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Sold Fields Department,
Wellington, 2nd June, 1879.

Sir, With reference to the subject of the purchase of homesteads by settlers upon Franwell and Wauaka road, I have the honor, by the direction of the Honorable the Minister of Lands, to request that you will be so good as to confer with Mr. Warden Simpson as to proclaiming an area of land as a Special Mining District for the prescription of homesteads, under section 66 of "The Mines Act, 1877".

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Oliver Wakefield,
Under Sec. Sold Fields.

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Clyde,

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