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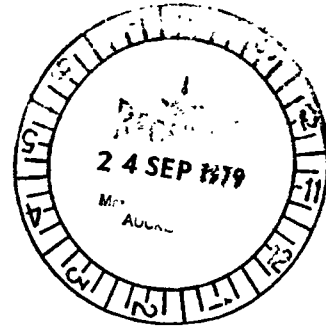
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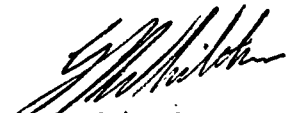
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The Regional Secretary
Ministry of Transport
Private Bag
AUCKLAND

Attention: P. Spackman

Copy for your information.




G.K. Whitehouse
for Secretary for Transport


24 SEP 1979

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19 September 1979

The General Manager
Thames Coromandel District Council
Private Bag
THAMES

Dear Sir

COOKS BEACH : EROSION

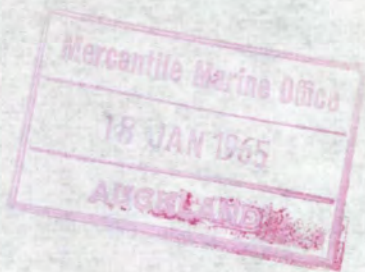
Your letter of 24 July was referred to this office by our Auckland office. Please excuse the delay in reply. This Ministry recognises that private property owners have a right to protect their property when it is threatened by erosion. However such protection work should not transfer the erosion problem elsewhere or reduce public access to the foreshore. In this case your Council has a grant of control and should take the responsibility for ensuring that these objectives are met. This may of course require your Council to promote a comprehensive erosion protection scheme. The Ministry of Works and Development and the Hauraki Catchment Board would be able to offer advice on this matter.

It would seem that the situation your council is facing is in some ways similar to the Raumati erosion situation near Wellington. In this case the Council (Kapiti Borough) constructed a sea wall to protect the adjoining properties from erosion. This wall was built in front of existing protection works. The property owners affected were charged a large part of the cost of the work and will contribute to maintenance by way of a special rate. The Water and Soil Conservation Council also made a grant towards the costs of the works after the Borough altered its district scheme to reduce the risk of erosion to future development.

If your Council should decide to go ahead with some form of work constructed below high water to protect the area you should let this Ministry know what is intended so that we can advise what approvals will be necessary. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this Ministry.

Yours faithfully

G.K. Whitehouse
for Secretary for Transport



Ext.47

14 January 1965

Messrs Funnell & Jensen,
Barristers & Solicitors,
P.O. Box 31,
THAMES.

Dear Sirs,

Coromandel Harbour Foreshore - A.W. and R. Nye

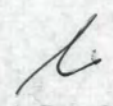
Your inquiry of 1 December 1964 to the District Administration Officer, Auckland, has been referred to me and the matter you raise is well known by this Department. Mr Sinclair has effected illegal reclamation and has been directed to remove it by shifting a rock retaining wall to the former high water mark and thus allowing the erosion of the illegal reclamation.

However, from a plan held in this office, it appears that Mr Sinclair's Business Site Licence Number 2875 may lie between your clients site and the foreshore, but as I am informed that the sites have not been surveyed it may be difficult to verify this. However, The Mining Warden's Court at Thames should have sufficient records to define the boundaries.

I shall arrange for a further inspection of the area and following this it may be necessary to require the removal of any reclamation which cuts off Mr Nye's access to the sea.

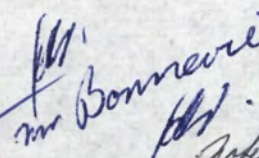
I shall advise you further as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

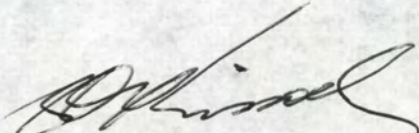

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

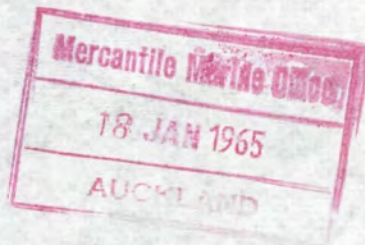
District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

Copy for your information. Your reference 13/937.

A.O. 
Mr Bonner

Noted 13/1/65
L.B.


FOR G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine



Ext.47

14 January 1965

The Commissioner of Crown Lands,
P.O. Box 460,
HAMILTON.

Unauthorised Reclamation Coromandel Harbour
D.R. Sinclair - Your Reference 3/2033 & 14/110

With reference to the above subject further complaints have been received that the reclamation wall has been reinstated and further work done which cuts off access to the sea by adjoining lessees.

... I attach a copy of the plan annexed to the Business Site Licence No. 2875 issued to Mr C. Johnstone and transferred to Mr Sinclair in 1958.

Would you please arrange for a further investigation of the site and advise what portions of the reclamation should be immediately removed to give access to the sea. You may consider after inspection of the site, that reliance on erosion of the reclamation by the sea is unsatisfactory and that Mr Sinclair should be directed to remove the whole reclamation by earthmoving equipment.

The District Commissioner of Works, Hamilton, has arranged for previous site inspections on engineering matters and it would perhaps be as well if you could arrange for his Resident Engineer to be present at the inspection and also the County Engineer who was present at the initial inspection by your Field Officer on 20 June 1960. The local Constable has been drawn into this local contention by complaints of trespass and it would be helpful if he also was present.

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for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

The District Commissioner of Works,
Private Bag,
HAMILTON.

Copy for your information. Your Reference 96/10300.

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

Copy for your information. Your reference 13/937.

for G. L. O'Halloran Secretary for Marine

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JAN:MD

13/937

P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND,

5 January 1965

Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Ney,
Long Bay Road,
Coromandel.

Dear Sir,

FORESHORE COROMANDEL HARBOUR. LONG BAY

With reference to your letter of 4 December 1964, relative to the abovementioned area, I have to advise that as land titles adjacent to the foreshore there are obscure, your letter has been referred to our Head Office in Wellington who will reply to you direct.

Yours faithfully,


for (R. A. Squire)
District Administration Officer

21-656

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JAN:MD

13/937

P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND,

5 January 1965

Messrs. Purnell & Jensen,
P.O. Box 31,
~~THAMES.~~

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LONG BAY - A.W. & R. NYE

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Yours faithfully,


for (R. A. Squire)
District Administration Officer

Secretary for Marine,
WELLINGTON.

Copy for your reference M/5051 together with copies of letters from Messrs. Purnell & Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Nye, to whom a similar reply has been forwarded, for your attention.


for (R. A. Squire)
District Administration Officer

13/937

Long Bay Rd

Richardson

Nye

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Mr. Nye walked along here
while fencing.

boatshed

high 54 ft

reclaimed & water

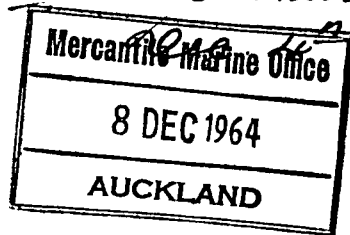
gradually washing away

maxwell's
miner's
right
section

42 ft

rock reinforcing

Long Bay Rd.
Coromandel



1964

The Superintendent
Marine Dept.
Auckland.

Dear Sir,

Further to our interview re
Mr. Sinclair and our trespassing.

Enclosing a rough sketch
of the land under discussion, from which you
will readily see that it is all marine reserve,
although Mr. Sinclair does pay a rental for the
land where his sub-standard baches stand - or
to be correct, where they should stand.

