

As regards the payment of the balance of Te Teira's purchase money before commencing the survey, or at any subsequent time, you are to use your discretion. The Sub-Treasurer at New Plymouth has been instructed to make the necessary advances on your requisition.

The Governor relies upon your tact and firmness in the execution of the difficult service entrusted to you, hoping that matters may be so conducted as to obviate the necessity of resorting to force, but feeling at the same time that it is impossible for himself, as Her Majesty's Representative, to withdraw from the position which he has deliberately assumed in reference to this affair.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. W. RICHMOND.

R. Parris, Esq.,
New Plymouth.

Enclosure 2 in No. 17.

GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE, C.B., TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS.

Government House,
Auckland, 25th January, 1860.

No. 7.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward an extract of the Minutes recorded in the Executive Council, held 25th January, 1860, and request you to give such instructions as you may deem necessary to the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Troops at New Plymouth, to enable him to carry into effect the views and wishes of the Executive Council. A copy of the instructions sent to the Assistant Native Land Purchase Commissioner is herewith enclosed. A Proclamation enabling the Officer Commanding at New Plymouth to declare Martial Law, and power to call out the Militia, will be forwarded by first mail to Colonel Murray direct.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

The Hon. the Officer Commanding the Troops,
Auckland.

Sub-enclosure to Enclosure 2 in No. 17.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1860.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor,
The Honorable the Officer Commanding the Troops,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable the Attorney-General,
The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,
The Honorable Mr. Tancred.

The Governor submits to the Council the question of the completion of the purchase from the Native Chief Te Teira of a certain block of land, situated in the Province of Taranaki, at the mouth of the Waitara, on its South and left bank, as a preliminary to which, a survey of the land is necessary.

The Council, after a full consideration of the circumstances of the case, advise:

1st. That Mr. Parris be instructed to have the said land surveyed in the ordinary manner, and to take care that the Native Chief William King be indirectly, but not officially, made aware of the day on which the survey will be commenced.

2nd. Should William King or any other Native endeavour to prevent the survey, or in any way interfere with the prosecution of the work, in that case that the surveying party be protected during the whole performance of their work by an adequate Military Force under the command of the Senior Military Officer; with which view power to call out the Taranaki Militia and Volunteers, and to proclaim Martial Law, be transmitted to the Commanding Officer at New Plymouth.

3rd. That when the survey shall have been completed, the Officer Commanding at New Plymouth shall, until further instructed, keep possession, by force if necessary, of the said land, so as to prevent the occupation of, or any act of trespass upon it, by any Natives.

4th. That the Civil Authorities at New Plymouth be instructed to assist and co-operate, by every means in their power, with the Military Authorities in carrying out these instructions.

And the Honorable Colonel Gold and the Honorable C. W. Richmond are to give the necessary directions accordingly.

(Signed) F. G. STEWARD,
Clerk of Executive Council,