

## PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

2. A letter from Ngatiraukawa chiefs.
3. A letter from Ihakara, principal Ngatiraukawa Disputant.
4. A letter from Rangitane chiefs.

These letters are sufficiently explicit, and need no further comment. But I cannot conclude without expressing my sense of the confidence reposed in me by your Honor, in requesting me to undertake a mission of some difficulty in a Native District of which I no longer have the official charge.

I have, &c.,

WALTER BULLER, R.M.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

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Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

[TRANSLATION.]

June 10th, 1865.

This is a letter from all the Ngatiapa residing between Rangitikei and Wangaehu to Dr. Featherston, the Superintendent of Wellington.

Father Featherston, salutations. Mr. Buller has arrived, and we have had a meeting with him. We have heard your message respecting Rangitikei.

Enough: we the Ngatiapa have consented. We are true to the agreement we made with you. We will not depart from our terms.

Although the Ngatiraukawa should violate the "covenant" we shall hold to our promise. We have heard Mr. Buller's words, and they are very clear (*i.e.* satisfactory). Whether the Ngatiraukawa will listen to him or not seems doubtful. Our opinion is that they will persist in their stubborn course, because it is always so with tribes who have no land. Should they therefore prove stubborn, and refuse to listen to you and to Mr. Buller, in our opinion you ought then at once to pay us our money, the payment for our land, because Rangitikei is now in your hands,

Now listen; if the hand of the Ngatiraukawa should touch the sheep or the cattle of the Pakehas, the difficulty will greatly increase, because then fighting will be sure to arise. Don't have any misgivings about your own people the Ngatiapa. We are of the same mind as the Wanganui people, Hoani Hipango for example and Hemi Napi, both of whom died in your service.

Here is another matter. We are glad on account of Mr. Buller's visit, and the opportunity we have had of meeting him. He visited our new pa at Turakina, and we then applied to him to obtain from the Government guns and powder for the protection of our three pas.

Don't suppose that we want to use this ammunition against the Ngatiraukawa. Not so: because the Rangitikei dispute is now entirely in your hands. We want it for our own protection against this cannibal people the Hau hau.

Let our friend, Mr. Buller, distribute the guns and powder, because he is acquainted with all of us. Let Mr. Buller also furnish this our letter to you. Ended.

From all the Chiefs of Ngatiapa,

FROM APERAHAMA TIPAE. X  
 HUNIA TE HAKEKE. X  
 MOHI MAHI. X  
 HAKARAIA POURI. X  
 MATENE TE MATUKU. X  
 TE RATANA NGAHINA. X  
 TE ROIPIHA PIUHA. X  
 UTIKU MATIAHA.  
 HAMUERA TE RAIKO KIRITIA  
 REUPENA KEWETONE.  
 WATENE TE RANGINUI.  
 RAWIRI TAKAOI.

And Twenty others.

Witness to signatures and marks—

W. Buller, R.M.

To Dr. Featherston.

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Enclosure 3 in No. 4.

[TRANSLATION.]

Rangitikei,

June 12, 1865.

Father, Salutations! Mr. Buller, the Resident Magistrate, has arrived. We have seen him, and we have heard your message respecting the rents for Rangitikei. Friends, listen! We consent to be guided by the agreement we made with you at the Wharangi (river mouth) at Manawatu.