

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE NATIVE INSURRECTION.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., GOVERNOR OF NEW
ZEALAND, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

This Memorial of Thomas Buddle, Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission for the Northern District of New Zealand, on behalf of the Wesleyan Missionaries now stationed in the above District,

Respectfully sheweth,

That in the opinion of your Memorialist, founded on information received from confidential Natives, any aggressive movement on the Waikato District at this juncture would provoke a general rising of the Native tribes South of Auckland, lead to an Insurrection to meet which, in the opinion of your Memorialist, the force at present available in the Colony is inadequate; and would be fraught with imminent peril to the lives of a large number of our fellow Colonists, scattered over the out-lying Districts of the Northern Island; and so isolated that no sufficient protection could by the Government be at present afforded them.

That believing these premises to be correct, your Memorialist respectfully prays that Your Excellency will not permit any aggressive movements to be taken until the present relations between the Colony and the Native tribes have been fully represented to Her Majesty the Queen; this course would afford time for further negotiations with the Maori Runanga at Ngaruawahia, a course to which he observes the Government is invited by the reply of the Native Chiefs to Your Excellency's declaration, that reply, in the opinion of your Memorialist, opening a door for a peaceful solution of the matters at issue, an opinion in which he is confirmed by a letter received from an influential Native Missionary who has no sympathy with the Maori King Movement, and who writes: "This is my mature thought, I am convinced that this work (the King Movement) is the work of children. Wait and every knee will bow to the laws of the Queen. They (the King party) will not be permitted to have their own way." And also by the fact that a meeting has been held at Aotea, from which a letter was written to the Runanga at Ngaruawahia, signed by Pingareka, the principal Chief requesting that the Maori flag should be taken down; and a similar meeting was to be held at Kawhia last week for discussing the same subject.

And your Memorialist will ever pray, &c., &c., &c.

THOMAS BUDDLE,
Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission, Northern District
of New Zealand.