The legal plan of Mr. Marsden's
section is in existence, but there never has
been (according to Mr. Marsden who has gone
very thoroughly into this problem) any plan of
the Sinclair piece, only the one he plotted up
for himself. That includes all he reclaimed
& out to sea too. Earlier on it included
the Marsden section & a lump of Firths
and the Thames Land Court rejected it.

We understand he is now in
the process of trying to freehold, but

how much, we just don't know.

When Mr Nye erected his fence he was forced to walk on the seaward side

We can see no reason why we should receive annoying letters from Mr Sinclair's lawyer, threatening us with police & civil actions and a claim for injunction for trespass.

If you could do something whereby Mr Sinclair's nonsense is crushed, we would be indeed grateful.

Thanking you
- Yours faithfully
Rose Nye
A. W. Nye.

A.O.

PURNELL & JENSEN

BARRISTERS
AND SOLICITORS

~~HERBERT FRANCIS PURNELL~~
PETER JENSEN, LL.B.
KEITH HERBERT PURNELL, LL.B.

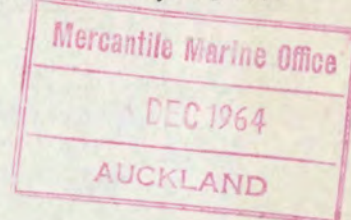
TELEPHONES: 161 & 361

13/937
P.O. Box 31

*Law Office,
Pollen Street,
Thames, N.Z.*

1st December, 1964.

The Officer In Charge,
Marine Department,
AUCKLAND.



Dear Sir,

Re: COROMANDEL HARBOUR FORESHORE - A.W. & R. NYE.

We act for the abovenamed who own a Residence Site Licence No. 11082 registered in the Warden's Court at Thames, which lies adjacent to the waterfront at Coromandel just south of the canning factory.

Our clients acquired Title to this property in 1958 about which time the high water came to a point approximately within 15 feet of our clients' land. Since then our clients inform us that one Sinclair, who owns a bach immediately westward of their land has continuously effected artificial accretions to the land upon which his bach is erected by extensive filling and the use of stone walling. The result of this activity is that our client complains that the high water mark now is some 60 or 70 feet from their property and they have been deprived of the enjoyment of the sea frontage by ~~this~~ neighbour, Mr. Sinclair.

Our clients ask that you should investigate the matter with a view to requiring that the position be restored as it was in 1958. Our clients complain that Mr. Sinclair claims exclusive rights over this section of the foreshore which he has reclaimed and has gone to the extent of threatening through his solicitors to take police action against our clients if they walk across this land.

Yours faithfully,
PURNELL & JENSEN,

Per.....
[Signature]

A.O.

Ext 47

Mr E.G. Habershon,
29 Battery Road,
NAPIER.



22 April 1963

Dear Mr Habershon,

... With reference to your letter of 8 April 1963
to the Auckland Office of this Department, I enclose a
copy of a letter I have written to Mr Sinclair correcting
an impression gained by an officer of this Department
from apparently wrong information received.

Yours faithfully,

Enc.

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

Copy for your information.
Your Reference 13/937.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. L. O'Halloran".

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

Seen
26.4.63

Ext 47

22 April 1963

Mr D.R. Sinclair,
31 Barton Street,
Blackhouse Bay,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,

Unauthorised Reclamation-Coromandel

With reference to the discussion at the Auckland Office of this Department on 2 April 1963, and the remark made that it was thought that Mr Habersham had written a letter stating that the reason for his leaving Coromandel was the blocking of his access by your reclamation work, a letter has been received from Mr Habersham to the effect that such was not the case and that he has at all times been on the best of terms with you.

On looking further into the matter the wrong impression was created not by a letter received from Mr Habersham but as a result of apparently wrong information initially referred to this Department.

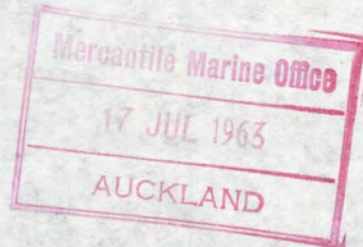
Mr Habersham is most anxious that any wrong impression concerning his relations with you is corrected and I am writing accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

15 July 1963

Mr D. R. Sinclair,
31 Barton Street,
Blockhouse Bay,
AUCKLAND.



Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 30 April 1963, I have received a report on the inspection of the reclamation site carried out on 18 June 1963 at which you were present, and I understand that the removal of the boulders has been completed, and erosion of the reclamation is taking place which you consider may carry on beyond the original shore line. I have been advised that this is unlikely but if you wish to take precautions against erosion of land which has not been reclaimed you may reposition the rocks along the old shoreline as shown blue on the tracing forwarded to you with my letter of 14 December 1961.

Yours faithfully,

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P. O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

Your reference 13/937. Copy for your information.

G. L. O'Halloran
for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

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District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

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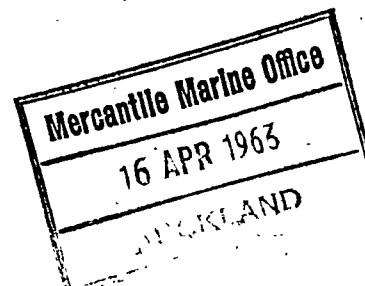
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G. L. O'Halloran
for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine
10/4/1963

Extn 47

10 April 1963

Mr D. R. Sinclair,
31 Barton Street,
Blockhouse Bay,
AUCKLAND.



Dear Sir,

Unauthorised Reclamation - Coromandel

Further to my letter of 19 March 1963 and with reference to your call at the Auckland Office of this Department on 2 April 1963, as advised in my letter of 19 March, the inspection of the reclamation site revealed that while it may be said that the stone wall facing the harbour has been generally broken down to beach level but many of the stones have been thrown back on to the reclamation while a few remain in what would be the footing of the original wall. A number of clean stones appear to have been built on to the end of an old wall that is known as the "Johnston" wall at the side of an occupied beach.

It will thus be necessary to completely remove all the stones, (including those recently added to the Johnston portion of the wall). This Department would have no objection to your relocating them along the old high water mark boundary as shown on the tracing forwarded to you with my letter of 14 December 1961. The tracing was made by a competent officer of the Department of Lands and Survey and is considered to be accurate.

It is considered that the concession extended to you of removal of the stones is most reasonable as there is power in the Harbours Act 1950 to require you to remove all the fill material.

With regard to your suggestion that the rocks now appearing in the footing of the retaining wall were part of the original rocky beach, it is considered that this would be unlikely as I understand that the wall was erected from rocks barged from across the bay. No doubt if the original beach consisted of rocks these would have been utilised in the erection of the wall. Moreover your plan of the area states that it is mudflat.

As stated in my letter of 19 March 1963, I would reiterate that all rocks in the wall are to be removed without delay and I shall arrange for an inspection of the area in six weeks time. If the report is unsatisfactory this Department will arrange for removal of the remaining stones at your cost.

Yours faithfully,

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

*Seen
17/4/63*

RAS:VM

13/937

P.O. Box 1254
AUCKLAND

10 April 1963

Secretary for Marine
WELLINGTON.

UNAUTHORIZED RECLAMATION: COROMANDEL HARBOUR:

Your file M4/5051:

... Attached is copy of letter dated 8 April 1963 received from E.G. Habershon. It would appear that this letter results from a conversation between Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Cullen in this office on 3 April.

