 5.

60. Thomas Cassidy, ten acres, two roods, and six perches, Suburban Allotment No. 9, of Section No. 5.