

Vincent County Council – Chinese Miners Rights – 1879-1881

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- Correspondence between the county engineer and the Chairman Vincent County Council regarding the matter of County v Chinese Miners at Nevis Wardens Court, Cromwell – October 1880
- Letter from Special Constable Wong Gye, to the Chairman Vincent County Council requesting a bonus for work done for the council detecting and prosecuting Chinese mining without a license and circumstances he was put to during that work – 27 May 1879
- Letter of complaint from James Dawkins regarding inability to access his paddock due to interference by other leases. Attached to this letter is a memorandum from Vincent Pyke to the county engineer requesting that he enquire into Mr Dawkins complaint re stoppage of road and serve notice on the offenders – March 1881
- Notice from the Office of Maniototo County Council by Chairman John Ewing, to the Chairman Vincent County Council informing him of a resolution passed 28 May 1879. It reads:
 - “That seeing the Chinese have now become so numerous, and are still increasing in this and other Goldfield Districts and centres of population, and are competing for and obtaining contracts on public works at such prices as none but Chinamen could exist upon, to the exclusion of European labourer (whose enterprise has been in great measure instrumental in making the Colony what it is at present), in the opinion of this Council it is imperative that the Government should check their future influx. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Government, and the Member for the District; and that a circular letter be addressed to the various County Councils in the Colony requesting their co-operation.
- Correspondence to Vincent Pyke suggesting that the police would receive a commission on all miners rights issued through their intervention, particularly the Chinese Miners - 18 July - 30 October 1878