

Pahoro	Greytown.
Riwai Paniata	"
Hoani Te Rangitakaiwaho	Papawai.
Koromana	Huiroa.
Piripi Te Apota	Manukawiri.
Tamati Patorumu	"
Te Kepa Ororoa	Hautotara.

Patorumu Te Apatu presided, neither Ngairo, Wi Mahupuku nor Heremia voted: their position in the party rendering it improper for them to do so. They have however expressed their opinion to me; they condemn the Taranaki tribe and desire that they should be left unassisted to receive their punishment at our hands.

The loyal natives consider the Government called upon to punish severely those who are opposing its authority.

I have, &c.,
HERBERT WARDELL,
Resident Magistrate.

No. 25.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G.

Government House, Auckland,
3rd July, 1863.

No. 69.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to enclose for your Grace's information, a copy of a letter from the Assistant Native Secretary at Taranaki, dated the 26th ultimo, which I think it right your Grace should peruse, in order that you may understand the state of feeling unfortunately existing at this moment between the two races in this country, as without really knowing what the state of the case in reference to this point is, it would be impossible to comprehend much that transpires here.

2. Your Grace will find from this letter, that even Natives who render at the present moment most essential services to us, may be subjected to the most offensive treatment from the European race, and that it is consequently very difficult to control two populations standing in such unfortunate relations to one another.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

Enclosure to No. 25.

New Plymouth,
June 26th, 1863.

SIR,—

For the information of His Excellency's Government, I have the honor to forward the following Report, containing further information relating to the engagement on the 4th instant, obtained by way of Mataitawa, from Haera Te Paea, who has returned from visiting the insurgent Natives in the Taranaki district. His departure I reported in my letter on the 16th instant.

He reports that the Southern Natives attribute their disaster to information which they suppose must have been supplied by Komene. That in consequence thereof, a Taranaki Native named Hami, of the Patukai hapu, went to Komene's pa at Puketawa, and demanded his wife and children as payment. Komene's friends (numbering from fifteen to twenty men) have forfeited their pa, and on Hami's submitting his demand, they loaded their guns, and then turned him out of their pa, and closed it up, expecting a party would be following him to put into execution his threat, to take Komene's wife and children, which they were determined to resist. Komene's position is certainly a most pitiable one. He cannot return to his family by land, for fear of being killed by the insurgent Natives; and whilst in town he is subject to very unkind and most offensive treatment. Two or three nights his house has been battered, and the windows completely smashed. He is most anxious to return to his people, and has offered to give his horse for a small boat to enable him to go by water; but I am afraid it would be a dangerous experiment, as he has no one to go with him to man the boat.

That since the engagement, a Taranaki Chief, Aperahama Ngatawa, and Hori, son of Hori Kaioroto, have died of their wounds at Parawatia, near Kaihihi.

That the Ngatiruanui and Wanganui Natives are renewing the three pas in the Kaihihi district, which were taken on the 12th October, 1860, by the force under Major-General Pratt (Pukekakariki, Korongomahangai, and Mataiaio), and are preparing for cultivating inland by the Hangatawaha river, about six miles south of Tataraimaka.

That two or three small places are said to have been put up inland of the Tataraimaka block, on the South bank of Timaru river, to protect the road leading from the ranges (Kaitake and Ahuahu) to the South.

I have, &c.,
ROBERT PARRIS,
Assistant Native Secretary.

The Native Secretary, Auckland.