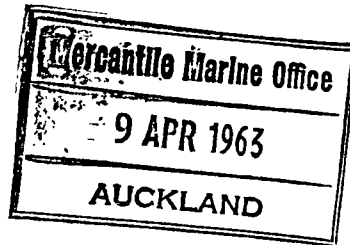
(P.A. Squire)
District Administration Officer

13/937

29 Battery Road,
Napier.

8th April, 1963.

The Superintendent,
Marine Department,
AUCKLAND.



Dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from Mrs. Sinclair (34 Barton Street, Blockhouse Bay) re stone wall on the waterfront at Coromandel, which I find somewhat upsetting.

It would appear that at a conference in your office on 2nd April, 1963, Mr. Cullen said that I had written a letter stating that I had sold my home in Coromandel on account of Mr. Sinclair's Mining Lease being reclaimed and blocking my access. If this impression was given, I can assure you that it was quite wrong; the reclamation was no trouble to me whatever, and was not the reason for my leaving Coromandel.

As far as Mr. Sinclair is concerned, since I got to know him six years ago, we have been the best of friends, and at no time have there been any difficulties between us. Unless this false impression is corrected, I stand to lose two of my best friends.

When I bought the property in Coromandel in 1954 to retire to, the neighbours started to get me worried about there being a Mining Lease outside ours, so that we could be blocked from getting our boat up to the house, which was our main reason for buying the property. After talking things over with Mr. Sinclair, I knew we had no worry, as he didn't intend to reclaim the area, nor has he done so; the only bother was caused by Nye bulldozing tons of Mining Tailings over Mr. Sinclair's lease. To prevent this washing away at Spring Tides, Mr. Sinclair did the only sensible thing; he put a few rocks along the toe of the heap of rubble. The only mistake Mr. Sinclair made was that he did not consult the Mines Department and get the Wardens Court to consent to his strengthening his sea front - he went to the Marine Department instead - but he is, as far as I know, still under Mining Law and there are claims staked outside his on the beach. If he had consulted the Wardens Court, any interested parties would then have had a chance to lodge objections.

I gave a man named Nye, whose wife was an old

DAO. (7)

Coromandel resident, a quarter acre of land as he couldn't find a home, and to save Mr. Sinclair going over other people's property, I gave him a "right of way" over our place. Then I was hoping to settle down in peace, but it was, alas, not to be; certain neighbours (one now deceased) kept the "hate session" going, and this is the key to the whole position - interested parties want to see Mr. Sinclair lose his lease, and will make tools of anyone they can get to help. It is too long a story to tell here; when I sold out to Mr. Scott I had had five years of the "bickering," and got so fed up with it that I left, and if I never see Coromandel again it will be soon enough for me.

After five years, I have no copies of letters or documents, and have very hazy ideas as to what was written. Please try to correct any wrong impression formed re myself and Mr Sinclair - it was the other crowd that made our lives so miserable. As the Mines Department Warden said, "There are too many bush lawyers in Coromandel with nothing to do; if in trouble come and see me."


I am a retired Civil Servant, and well known to your former Fishery inspector, Ivan Anderson of Russell, now retired, who will gladly give you a guarantee of my integrity. I assure you that the whole sordid business is caused by a neighbour's quarrel.

The man I sold out to insisted on water access, and this was all settled in a friendly chat with Mr. Sinclair. I hope you can assure Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair that they were the only ones that didn't give us any bother.

If I did write your Department giving the impression that I connected Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair with the trouble, I cannot have expressed myself as I intended. I was under great stress at the time. And I wish any such letter to be unconditionally withdrawn and destroyed.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. Habersham

To Limerick. 

Marston Boat shed.

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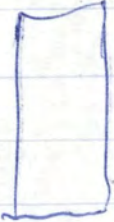
Mr. Sinclair's

Right of way given to

Mud & Water

Road

Thurston



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13/937

P.O. Box 1254
AUCKLAND.

22 November 1962

Secretary for Marine,
WELLINGTON.

UNAUTHORIZED RECLAMATION COROMANDEL HARBOUR:

Refer your memorandum H4/5051 of 17 October 1962:

... Enclosed is copy of memorandum received from the
Inspector of Fisheries, Coromandel, together with the tracing
as requested by you.

[Signature]
for R.A. Squire
District Administration Officer

ENCL:



PLEASE QUOTE M4/5051 M. 2518

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

T. & G. BUILDINGS, GREY ST., WELLINGTON C.1., N.Z.

TELEGRAMS AND CABLES: "SECYMAR"

TELEPHONE 49-460 Extn 47



20 November 1962

The District Administration
Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Unauthorised Reclamation Coromandel
Harbour : Your ref 13/937

With reference to my memorandum of 17 October 1962
please advise the present position.

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

*Letter crossed
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MARINE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM for

*District Administration Officer
Auckland.*

Unauthorized Reclamation Coronandel Harbour

As requested I have inspected Mr Sinclair's property and have the following comments to make.

- 1, Since last inspection erosion by sea has uncovered stone that was not visible before on face of reclamation.*
- 2, Stone work pulled down by Mr Sinclair has been relocated on area marked yellow on attached tracing.*
- 3, No stone has been relocated on area marked blue on attached tracing.*

*E. N. Macdonald.
Inspector of Fisheries.*

*A.O. [initials]
[initials]*

P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

29 October 1962

Inspector of Fisheries,
P.O. BOX 7,
COROMANDEL.

UNAUTHORIZED RECLAMATION COROMANDEL HARBOUR:

- ...1. With reference to my previous memorandum 13/937, enclosed is a copy of a memorandum received from the Secretary for Marine.
2. Would you please return the tracing to this office together with your reply in due course.



for R.A. Squire
District Administration Officer

ENCL:

PLEASE QUOTE M.4/5051



MARINE DEPARTMENT.

T. & G. BUILDINGS, GREY ST., WELLINGTON C.1., N.Z.

TELEGRAMS AND CABLES: "SECMARINE"

TELEPHONE 49-460
Ext. 47

SUPERINTENDENT MARINE

19 OCT 1962

AUCKLAND

17 October 1962

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.


Unauthorised Reclamation
Coromandel Harbour
(your ref. 13/937)

Please confirm that the rock wall has been completely removed from the face of the reclamation and that it has not been relocated beyond the boundary of the area coloured blue on the attached tracing.

Please return the tracing with your reply.

An extra copy of this memorandum is enclosed for transmission to the Inspector of Fisheries, Coromandel.

A.O. (4)
EO.


for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

28 September 1962

Secretary for Marine,
WELLINGTON.

UNAUTHORISED RECLAMATION - COROMANDEL HARBOUR:

Your memorandum M.4/5051 of 12 September 1962:

Appended is a copy of a memorandum received from the Inspector of Fisheries, Coromandel:-

"The existing mole one hundred yards from Mr. Sinclair's property is of the following dimensions:-

1. Two hundred and four yards long.
2. Nineteen yards wide at widest point.
3. Highest point low water approx. four feet.
4. Lowest point low water - one foot six inches.
5. Seaward end has five feet three inches of water over it 4.12 p.m. tide whilst the other end is barely covered.
6. Structure is facing N.E. to S.W.

