

RETURN showing the Number of NATIVES who have joined the WAIKATO INSURGENTS.

No. on Sketch, showing Localities.	NAMES OF NATIVE SETTLEMENTS.	Gone to Waikato. Adult Males.	TOTAL. Adult Male Population.
EAST SIDE OF TAURANGA.	1 Maungatapu	5	73
	Ohinekahu		
	Auhi Tokitoki		
	Te Apititu		
	2 Poike or Hairini	18	53
	Poihakena, Ranana		
	Okaeke Tongaparoa		
	3 Te Matapihi, Tumatanni	7	66
	Karikari, Te Mania, Te Ruawahine		
	4 Opoutea		20
WEST SIDE OF TAURANGA.	5 Huria, Otuawahia	18	41
	6 Otumoetai W, Otuatara	20	36
	7 Peterehema	19	21
	8 Papaohara Poteriwhi	29	41
	Pukekonui, Purakautahi		
	9 Opounui (Te Ngare tribe)	4	30
	10 Matakana, Tuhua, Motiti	93	105
	11 Poututerangi	23	27
	12 Te Ngarue	20	21
13 Motuhou	4	8	
		260	542

Mr. Smith's two Returns differ materially.—This shows, on the West side, more than two-thirds of the Adult Males gone to the War.

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No. 14.

COPY of a Letter from the NATIVE SECRETARY to MR. T. H. SMITH.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
(Native Department),
Auckland, 22nd February, 1864.

SIR,

I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February the 11th, covering a return of the Natives at Tauranga, and explaining the reasons which led you to communicate with Colonel Carey on his arrival, with the view of inducing him to suspend action on the instructions he had received from His Excellency.

The Government I am directed to state regrets that it cannot regard your explanations as satisfactory.

The object of the expedition under Colonel Carey, was, to create a diversion by operating on the district from which a considerable number of the rebels were known to have gone to fight with Her Majesty's troops in Waikato. The expedition was despatched at the most urgent request of General Cameron, and the instructions given to Colonel Carey were the result of several days anxious consultation between His Excellency and his Ministers. The Government can see, in the facts of the case, as now explained by you, no ground for your taking the responsibility of urging Colonel Carey to suspend the intended action which, by those instructions, he was directed to take.