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### Compensated Lands.

The New Zealand Settlements Act of 1863 authorized Districts to be declared, and land set apart in such Districts for Colonization and Settlement:

A further Act was passed in 1865 limiting land to be taken under former acts to 3 Decr. 1867

In October 1867 an act was passed empowering the Governor to make reserves in Compensated Districts for friendly natives returned rebels and for Educational Endowment

Of the land taken under the above acts. there has been dealt with

325,460 acres	Sold by the Crown
265,830	" Awarded to Military Settlers
637,291	" Returned as Reserves - as Compensation by order of Court
63,404	" set apart for Educational and other public purposes -

1,291,985 acres

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The Revenue received from the  
sale of lands, rents & have been

	<u>£</u>	
Auckland	110 371.	16.0
Hawke Bay	4265.	0.0
Wellington	22067.	19.5
Taranaki	49646.	2.2
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£ 186350.17.7

The expenditure has been

Auckland	£121364.	3.	2
Hawke Bay	5020.	8.	10
Wellington Taranaki	55615.	6.	7
General purposes	18304.	1.	4
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£ 200303.19.11

The account was owing on the 30 June

£ 13,953.2.4

The provinces last year received under  
agreement One fourth of the sales, as under

Auckland	£4674.	12.	11
Wellington Taranaki	5977.	9.	11
Hawke Bay	340.	12.	6
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£ 10,992.15.4

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See 20 clause of New Zealand Settlements  
Act 1863. which provides that land  
may be settled when obtained in other  
ways than by confiscation.

The difficulty is as to some Honour claims  
as to obtaining any Title.

It is possible that a cession from all  
parties entitled to the land - whether  
 Rebels or not would be supported &  
could be passed through the Native  
Lands Act.

But give the policy of dealing in this  
way with rebels.

If natives have laid themselves open  
to confiscation of their lands it does  
not appear to me that the Government  
would be justified in dealing with  
them as entitled to any form.

In the present instance (so far  
as regards the Native District I  
have been informed that some of the  
proprietors are actually prisoners  
beyond doubt many of them open  
to charges of rebellion.

I fear it will turn out that the  
only mode of forming Settlements  
will be by means of confiscation.

So

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It must be borne in mind that under the 13<sup>th</sup> Settlement Act 1863, all lands must be sold in the mode there pointed out.

There is no provision for leasing the lands which would probably be the better mode of making so much a country in the end available.

The question after all seems to resolve itself as to which of two courses shall be pursued, that is,

whether to confiscate the land under the act before referred to

or to await further legislation on the subject.

Supposing the land to be confiscated it would then could only be dealt with under the regulations of the New Zealand Settlements Act.

It could it be obtained by leasing it would be subject to the Hawke's Bay Waste Lands Regulations Amendment Act 1865 - which has not yet been in operation.

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In January 1867 the General Government advertised as open for selection 583,000 acres of land (Cultivated) in the Waikato.

The land was divided into three classes, as follows: -

1<sup>st</sup> 43,000 acres at 15/ per acre.

2<sup>nd</sup> 216,000 " " 10/ " "

3<sup>rd</sup> 324,000 (inclusive of 153,000 of swamp land) at 5/ per acre.

Terms of payment 20 per cent on application, the remainder in deposits of 20 per cent at intervals of three months.

The land was advertised for several months and at the end of that time only 6000 acres were taken up.

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