This structure built from stone was originally laid down as a foundation for a jetty used by Union Beach Mining Co. in early 1900. The piles have since deteriorated leaving only the original stonework. This structure is marked by a steel peg on the seaward end. "


for R.A. Squire
District Administration Officer



MARINE DEPARTMENT

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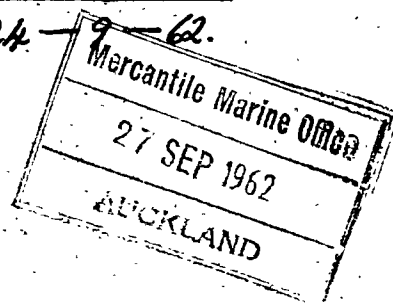
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P.O. Box 7

Commander

24-9-62.



MEMORANDUM for

District Administration Officer
Auckland.

Unauthorized Reclamation Sarnandel Harbour.

The existing mole one hundred yards from Mr Sinclair's property is of the following dimensions

- 1, Two hundred and four yards long
- 2, Nineteen yards wide at widest point.
- 3, Highest point low water approx Four feet
- 4, Lowest point low water One foot six inches.
- 5, Seaward end has five feet three inches of water over it 4.12 PM Tide whilst the other end is barely covered.
- 6, Structure is facing N.E & S.W.

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E. H. Macdonald.

Insp. of Fisheries.

A.O. EO

RAS:VM

13/937

P.O. Box 1254
AUCKLAND.

19 September 1962

Inspector of Fisheries,
P.O. Box 7,
COROMANDEL.

UNAUTHORISED RECLAMATION COROMANDEL
HARBOUR:

1. Appended is a copy of a memorandum received from the Secretary for Marine.
2. Would you please make us aware of the position at present of any structures below the high water mark.


for (R.A. Squire)
District Administration Officer



PLEASE QUOTE M.4/5051 M. 2518

MARINE DEPARTMENT,
T. & G. BUILDINGS, GREY ST., WELLINGTON C.1., N.Z.

TELEGRAMS AND CABLES: "SECYMARINE"

TELEPHONE 49-460

12 September 1962

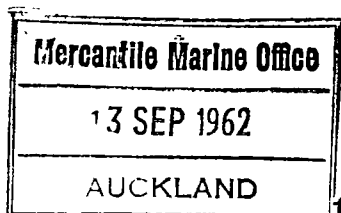
The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254,
Auckland.

Unauthorised Reclamation, Coromandel Harbour
Your ref. 13/937

With reference to your memorandum of 28 August 1962, would you please confirm that all the rocks fronting Mr Sinclair's unauthorised reclamation, have been removed as advice was received on 24 July 1962 that removal had not been completed.

Please also ascertain the position regarding the mole mentioned in the Inspector of Fisheries' memorandum as it is understood that the stones were removed from an old jetty or breakwater across the bay.

If any of these structures remain below high water mark they should be licensed. Please follow this up.



G.L. O'Halloran
for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

A.O. (2)
EO.

KKL/BN

13/937

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

12 September 1962

Mr.D.R.Sinclair,
31 Barton Street,
Blockhouse Bay,
AUCKLAND

Dear Sir,

Unauthorised Reclamation : Coromandel

With reference to your visit to this office today, the Inspector of Fisheries at Coromandel has inspected the area and replies as follows:-

"Referring to your memorandum dated 17.8.62 I wish to inform you that I have inspected the area on Mr.Sinclair's property as requested.

I found that the retaining wall has been dismantled although the stone removed from an adjoining mole one hundred yards away has not been returned."

Yours faithfully,



for R.A.Squire
District Administration Officer

KKL:KR

13/937

P.O. Box. 1254,
AUCKLAND, C. 1.


28th August, 1962

The Secretary,
Marine Department,
WELLINGTON.

UNAUTHORISED RECLAMATION, COROMANDEL HARBOUR.

Ref. your M4/5051 dated 14/8/62

Appended is a copy of a memorandum received from the
Inspector of Fisheries at Coromandel.


(R.A. Squire)
District Administration Officer.

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inform you that I have inspected the area on Mr Sinclair's
property as requested.

I found that the retaining wall has been dismantled
although the stone removed from an adjoining mole one hundred
yards away has not been returned."



MARINE DEPARTMENT

PLEASE QUOTE

OUR REFERENCE

YOUR REFERENCE

M.-2545

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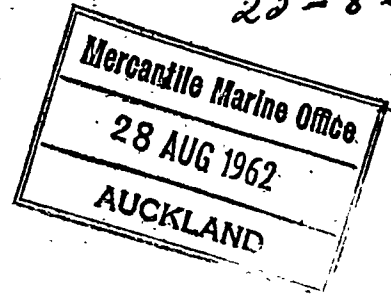
P.O. Box 7

Coromandel

25-8-62.

MEMORANDUM for

District Administration Officer
Auckland



Unauthorised Reclamation, Coromandel Harbour.

Referring to your memorandum dated 17-8-62.
I wish to inform you that I have inspected the
area on Mr Sinclair's property as requested.

I found that the retaining wall has been
dismantled although the stone removed from an
adjoining mole one hundred yards away has
not been returned.

E. N. Macdonald.

Inspector of Fisheries.

A.O.

①

E.O.

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

17 August 1962

Mr. E. MacDonald,
Inspector of Fisheries,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 7,
COROMANDEL

Unauthorised Reclamation, Coromandel Harbour

Referring to a memorandum from your predecessor, Mr. H. White, dated 6 May 1961, there has been considerable correspondence on the matter since then and the result has been a refusal by Marine Department to allow Mr. Sinclair to keep the retaining wall.

A letter to Mr. Sinclair on 14.12.61 instructed him to remove all the wall that was beyond the high water mark.

Mr. Sinclair was to commence removing the wall on or about 23.12.61 and keep in touch with Mr. White re disposal of the stone.

The Secretary for Marine in a letter to Mr. Sinclair dated 14.8.62 states that he has been advised that Mr. Sinclair has not yet completed removal of the wall, and may become liable for the cost of the Crown removing it.

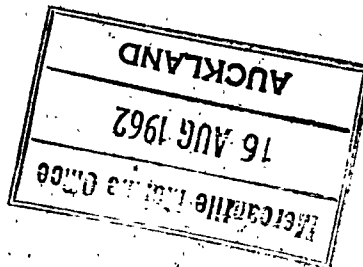
Mrs. Sinclair telephoned this office to say that as far as she was aware, the portion erected by her husband was already down and has been for some considerable time.

Would you please inspect the area as soon as possible and inform me of the situation as at present.


for R. A. Squire
District Administration Officer

Ext.47

14 August 1962



Mr D. B. Sinclair,
31 Barton Street,
Blockhouse Bay,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,

Unauthorized Reclamation : Coromandel

With reference to previous correspondence, it is now almost two years since you were requested by this Department to remove the rock wall enclosing unauthorised reclamation at Coromandel, and it is nearly 8 months since you were served with a removal notice by the Minister of Marine.

I have been advised that you have not yet completed the removal of the wall, and I would remind you that if you fail to comply with the terms of the notice the removal may be undertaken by the Crown at your cost and expense. Furthermore your action is an offence under the Harbours Act 1950, for which there are severe penalties.

An inspection of the area will be made in three months time, and if the position continues to be unsatisfactory there will be no option but for the Department to give consideration to enforcement of the legal remedies.

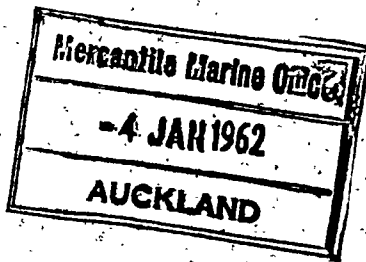
Yours faithfully,

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

Copy for your information. Your ref. 13/937.

