

ploughed, that he may have a place large enough for his sheep, cattle, horses, pigs, goats, &c.; that we may acquire substance; that roads may be formed, and ditches made to improve the land. These projects I laid before the Council, and they were approved by them. \* \* \* \* \*

From PATENA, son of Poutama Ngawaka,

To the Governor,  
And Mr. McLean,  
Auckland.

Rangitoto, Hurae 21st, 1857.

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Whakarongo mai, e Te Kawana, e Te Makarini, ki nga tikanga o to matou Runanga; 1. Ko te whenua; 2. Ko te ekanga i te whenua; 3. Ko te parautanga i tana eka kia nui hei nohoanga mo tana hipi, kau, hoiho, poaka, nanenane, kia rangatira ai, kia mahia te rori, kia mahia te awa, kia rangatira te whenua; ko aku tikanga tenei i whakatakoto ai ma te Runanga; ka whakaae ratou. \* \*

Na PATENA, pekenene a Poutama Ngawaka.

Ki a Te Kawana,  
Raua ko Te Makarini,  
Kei Akarana.

Native Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, August 26th, 1857.

SIR,—

With reference to your communication of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, suggesting that assistance should be afforded by the General Government to enable the Waikato Natives to procure grass seed for sowing their abandoned plantations.

I have the honour to inform you that arrangements have been made for the delivery of fifty bushels of mixed grass seed at Waiuku, to your order, for the purpose of distribution among the Natives, on their undertaking to repay the value.

The price paid by the Government for the seed, including carriage to Waiuku, is 6s. 9d. per bushel. To this it will be necessary to add the expenses of receiving, storing, &c.

Careful enquiry has been made for clean seed, but I am informed that it would not be possible at present to procure any in Auckland that could be guaranteed perfectly free from sorrel.

The enclosed sample is as clean as any I have seen.

The seed will be forwarded to Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of Waiuku.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS H. SMITH,  
Assistant Native Secretary.

F. D. Fenton, Esq.,  
Resident Magistrate, Waikato.