

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

Any one claiming the protection of the British flag must be permitted to avail himself of it, and be guarded from all danger while under it; but no aid should be given to enable Natives to elude or overawe their opponents in order that they may reach the settlement.

It must be clearly understood that no force must ever be used against the Natives, or any party of them, unless in order to punish some direct and distinct outrage on their part.

Individuals should not be allowed to pass through or out of the town armed as if for offence.

Armed bodies would be prevented from so doing by the Officer Commanding the Troops.

By His Excellency's command,

(Signed) F. G. STEWARD,
Private Secretary.

No. 3.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM TE TEIRA AND RETIMANA TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Te Hurirapa,
March 15th, 1859.

Go thou, my loving letter, to the Governor, to Mr. McLean, Mr. Cutfield, and to Mr. Parris. Salutations to you all.

I have received, and am greatly pleased, with the copy of the Governor's Address.

Friend, it is true I have given up Waitara to you; you were pleased with my words, I was pleased with your words.

It is a piece of land belonging to Retimana and myself, if you are disposed to buy it never mind if it is only sufficient for three or four tents to stand upon, let your authority settle on it, lest you should forget your child Teira; but my regard towards you shall not cease as long as I live; it rests with the Almighty to preserve the body and the soul. You are the strong pa to protect the orphan, the widow, and the poor throughout life.

Let other Natives occasion evil respecting land, and give it hands. Those Natives who are obstinate about the sale of land are seeking destruction; but those who wish to live by the Word of God, seek life everlasting, therefore I say to them, pass from death to life, never mind false notions, but consider the great sacrifice made for us by Christ, the Lamb, who knew no sin.

Go straight, this letter, to your father, Governor Browne,—to your father now here, and who will preserve you.

From TEIRA, and RETIMANA.

No. 4.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM TE TEIRA AND RETIMANA TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Te Hurirapa, March 20th, 1859.

Go, this letter of love, to my father, Governor Browne, to Mr. McLean, Mr. Parris, Mr. Halse, and Mr. Cutfield.

Salutations to you.

I am endeavouring to find out the justice of the interference of the people with our (himself and Richmond) love to you. Your word advising them to mark off their own pieces of land within our line (boundary of the block offered by Teira) they have received, but they do not consent. I consent because it is correct. The advice comes from a healthy source. Be stout-hearted, and move quickly in what you intend to do. Consider also you are the beginner and finisher of what is to be done. If they continue to oppose us, how will you act? but see for yourselves personally how they are likely to act; if they persist, adopt a safe plan for finishing it, and for us. You see their interference with other men's rights. This word of mine is a sign for the living: my thoughts are, that they think by their anger to prevent marriage, and to reject the food prepared by God; but this I will explain to you, if you come to-morrow (Monday).

Be mild and collected; if they use bad language pay them with the Word of God.

From TE TEIRA, and RETIMANA.

No. 5.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO MR. PARRIS.

Chief Land Purchase Commissioner's Office,
Auckland, March 29, 1859.

SIR,—

With reference to a letter from Te Teira and Retimana addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and dated the 20th instant, with the contents of which you are acquainted, I have the