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine



Extn 47

3 January 1962

The Commissioner of Crown
Lands,
Department of Lands & Survey,
P.O. Box 460, Hamilton.

Unauthorised Reclamation Coromandel
Harbour
(Your ref: 3/2033)

... With reference to your memorandum of 2 August 1961, I en-
close a copy of a Notice issued to Mr Sinclair by the Minister
of Marine.

Mr Sinclair has also been advised by this Department to re-
move the rock wall enclosing the reclamation beyond the old high
water mark as shown on the plan prepared by your field officer,
and a copy of the plan showing the section of wall to be removed
has been forwarded to him. The section of wall to be removed
has been described to Mr Sinclair as commencing several feet
seawards from his most westerly building and extending for
approximately 72 feet westward and then generally northerly
and north easterly for approximately 144 feet until it touches
Mr Turner's land.

Mr Sinclair has been advised that an inspection of the
site will be made in due course.

... An extra^{copy}/of this memorandum is enclosed.

Encl.

[Signature]
for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

The District Administration
Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Copy for your information. Your reference 13/937

[Signature]
for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine
3/1/1962

Seen [Signature]
4/1/62

Extn 47



14 December 1961

Mr D. R. Sinclair,
31 Barton Street,
Blockhouse Bay,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,

Foreshore Application - Erection of Retaining Wall

Your application of 10 July 1961 to the District Administration Officer Auckland for a foreshore licence in respect of the retaining wall was referred to me.

As investigations have shown that the retaining wall enclosing reclamation has been erected on tidal land without authority, your application has been declined. The Minister of Marine has now issued you with a Notice pursuant to section 177 of the Harbours Act 1950, to remove the wall.

In accordance with this Notice it will be necessary for you to removal all the wall that was beyond the high water mark of the land held under your business site licence before reclamation was carried out. The section of the wall to be removed commences several feet seawards from your most westerly building and extends for approximately 72ft westward and then generally northerly and north easterly for approximately 144ft until it touches Mr Turner's land.

The attached tracing shows the section of the wall to be removed.

An inspection of the site will be made in due course.

Yours faithfully,

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

The District Administration
Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Copy for your information. Your reference 13/937.

for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

14/12/1961

Mr Sinclair to commence removing wall 23/12/61 & will keep in touch with Mr White re disposal of stone. 18/12/61

14 December 1961

Messrs Trimmer Brown and Temm,
Barristers and Solicitors,
C.P.O. Box 2516, Auckland.

Dear Sirs,

Mr D.R. Sinclair
Your Ref. TBD:JO

With reference to your letter of 20 April 1961, the Department's investigations show that the wall enclosing the reclamation was constructed by Mr Sinclair.

The former lessee of the site obtained permission from this Department to lay rocks along his frontage to prevent erosion but he did not construct any of the wall enclosing the reclamation with these rocks.

Mr Sinclair has forwarded plans of the existing retaining wall for approval but as it is not possible or desirable to validate the unauthorised reclamation I have advised him that his application has been declined.

Notice to remove the wall has been served on him by the Minister of Marine pursuant to section 177 of the Harbours Act 1950.


I have written to Mr Sinclair enclosing a sketch plan showing the seaward boundary of his section before reclamation was carried out and if he erects a wall anywhere on the land shaded blue on this plan, the Department will have no objection as it will not then be beyond the old high water mark.

Yours faithfully,


for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

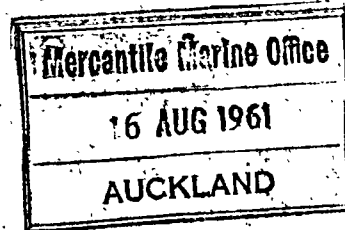
The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Copy for your information. Your ref. 13/937


for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

M.4/5051

Extn 47



15 August 1961

Mr C.C. Johnstone,
Tiki Road, Coromandel.

Dear Sir,

Unauthorised Reclamation - Long Bay Road, Coromandel

It has been stated that you have constructed part of a stone retaining wall enclosing reclamation fronting the Business Site Licence formerly held by you at Long Bay Road, Coromandel. The stone wall and reclamation constitute a breach of the Harbours Act 1950. If I have been misinformed I would appreciate advice accordingly and I would offer my apologies for any inconvenience caused. However, if the information is correct and you constructed part of the wall, the portion erected by you is to be removed without delay and I suggest that you confer with Mr Sinclair of 31 Barton Street, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland, the present occupier of the Business Site, concerning the arrangements to be made for the removal of the stone wall and the reclamation.

Yours faithfully,

for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Your ref. 13/937. Copy for your information.

H. Bullen
for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

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Extn 47

15 August 1961

Mr A. W. Nye,
Long Bay Road,
Coromandel.

Dear Sir,

Unauthorised Reclamation Long Bay Road, Coromandel

Further to my letter of 18 July, I am pursuing my inquiries concerning the above and I should be glad if you would advise me if a portion of the rock wall enclosing the reclamation was built by Mr Johnstone or whether the whole wall was built by Mr Sinclair.

Yours faithfully,

for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

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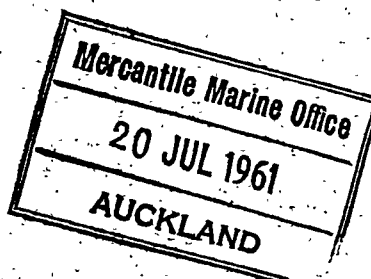
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for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

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18/8/61*

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Extn 47



18 July 1961

~~Mr A.W. Nye,
Long Bay Road,
Coromandel.~~

Dear Sir,

Unauthorised Reclamation - Long Bay Road,
Coromandel -D.R. Sinclair

I refer to your recent discussion with an officer of this Department's Auckland office relative to unauthorised reclamation adjacent to your property at Long Bay Road, Coromandel,

This Department has made a number of requests to Mr Sinclair that he remove the reclamation but complications have arisen which may take some time to finalise. However, the situation is being kept under close review.

If you consider that you have rights which may be infringed by the reclamation, I suggest that you consult with your legal adviser.

Yours faithfully,

for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Copy for your information. Your reference 13/937.

G.L. O'Halloran

for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

*Seen
20/7/61*

18 July 1961

The Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Department of Lands and Survey,
P.O. Box 460, Hamilton.

Unauthorised Reclamation - Coromandel Harbour
Your Ref. 3/2033

With reference to your memorandum of 19 May, I enclose a tracing made by your Field Officer and I should be pleased if you would confirm that the edge of the area shown blue is the position to which Mr Sinclair should shift his rock wall.

It has been confirmed from the Auckland Office of this Department that verbal permission to remove stones from an old breakwater for protection work was given to Mr Sinclair but this permission did not include reclamation.

Whatever rights Mr Sinclair has under a Business Site Licence, (which appears to be restricted by section 146 of the Mining Act 1926 to $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, and to the "surface of the land" by section 145) such would not include reclamation.

Mr Nye, the adjoining landowner, has laid a complaint with the Auckland office of this Department regarding the unauthorised reclamation and I should also be pleased if you would confirm that Mr Nye has a pegged boundary and not a high water mark boundary, and advise me of the status of the land shown blue on the tracing.

Please return the tracing with your reply. An extra copy of this memorandum is attached.

Encl.

for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Copy for your information, your reference 13/937.

