

FURTHER PAPERS

RELATIVE TO THE

NATIVE INSURRECTION.

BOUNDARIES OF THE BLOCK PURCHASED AT WAITARA.

RETURN TO AN ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 23RD JULY, 1861.

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No. 1.

THE DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLOCK PURCHASED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT WAITARA, AND READ TO THE ASSEMBLED NATIVES BY MR. PARRIS ON THE 29TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

Kia mohio nga Tangata katoa. Ko nga rohe tenei o te whenua kua homai e Te Teira ma kia Te Kawana :

Ka timata kei te Piti kei Onatiki ka ahu ki uta, maro tonu tika tonu ki te Kohia kei te huanui te ara ki te Mamaku, ka tae ki reira ka ahu ki te whakarua i runga i te ara kaata ka tae ki Pukeruru ka heke ki Maungahakaia kei te taha o te wai E huaina ko Mangainau, ka tae ki reira ka ahu kei tai ka haere ki Opatito kei te kahikatea E tu ana kei reira, a ka haere tonu ki Arakauere, ka tae kei reira kaahu kei te whakarua ki Pukekohe kei te papa ki uta o te pa, ka tae ki te pari ki te whakarua ka ahu kei tai i runga i te pari ka tae kei te taiepa kiri kei Mataiwhetu ka ahu ki te whakarua ka haere tonu ki te awa Waitara ka tae ki reira ka ahu kei tai ka haere tonu i roto i te awa tae ki te kongutu ka tae ki reira ka ahu ki te whakatonga ka haere tonu i te piti tae ki Onatiki kei te timatanga ano.

E mea ana Te Kawana mehemea ka tika te kupu o tetahi tangata e ki nei he pihhi whenua tana i roto i nga rohe kua tuhituhia nei ki tenei pukapuka, kahore i a ia i te pai kia hokona taua pihhi (ara tona taupa) me rohe marire me waiho tana pihhi ki a ia.

A mo te whakaaetanga o te Teira ma ki te hoki ki te hoatu taua whenua kia Te Kawana mo te Kuini o Ingarani E whakaae ana te Kawana i te hoatu kia ratou £100 ma Parete e hoatu i tenei ra i te 29 o Nowema, 1859.

Na ka oti te tapahi nga rohe me te whakarite te utu mo tana whenua, i reira ka hoatu katoa nga utu mo tana whenua kua tuhituhi nei ki tenei pukapuka.

[TRANSLATION.]

Know all men. These are the boundaries of the land given up by Te Teira to the Governor.

Commencing on the beach at Onatiki and running inland in a direct line to Te Kohia along the road which leads to Te Mamaku on reaching which place it runs in a Northerly direction along the cart road till it reaches Pukeruru, descending thence to Maungahakaia to the side of the stream called Mangainau, on reaching which it turns seawards to Opatito to the kahikatea tree standing there, and on to Arakauere whence it runs in a Northerly direction to Pukekohe to the flat inland of the pa, on reaching the bank to the North of it, it runs seawards along the bank to the earthen fence at Mataiwhitu, thence in a Northerly direction to the Waitara river, on reaching which it turns seawards in the course of the river to its mouth, whence it runs southward, and along the beach to Onatiki where it commenced.

And the Governor declares that if the assertion of any man is true who states that he has a portion of land situated within the boundaries recited in this document, and he does not wish his portion to be sold (that is his own strip of cultivation ground), it may be distinctly marked off and his portion left to him.

And in consideration of the consent of Te Teira and others to sell and convey this land to the Governor for the Queen of England, the Governor consents that there should be given to them by Mr. Parris £100 on this 29th day of November, 1859.

When the boundary lines have been cut and the price fixed for this land, the whole of the payment for the said land described in this document shall be handed over.

No. 2.

THE ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO THE NATIVE SECRETARY.

