

Enclosure 2 to No. 31.

Poutoko, July 14th, 1862.

FRIEND MR. PARRIS,—

Salutations! Wituri has returned. He has told me all that passed at the meeting. It agrees with what I told you in my letter of the 12th instant. The words of the Tribe are permanent for Waireka. Waireka is to be the boundary. If the road crosses to the other side of Waireka, the Tribe will come up. The road will be the cause of evil to us. The talk about Tonet and Sutton was not public, it was hidden. Kaipopo is to become a possession of the Tribe. Friend, I say to you, work at the road, that we may know quickly their intentions. If they come, it is well. It is bad for us to commence with them; we shall be wrong. If they commence with us, it will be well. This is all.

From your friend,

ROPATA NGARONGOMATE.

No. 32.

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

New Plymouth,

July 29th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for the information of the Government, that since the meeting broke up at Kopoaee (reported in my letter of the 15th instant), a Toll Gate has been established at Puketea, Hoani Warekawa's place, close to the Southern boundary of the Tataraimaka Block.

Hoani Warekawa (who is a very changeable character) has again joined the disaffected Natives of Taranaki, and encouraged the establishment of the Toll Gate at his place.

By the last news from the Taranaki district, there is a probability of a disturbance with the Chief Wiremu Kingi Matakatea and party, and the Warea Natives, in consequence of the repeated insults of the latter.

Since Wiremu Kingi Matakatea and party seceded from the opposition, a bad feeling has been manifested towards them. Last week a horse was taken from one of his young men, and stabbed (since said to be dead), in consequence of which I have been informed that they have commenced building pas, preparatory to hostilities, unless reparation is made for the injury done.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT PARRIS,

Assistant Native Secretary.

The Honorable the Native Minister, Auckland.

No. 33.

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

New Plymouth,

August 6th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of His Excellency's Government, copy and translation of a letter received from the Chief Hapurona, and to report that shortly after the unpleasantness which led to Hapurona's imprisonment in January last, he went to the Ngatiruanui district, where he met with a very cold reception for having given to the Government a block of land at Puketekauere as a peace-offering, at the time of the truce in March, 1861, and for leaving them to join the Government.

To annoy Hapurona more effectually, they twitted him with his ancestors (Iwimairi), having been saved by the Ngatiruanui tribe when his pa was taken by them some generations ago. This Hapurona resents as a gross insult to his tribe, and he is now trying to prevail upon the Ngatiawas to close the mountain road against the Ngatiruanuis.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT PARRIS,

Assistant Native Secretary.

The Honorable the Native Minister, Auckland.