W. Bullen
for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

13/937

KKL/BN

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

14 July 1961

Mr.A.W.Nye,
Long Bay Road,
COROMANDEL

Dear Sir,

Further to our conversation of yesterday,
I have since been in touch with my Head Office.

They will be writing you further advice in
due course.

Yours faithfully,



for R.A.Squire
District Administration Officer

13/937

RAS/BN

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

10 July 1961

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Secretary for Marine,
WELLINGTON

Unauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay Road, Coromandel

(Your Ref: M 4/5051 of 27 June 1961)
(My " 13/937 of 28 June 1961)

Further to the above memoranda I enclose the following documents just received:-

- (a) copy of letter dated 8 July 1961 from Mr.D.R.Sinclair
- (b) form M 2559 supported with -
 - 1. copy of letter dated 20 June 1961 from the Mining Registrar to Messrs Trimmer, Brown & Tamm, solicitors acting for Mr.Sinclair;
 - 2. plans in duplicate of the area concerned.

(S.A.Squire)
District Administration Officer

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SUPERINTENDENT MERCANTILE MARINE
10 JUL 1961
AUCKLAND

31 Barton St
Blockhouse Bay
Auckland

8-7-61

The Marine left
Albert St
Auckland

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed completed form supplied by your Dept - also two sketch plans of Business Site License 2875 leased by me off Long Bay Rd. Commanded.

As none of the sections in this area have been surveyed the plans are as near right as possible under the circumstances.

Re the removal of rocks and the forming of a retaining wall. It was either late in November or early in December 1958 when my father Mr F K Sinclair approached the Marine Dept Auckland and was given verbal permission to remove the rocks from an old breastwork to form a retaining wall during the Christmas holidays of that year.

a large part of the wall was formed but not completed.

In January 1960 more rocks were removed to complete the wall but a complaint was lodged with the Hornsby County Council and Mr May the then Engineer called on January 15th and made enquiries as to what authority I had to do this work. The position was explained, & I informed him verbal permission from Marine Dept Auckland. This apparently did not satisfy as on January 25th Mr H White Marine Inspector Hornsby and his assistant Mr Mc Donald called and made similar enquiries. Mr White stated he required the permission I had from the Marine Dept Auckland in writing.

I contacted my father and he in turn called at the Marine Dept and explained what had happened. A sealed letter was given to him to be handed to Mr White. The letter was forwarded to me at Hornsby and when Mr White and Mr Mc Donald

came from patrol on Friday 29th January
the letter was handed to him down on
the boomandel wharf he read the letter
and was quite satisfied, no doubt Mr
White or Mr Mc Donald will recall the
letter and its contents or it may still
be on file at boomandel.

I received a letter from the boomandel
County Council dated 24th February 1960
stating that the Marine Dept. Officer had
advised them the matter had been attended
to, and it is possible they will have a
record of Mr White's letter to them.

I remain

Yours faithfully

D R Sinclair



In reply, please quote:

P.O. Box No.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Telephone:

Magistrate's Court,
20th. June 1961.

Messrs. Trimmer, Brown & Temm,
Auckland.

Dear Sirs,

re David Raymond Sinclair.

Your letter of the 9th. June was placed before the Warden and I have to advise that he has no objection to the Marine Department giving your client a license to occupy the foreshore on which he has erected a retaining wall.


Mining Registrar.

RAS/EN

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

28 June 1961

MEMORANDUM for:-The Secretary for Marine,
WELLINGTONUnauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay Road,
Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair
(Your Ref: M 4/5051 of 27 June 1961)

There is no letter on file concerning the above subject but I can recall a visit paid to this office by a Mr. Sinclair of Coromandel some two years ago during which he expressed a wish to remove some stone or boulders from the Coromandel Harbour to place along the front of his property to prevent it being eroded by sea action.

To the best of my knowledge I gave Mr. Sinclair a note to hand to Mr. White, Inspector of Fisheries, Coromandel asking him to examine the position and if he considered the removal of the stone or boulders insufficient to warrant the issue of a permit, and the material was only to be used as a protection to Mr. Sinclair's property, to grant him permission or otherwise as he thought fit. I can recall no mention of reclamation or the building of a retaining wall - it was only a matter of laying some boulders along the section owned by Mr. Sinclair to save it being washed away.

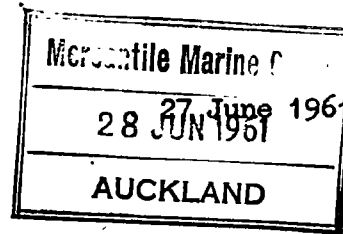
(R.A. Squire)
District Administration Officer



MARINE DEPARTMENT,
T. & G. BUILDINGS, GREY ST., WELLINGTON C.1., N.Z.

TELEGRAMS AND CABLES: "SECYMARINE"

TELEPHONE 49-460 Extn 47



The District Administration
Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Unauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay
Road Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair
(Your Ref: 13/937)

Further to my memorandum of 24 May, the solicitors acting for Mr Sinclair submit that Departmental approval to remove the stone wall could be a contributory factor to the reclamation being carried out but if the approval related only to removal of the wall for protection work it could not be argued that such permission was a contributory factor to unauthorised reclamation.

Please make a further search for correspondence relating to this matter.

G. L. O'Halloran
for G. L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine

D.A.O.

KKL/BN

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

16 June 1961

MEMORANDUM for:-The Secretary for Marine,
WELLINGTONUnauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay Road,
Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair

A thorough search has been carried out of records in this office and no trace of a file copy of the letter can be found.

Mr. Sinclair has since received an application form for a permit and will be sending it back to this office on completion.

for R.A.Squire
District Administration Officer



M. 2518

PLEASE QUOTE

M.4/5051

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

T. & G. BUILDINGS, GREY ST., WELLINGTON C.1., N.Z.

TELEGRAMS AND CABLES: "SECYMARINE"

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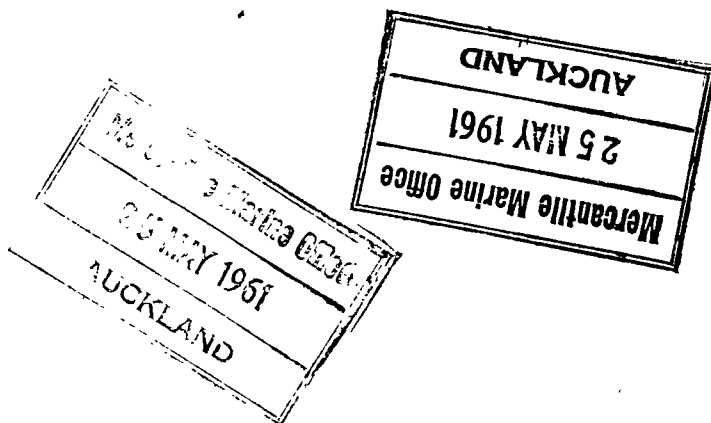
24 May 1961


The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254, Auckland.

Unauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay Road
Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair
Your Ref.13/937

With reference to your memorandum of 16 May, I am
unable to understand why the file copy of a letter from
Auckland office to Mr Sinclair cannot be traced.

