

ENCLOSURE 4.—LIST OF UNPAID ASSESSORS ON PROBATION.

NAMES.			RESIDENCE.		
Henare	Te Titaha	...	Te Karetu	...	Pension £5.
Wiremu	Te Tete	...	Mokau	...	
Parata	Puariri	...	Te Haumi	...	
Hare	Matenga	...	Hanotapiri	...	
Hare	Hakiro	...	Kaikohe	...	
Kou	Ohaeawae	...	

No. 2.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CIVIL COMMISSIONER.

Office of Minister for Native Affairs,
Auckland, January 27, 1862.

SIR,—

With reference to the several letters which have been received from yourself, and Mr. W. B. White of Mongonui, on the subject of the constitution of the Bay of Islands District, I have now the honor to inform you of the decision to which the Government has come, after careful consideration of your joint representations.

Considering the success which has attended Mr. White's labours among the Natives of the Rarawa Tribe at Mongonui, and the valuable services which that officer has been able during many years to render to the Government, they consider the interests of the public service will be best secured by continuing him in the independent management of that part of the country. His Excellency has been accordingly pleased, by Order in Council on the 25th instant, to revoke the previous Orders of 7th December 1861, and to re-constitute the Mongonui District under the Native Acts, within the same boundaries as were originally fixed in 1859.

With regard to the Bay of Islands, an Order in Council of the same date constitutes all the country North of a line from Mongonui Bluff on the West Coast to the North Head of Tutukaaka on the East, (with the exception of the Mongonui District above mentioned,) to be one district for the purposes of the Native Districts Regulation Act, and places it under your management as Civil Commissioner. For the purposes of the administration of justice under the Native Circuit Courts Act the District has been divided by Orders in Council into the three Hundreds of Waimate, Hokianga, and Kororareka, according to boundaries which were agreed upon at your interview with the Honorable the Colonial Secretary. These Orders will forthwith be published according to law, and will take effect on the 15th February next.

The Government have had under consideration the list you submitted of Ten Chiefs to be appointed members of the first District Runanga of the Bay of Islands. Relying on your assurance that these Chiefs would be entirely acceptable to the Native population, the Government have felt no difficulty in advising His Excellency to confirm the list; indeed, there are several names included in it of Chiefs who, under any circumstances, would have been asked by Sir George Grey to have taken part in introducing His Excellency's plan of Native Government. So soon as these Chiefs shall decide on holding their first meeting, (a point which is left to you to settle with them,) it will be desirable that you should bring before them the question whether they desire any addition to be made to their number. The Government are now considering a proposal for constituting, by some formal instrument, either District or Village Runangas, as the case may be, and for conferring certain powers upon them in pursuance of the provisions of the Native Districts Regulation Act. The first step will probably be, in every case, the appointment of a certain number of Chiefs by the Governor, as is now proposed by you in the case of the Bay of Islands; but it is not unlikely that the Natives will themselves call for the exercise, under reasonable safe-guards, of the privilege of electing members for themselves. Whatever shall tend to make them take a real and practical interest in working out any plan of self-government, will best approve itself generally to the Governor and to the General Assembly; and in a district inhabited by so loyal a population as the Ngapuhi, the Government would be glad at once to consider with care any desire that might be expressed by the Runanga for an increase of its members under some mode of election by the people themselves.

It is in this spirit that the Governor has been pleased to leave to the Runanga the full nomination to the appointments of Karere, and will also allow the Runanga to nominate the additional Warden subject to His Excellency's confirmation. His Excellency in Council has fixed the number of Kareres for the District at 20, and the Runanga may allot what proportion it shall think best to each of the three Hundreds.

In pursuance of your recommendation, the Governor has also been pleased to confirm the proposed appointment of Mr. Hopkins Clarke as clerk and interpreter to the Civil Commissioner and the Resident Magistrate at Waimate, and of Mr. Webster as clerk and interpreter to the Resident Magistrate at Hokianga. Mr. Barstow, at present Resident Magistrate at Russell, will be requested to undertake the duty of Magistrate for the Hundred of Kororareka.