Assistant Native Secretary's Office,
Collingwood, 20th June, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that on the 7th May last when travelling from Collingwood to Takaka in company with the Reverend Henry Halcombe of Collingwood and Mr. Winfield Higgin, Inspector of Roads for this District. I observed Ropoama Te One, Rei Nganiho, Ropata Witikau, Rawiri Watino, Eruera Tatana Te Keha and other Chiefs and people of the Ngatiawa tribe assembled on the beach near to the native pah at Pariwhakaoho, and on approaching them I found that Ropoama Te One had drawn on the sand a plan of the disputed land at Waitara, defining the portions belonging to himself, Te Teira and Wiremu Kingi Rangikaheke, respectively. The positions of the various paha

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were also indicated by small inclosures made of pieces of split flax stalks. As the Ngatiawa present seemed to be of opinion that Ropoama's sketch was correct, I got him to explain it to me, and then copied it into my note book. As it is possible it may be of some slight importance, I do myself the honor to enclose herewith a copy of it. The names of the paha are as Ropoama gave them to me, as I am perfectly ignorant of that locality, never having visited Waitara.

The plan was not drawn by Ropoama at my request, nor did I know of his intention to make it, it having been completed before my arrival; and to satisfy the Government that my seeing it was merely accidental, I shall place myself in communication with the Rev. H. Halcombe and Mr. Higgin on the subject and furnish you with copies of the correspondence. My reason for being thus particular is that in my opinion there is more reliance to be placed on the plan from its having been drawn by the Natives themselves and for their own information and amusement, than if it had been done for, or at the request of an officer of the Native Department.

The Native Secretary,
Auckland.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACKAY, Jun.,
Assistant Native Secretary.

Enclosure 1 in No. 2.

THE ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO THE REV. E. H. J. HALCOMBE.

Assistant Native Secretary's Office,
Collingwood, 20th June, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to request that you will be kind enough to furnish answers to the following questions:—

Do you recollect travelling to Takaka on the 7th May last in company with Mr. Winfield Higgin and myself?

On passing Pariwhakaoho Pa did you observe any Natives on the beach, and had they made any sketch or plan of land on it?

Do you remember my coming from a whare in the paha and finding yourself and Mr. Higgin standing near the assembled Natives?

Do you remember Mr. Higgin saying the Natives have drawn a plan of the land at Waitara?

Did you notice me speaking to the Natives about the sketch they had made, and my saying to yourself and Mr. Higgin that it was a plan of the disputed land at Waitara?

Are you aware whether I remained behind sketching the Native plan into my note-book when yourself and Mr. Higgin went on to Walker's house?

Your answers to the above queries will confer a great obligation on me; as they may be of some little importance, I trust you will be very particular as to the correctness of them.

I have, &c.,

Rev. H. Halcombe,
Collingwood.

JAMES MACKAY, Jun.,
Assistant Native Secretary.

Enclosure 2 in No. 2.

THE REV. E. H. J. HALCOMBE TO THE ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY.

The Parsonage, Collingwood,
June 20th. 1861.

MY DEAR SIR,—

With respect to the queries contained in your letter of to-day's date, I have to answer:—

1. That I perfectly recollect travelling to Takaka on the 7th of May with Mr. Winfield Higgin and yourself.

2. That on arriving at Pariwhakaoho pa I observed a number of Natives sitting on the beach surrounding a sketch or plan of land traced upon it which an old Native seemed to be explaining.

3. You had preceded Mr. Higgin and myself to the Pa, and on our coming up you came out from a whare in the Pa, and joined us as we were standing by the circle of Natives.

4. I remember Mr. Higgin saying, I think in answer to a question from me, that the Native had drawn a plan of the land and fortification at the seat of war; and I also recollect his telling a Native whom we met at Parimahoi that the Natives were having a "korero" about the war, and had got a plan of the ground upon the beach.

5. I recollect noticing that you entered into conversation with the Natives about the plan, but my memory is not quite clear as to the name of the place to which you said it applied, but it probably was Waitara, at all events I recollect your stating that it had to do with the Taranaki disputes.

6. When Mr. Higgin and myself proceeded towards Walker's house, you remained behind joining us again just after we reached Walker's, but I cannot say whether or not you were copying the Native plan, though I believe that when we separated you had your note-book in your hand.

I have, &c.,

James Mackay, Jun., Esq.,
Assistant Native Secretary, Collingwood.

E. H. J. HALCOMBE, B.A.
Curate of Golden Bay.