Please arrange for the matter to be looked into thoroughly
as it is important that the letter should be found.




for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

13/937

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P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

16 May 1961


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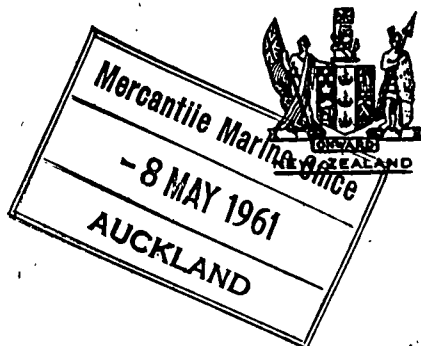
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Unauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay Road,
Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair

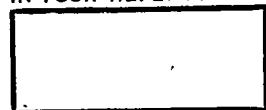
Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum received from
the Inspector of Fisheries, Coromandel.

I am unable to trace a copy of the letter mentioned
by Mr. White.


for R.A. Squire
District Administration Officer



IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE



QUOTE THIS REFERENCE

MARINE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 7.

Coromandel

6th May 1961.

Mr. R. A. Squire
Dist. Administration Officer
Marine Dept.
Auckland.

Unauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay Road
Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd May 1961.
Ref. No. 13/937.

In reply I have to state that I have no correspondence dealing with this matter; However, about two years ago I received a verbal complaint from a local resident that Mr. D. R. Sinclair was removing stone from the area mentioned, to build a retaining wall on his property.

I made an investigation of the area and saw Mr. Sinclair. The retaining wall is on Mr. Sinclair's property and he had then completed the work and would not be requiring any more stone. I asked Mr. Sinclair if he had authority for the removal of this stone and he showed me a letter signed by a Marine Department Official of Auckland authorizing same. Mr. Sinclair is not here just now and only visits here in the festival seasons, but I have no doubt he still has that letter. I can not remember the Officer's name.

Considering this and the fact that this man made breastwork dating back to the early days and being covered at high water and that the removal of the breastwork was lessening a hazard to the navigation of launches and other small craft I took no further action in the matter.

H. D. White
Inspector of Fisheries

13/937

RAS/BN

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

2 May 1961

Mr.H.White,
Inspector of Fisheries,
Marine Department,
P.O.Box 7,
COROMANDEL

Unauthorized Reclamation at Long Bay Road,
Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair

The following has been received from the Secretary for
Marine:-

"With reference to the above would you please forward
copies of correspondence relating to permission
granted by your office for the abovenamed to remove an
old stone breastwork across the bay from his property
the materials to be used as a retaining wall.

The work was carried out either in January 1958 or
January 1959 and permission would presumably have been
granted shortly before those dates."

I am unable to find any correspondence on this matter but
have some recollection that some person in this area was given per-
mission to use some old stone work to protect his section from
erosion. Can you please let me know what you have on this subject.

(*R.A. Squire*)
District Administration Officer



M. 2518

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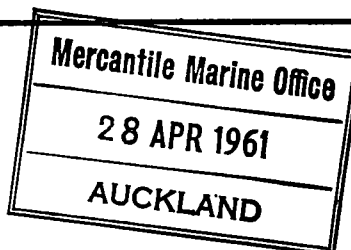
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TELEGRAMS AND CABLES: "SECYMARINE"

TELEPHONE 49-460

Extn 47



26 April 1961

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

Unauthorised Reclamation at Long Bay Road,
Coromandel by David Raymond Sinclair.

With reference to the above would you please forward copies of correspondence relating to permission granted by your office for the abovenamed to remove an old stone breastwork across the bay from his property, the materials to be used as a retaining wall.

The work was carried out either in January 1958 or January 1959 and permission would presumably have been granted shortly before those dates.

D.A.O.

G. L. O'Halloran
for G.L. O'Halloran
Secretary for Marine.

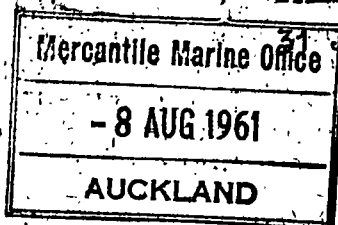
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MINISTRY OF WORKS

P.O. Box 123,
PAEROA.

The County Engineer,
Coromandel County Council,
P.O. Box 1,
COROMANDEL.



Dear Sir,

EROSION, HARATAUNGA STREAM : KENNEDY BAY -
COROMANDEL COUNTY

On the 27th June I inspected the point where the Harataunga Stream broke through the narrow neck of sand hills caused by last year's abnormal tidal wave. Unfortunately, at the time of my inspection, it was high tide and it wasn't possible to assess the extent of work required to close the gap. However, on the following day Overseer Tukukino was able to observe the breach at low tide and has reported that it would be an easy matter to close the gap if prompt action was taken. Mr Tukukino's assessment was that it would require little more than a day's bulldozer work to solve the problem. These facts were reported to you in my previous telephone conversation with you on the subject.

It has been established that there are eleven fishermen vitally concerned with the closing of the gap. A bulldozer and materials are readily available on the spot and the best possible course of action would be for the fishermen to contribute towards the cost and get the job done now - the longer the delay, the bigger the job. In my opinion, considering the cost would probably be under £100, there is little justification for a subsidy since the individual contribution by local residents would only be a small amount. I suggest that the work be carried out as outlined above and when completed you could apply for assistance through the usual channels.

Yours faithfully,
D.J. Fendall
Resident Engineer
Per:

The Dist Commr of Works,
M. of W., HAMILTON.

Attention Mr Kennedy

Reference your 96/110000 of 16.6.61.

The County Engineer disclaimed any knowledge of the problem when approached about the matter! The local fishermen are the only people whose interests are affected and I think they should display some initiative instead of waiting for something to be done for them. The school swimming facilities is a secondary issue and for the time being I think we should wait and see what develops.

D.J. Fendall
Resident Engineer
Per: (sgd) P.F. Clifton

The District Administration Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

Copy for your information.

C.J.W. Parsons
District Commissioner of Works

Per: *W. L. L.*

Ministry of Works,
Private Bag,
HAMILTON.

Ham file
18/8/61
Ham. file: P.W.96/110000.

7 August 1961

RAS/BN

P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

13 June 1961

MEMORANDUM for:-

The District Commissioner of Works,
Ministry of Works,
HAMILTON

Erosion, Harataunga Stream, Kennedy Bay

Attached are copies of correspondence and sketch plans received from residents of Kennedy Bay, Coromandel on 12 June 1961.

- (a) Letters dated 17 April 1961 signed by eight fishermen and others.
- (b) Letter dated 19 April signed by Mr. Slyfield, Head Teacher, Kennedy Bay.

I have advised Mr. Slyfield that copies of the correspondence have been forwarded to you for investigation.

(A. A. Squire)
District Administration Officer

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P.O.Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

12 June 1961

Mr. B. J. Slyfield,
Schoolhouse,
Kennedy Bay,
Private Bag,
COROMANDEL

Dear Sir,

Copies of your letter of the 19 April and the letter dated 17 April, both received today, from Mr. R. W. White and seven others concerning the Harataunga Stream have been forwarded to the District Commissioner of Works, Hamilton for investigation.

I suggest you also approach the Coromandel County Council in this matter because remedial action will probably rest jointly with the Council and the Ministry of Works,

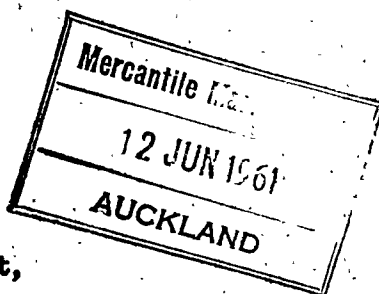
Yours faithfully,

(*R. A. Squire*)
District Administration Officer

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Schoolhouse,
KENNEDY BAY,
Private Bag,
COROMANDEL.

