

land sold to Government) and not carry it on to the land which has been stained with blood. Let that place be quiet, and not work there. The thoughts about Waitara also are not ended. The Europeans have commenced work. You and your Europeans will say the evil is with the Maoris. Our thoughts are, that this year should be for talking and soon afterwards a day to talk and repudiate fighting. The work of your European has commenced, forbear deceiving in this way, it will be a cause of evil, but let the works for evil be plainly spoken that it may be understood. Perika be strong in your request to Mr. Parris to stop it, that is all of that. Nikorima this is my word to you and your children, remain firm at Turangi, you have remained there well, be firm.

REWI MANIAPOTO,
WIREMU KINGI WHITI.

No. 17.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY, TARANAKI, TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

New Plymouth,
April 3rd, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward herewith Copy and Translation of a Letter which I have received from a Warea Native, and to report that on the 29th ultimo, a Native, named Meiha, came to inform me that the Warea Natives had seized two horses which had got away from the Settlers, and had offered to give them up on payment of One pound (£1). I sent off Meiha at once to get the horses, and authorised him to pay One pound (£1); but on arriving at Warea, the Natives refused to give them up for less than Two pounds ten shillings (£2 10s.), which sum not having been paid, the horses were retained with a threat to impose a charge of Ten shillings (10s.) per diem, which if not paid, the horses to be sold to recover the amount.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT PARRIS,
Assistant Native Secretary.

The Honorable the Native Minister, Auckland.

Enclosure to No. 17.

Motutapu, Taranaki,
March 28th, 1862.

FRIEND MR. PARRIS,—

A word of mine to you. Look for the European who owns the horses which I have. If he likes to come for them, it is well; you know the custom of the law. The horses are on the farm of the King, Matutaera.

From TARA,
Administrator of the Laws of the Sovereignty of King Matutaera.

No. 18.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY, TARANAKI, TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

New Plymouth,
April 16th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency's Government, that on the 7th instant four of the principal Natives of the Kawau Pa, in the Town of New Plymouth, came to my Office to complain of an Excavation which has been commenced at that place for the purpose of opening Currie-street to the Beach, the continuation of which street passes through the centre of the Kawau Reserve, which was made for the Natives in 1844. The commencement of this work before the land has been acquired by the Government from the Native owners, appears to me rather injudicious, inasmuch as it is calculated to embitter the Native owners, and render them less practicable to negotiate with for the same.

The peculiar arrangement under which the Natives were induced to leave the Kawau, render it most desirable that any appearance of an arbitrary acquirement of the place should be especially avoided.

Before the troops went to Waitara, in March, 1860, I was instructed by His Excellency the late Governor, to try to get the Natives to leave the Town Pa (Kawau) in order that the Town may be free of Natives by night, assuring them that at the termination of hostilities, the Kawau Pa should be restored to them in its entirety as when they left it; and upon those promises they agreed to abandon the Kawau for the time specified, and were put to the trouble of building themselves a new Pa at Puketotara, about two miles from the Town.