

missioners under the hand of either of their Secretaries to the said Company or by the said Company to the Commissioners for the discontinuance of the same

And in consideration of the due and faithful performance by the said Company of all the services hereby contracted by them to be performed the said Commissioners do hereby agree that there shall be paid to the said Company so long as they perform the whole of the said services by bills at sight payable by Her Majesty's Paymaster General a sum after the rate of £20,000 per annum in equal quarterly payments. The first of such quarterly payments to become due and be made on the 1st day of October 1846 or at the expiration of three calendar months from such another day as may be appointed for the commencement of the term of this Contract. And it is hereby further agreed and provided that without the consent of the said Commissioners signified in writing under the hand of one of their Secretaries neither this Contract nor any part thereof shall be assigned underlet or disposed of and that in case of the same or any part thereof being assigned underlet or otherwise disposed of without such consent signified as aforesaid of any breach of this Contract on the part of the said Company their Officers Agents or Servants it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing the said Office of Lord High Admiral (if they think fit and notwithstanding there may or may not have been any former breach of this Contract) by writing under the hand of one of their Secretaries for the time being to determine this Contract without any previous notice to the said Company or their Agents nor shall the said Company be entitled to any compensation in consequence of such determination but even if this Contract be so determined the payment of the sum of money hereinafter agreed to be made shall be enforced should the same be not duly paid by the said Company

And it is also agreed that the notices or directions which the said Commissioners or their Secretary Officers or other persons are hereby authorised and empowered to give to the said company or to their or any of their Officers Agents or Servants may at the option of such Commissioners or their Secretaries Officers or other persons be either delivered to the Secretary of the said Company or to the Master of any of the said Vessels or other Officer Agent or Servant of the said Company in the charge or management of any Vessel employed in the performance of this Contract or may be left at the last known Office or house of business of the said Company in England

And lastly for the due and faithful performance of all and singular the covenants conditions provisoes clauses articles and agreements herein before contained which on the part and behalf of the said Company are or ought to be observed performed fulfilled and kept the said Company do hereby bind themselves and their Successors unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the sum of £3,000 of law-

ful money of the United Kingdom to be paid to our said Lady the Queen her Heirs and Successors by way of stipulated or ascertained damages hereby agreed upon between the same Commissioners and the said Company in case of the failure on the part of the said Company in the due execution of this Contract or any part thereof

In Witness whereof two of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral have hereunto set their Hands and Seals and the said Company have hereto set their Corporate Seal the Day and year first above written

WILLIAM BOWLES, L. S.

HENRY FITZ ROY, L. S.

Signed Sealed and delivered by the said Commissioners in the presence of

JNO. DOUTTY.

The Corporate Seal of the above named Pacific Steam Navigation Company was hereunto affixed by order of the Court of Directors in the presence of

THOMAS BEVIS, Commander, R. N.

WILLIAM TAGGART, Secretary

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 30th September, 1846.*

**H**IS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to give directions for the publication of the following Address and Reply for general information.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

To His Excellency GEORGE GREY, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in over the Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

The Memorial of the Undersigned Inhabitants of Auckland and its vicinity.

Sheweth,

That your Memorialists in pursuance, and under the authority, of a Proclamation issued by the late Governor, Captain FitzRoy, on the 10th day of October, 1844, became purchasers of land from the Aborigines.

That such lands are now in possession of your Memorialists, many of whom have expended large sums of money, and are even now carrying on improvements on the same.

That Your Excellency's decision relative to these purchases, published in the *Government Gazette* of the 16th of this month of June, has caused your Memorialists much surprise, inasmuch as they are not aware of having in any way "evaded the regulations and terms under which the Certificates waiving the Crown's Right of Pre-emption were issued."