

E hoa e Mrtara kua nui (?) taku whakaaro kia tutakina Kakaunui ki Moeraki. Oтира ko taku korero tenei ki a koe, kia rongo mai koe kei Okahau te rohe kei te wahi i korero ai matou ko *Kitara* ko te wahi tera i tu ai matou. E hoa, kia rongo mai koe kei Okahau te rohe ko te wahi tera i tu ai te pou a Kitara. Heoi ano takatahi ano katahi ano ka nui te rohe mo matou, nakonei au i korero ai ki a Kapitina Kakannui ki Moeraki.

Kia rongo mai koe. Ko taku whakaaro tenei. Koia tonu tenei te korero ki a koe. Mahau e korero atu ki a Kawana, te korero pai tenei korero aku ki a koe. Mahau ano e whakaaro kua nui taku whakaaro ki Kakaunui kia nui ki tenei rohe. Mahau tuhituhi kia Kawana me tuhituhi aku korero ekore hoki au e mea ki Kakaunui kia kawea ketia ko taku korero, me hono tonu ki Moeraki kua noho tohi tonu matou ko ka tangata o Kakaunui kua noho ki Moeraki nei. Ka mutu te korero.

Oтира kei a koe te korero me whakarite ano Kakaunui.

(Signed) R. TE MAMARU.

Kia Matara,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 5th April, 1853.

SIR,—

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, transmitting a letter from Rawiri te Mamaru, requesting to be allowed to exchange a reserve at Kakaunui for an extension of the Moeraki reserve in a Southerly direction to Okahau; I have the honor to convey to you His Excellency's approval for the exchange being made in the manner recommended in your letter: viz., that it be an exchange of strictly equal quantities.

With regard to the proposal contained in the last paragraph of your letter, that the Natives of that district should be gradually initiated into the practice of renting land for depasturing purposes, I am further to request that you will endeavour to introduce this custom wherever you may think it expedient to do so.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) ALFRED DOMETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

Walter Mantell, Esq.,  
Commissioner.

Crown Lands Office,  
Otago, 19th March, 1853.

SIR,—

Having, as I had, the honor to report in my letter relative to that mission, been unable in November, 1848, to spare the time which would have been necessary to visit the Kaika of te Warekorari at te Hakataramea on the Waitangi river, I was, as then, reported, under the necessity of promising that a reserve should be surveyed for him at that place at some future time.

On my recalling this promise to the recollection of the Governor-in-Chief prior to my leaving Wellington, I was honoured with His Excellency's directions to proceed to the above mentioned place whenever my other duties might permit, and to set apart such reserve as might seem necessary.

In obedience to these directions, I visited the Waitangi in December last, with the further view of making such examination of the resources of that Valley, as might verify or refute the prevalent conviction that from scarcity of timber, and even fuel, and distance from a point of shipment, it was, however fine the pasture, unfit for occupation.

I have the honor to enclose brief reports on these two subjects.

Although on the occasion above referred to, the Governor-in-Chief gave me permission when necessary to give names to places, I would not venture to interfere with one which has already appeared in the *Government Gazette*:—If however no material objection exists to the abandonment of the name of Waitangi, which is displeasing and so common as to create confusion, I would earnestly suggest that that river be called the Molesworth, in remembrance of one of the earliest and best settlers whom New Zealand has ever lost.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) WALTER MANTELL.

To the Honorable,  
The Colonial Secretary.

REPORT ON THE RESERVE AT TE HAKATARAMEA, WAITANGI GORGE, PROMISED TO TE WAREKORARI FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY.

The population of Te Hakataramea is as follows:—

Te Warekorari	...	...	at	50	...	m.
Tuapuku f	...	...	...	40	...	...