19th April, 1961.



The Secretary,
Marine Department,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,

I understand that the commercial fishermen in this area have written a letter to you regarding the closing of a "break" at the southern end of the tidal estuary, the "break" being caused by last year's tidal disturbances.

The effect on the fishermen is indeed serious, but rather than add my voice to theirs, I wish to state some further facts regarding this matter, both in an official capacity and also as a householder on the western bank of the estuary.

The two main disadvantages of leaving the stream running through the new "break" are erosion and pollution, both of which could become serious if the stream is not soon diverted to its original course.

My school grounds run to the edge of the estuary, and during suitable tides during the summer, the children use the estuary for swimming lessons. Until the tidal disturbances both the floor of the creek and the water were very clean. However, during the past few months, owing to lack of current, the "bed" has fouled (besides becoming much shallower) and as the school is unfortunately halfway between the old and new outlets, rubbish, cowshed overflows, dead animals, etc., are cast in front of the school grounds. Indeed on some occasions, after both viewing and smelling the debris, I would not allow the children to enter the water. Also as we live close to the estuary, with certain winds the smell invades the house. As the old channel is non-existent now and rapid shoaling-up is taking place, the matter of pollution is rapidly becoming worse.

The school has a low rock retaining wall running along the river boundary, but as things are now, with a strong easterly, the effect of the tide coming in both entrances causes a "build up" of water in the vicinity of this wall, and its purpose is being defeated as the bank, particularly on the southern side, is rapidly falling away and assisting to shoal up the river bed.

Sir, I realise that the fishermen's worries are greater than mine, but I hope that this letter may help to persuade your Department to divert the stream to its original course before the storms of winter arrive and cause further damage.

I would say that two days work with a bulldozer would eliminate the problem.

Yours faithfully,

B. J. Slyfield
(Head teacher)

D.A.O.



KENNEDY BAY,
COROMANDEL
17th April, 1961.

The Officer in Charge of Foreshores,
Marine Department,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,

re BREAKTHROUGH AT KENNEDY BAY:

At the time of the tidal waves (May 24th, 1960) the Harataunga Tidal River broke through the narrow neck of sand hills (just below the long bridge) which gave access to the Rangiriri Block on which Mr. T. Harrison grazes his cattle, and Mr. J.W. Bright resides.

As a result of this break through, the river is shoaling up between the new channel and the bar of the old channel and especially at what was known as the "pool" opposite Mr. Bright's house.

If this fills much further, the local commercial fishermen will be unable to work their boats here except at higher tides - limiting their hours of access. Also the lack of current each tide is allowing the river to foul up with effluent from a cowshed and other drains, which were previously cleaned away each tide. Children now find the sandy beach opposite the school very smelly to swim in.

If this break could be filled before the heavy rains of the winter, the floods which come then will help to clear the channels again. The sooner this is fixed the less it will cost, as the new channel is eroding the banks badly.

Previously the fishermen could reach the site of their ice boxes at half tide, but now it is necessary for them to come up at high tide.

Could your Department do anything to help us please?

SIGNED:

K.W. White

T.A. 241

O.R. Lamy

TA 220

R.V. Howell

Tanner

G. Sweeney

TA 243

J. Bright

TA 229

G.W.H. Thwaites

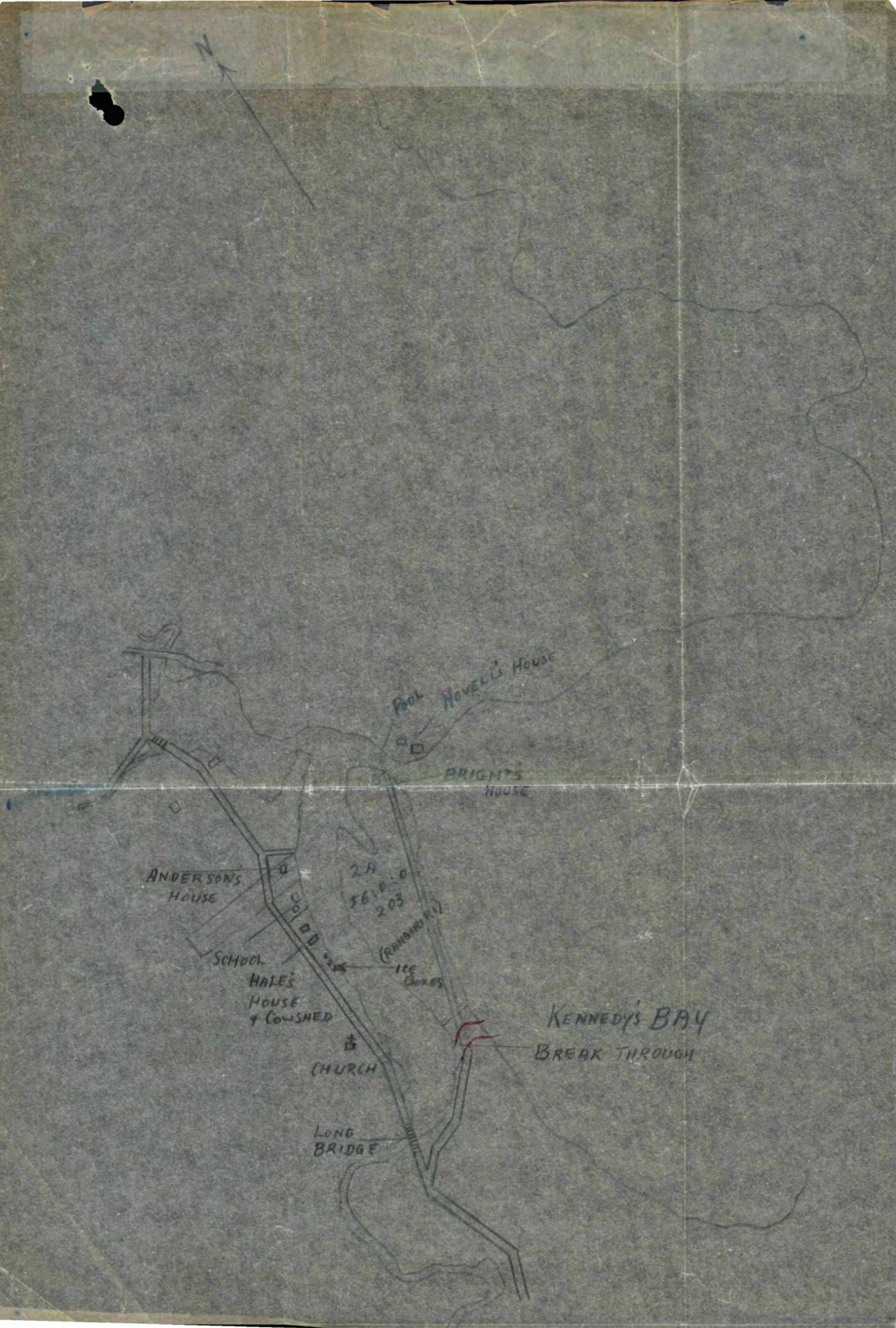
T.A. 239

May Thwaites

West-1B. (River frontage.)

C.R.L. Bright

TA 237



NOVELL'S HOUSE

BRIGHT'S HOUSE

ANDERSON'S HOUSE

SCHOOL
HALES HOUSE
& COWSHED

CHURCH

LONG BRIDGE

KENNEDY'S BAY
BREAK THROUGH

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