

No. 29.

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

New Plymouth,
June 18th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for the information of the Government, that on Monday last, 16th instant, a party of ten Natives (all riding) arrived from Kapiti on their way to the Waitara District.

They called on me to report themselves, and informed me that Major Durie, Resident Magistrate of Whanganui, gave them a Letter to me, which said Letter was taken from them by the Ngatiruanuis, as no European Letters are allowed to pass through their District.

Those Natives came from the South with some of the Ngatiraukawa Natives, to endeavour to prevail upon the Ngatiruanui and Taranaki Natives to open the Coast Line from New Plymouth to Whanganui; but having failed in their mission, the Ngatiraukawa Natives returned to Wiriwiri, Tamati Oraukawa's place.

Tamati Oraukawa is Chief of that Section of the Ngatiruanui Tribe called Ngaruahine, who have always been the most troublesome. They occupy that part nearest to the Taranaki District, which they in a great measure control.

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

The Honorable the Native Minister, Auckland.

No. 30.

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

New Plymouth,
June 20th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Government, Copies of two Letters—one from a Native of Taranaki to myself, the other from a Native in Waikato to his friends in this District.

The Southern Natives continue to hold meetings of a very unsatisfactory nature. They threaten to oppose, by force, the making of roads in the Omata District within our own boundary, and to drive off a Mr. Tonet, who has commenced working on his land at Omata.

In consequence of the Letter of Komene and thirteen others of the Ngatimahanga Tribe, published in the *Maori Messenger* of 1st May, they have been endeavouring to reclaim Komene's party; but having failed, they are now threatening to communicate with Waikato, proposing to have them expelled from their Districts. Archdeacon Govett has been written to forbidding him to go into their District.

About thirty of Wiremu Kingi Matakatea's Natives from Umeroa, are at Poutoko on their way to Town with produce, the first time since cessation of hostilities.

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

The Honorable the Native Minister, Auckland.

Enclosure 1 to No. 30.

TO MR. PARRIS,—

Friend, this is my word to you. If you should see Himiona (the man who carries Kits for sale), ask him for the money—the price of the Horse belonging to the Widow, who is displeased. If you see him ask him for it; it is very wrong (of him) to make away with the money, the price of the horse belonging to the Widow of Pera Wetoi.

Friend, when you see Mr. Whitely tell him that I cannot get Mr. Reimenschneider's Books. I have asked for them, but they (the Maoris) will not consent; they say they (the books) are in the King's Stockyard.

Friend Mr. Parris, the word of the Runanga has gone forth concerning the Europeans' road-making at Waireka. It will be stopped (if commenced).

Mr. Tonet will shortly be fetched thence. He is dwelling at Tapui Waiwai. He will soon be fetched thence and driven away.

FROM TAMATI KAWEROA.