

Taukawe: It is true what you say; but I have no one to name as Policeman.

Waata: Won't you agree to Tini Pakete?

Taukawe: No, he is not a steady man.

Waata: Don't be afraid of that; if he accepts the office, we will see that he behaves properly.

Tini Pakete was then asked if he would accept the office, and he agreed to do so.

Taukawe: I sanction his appointment.

Discussion then ensued as to Reweti being the head of the Police. Mohi and Ruihana objected to him on the ground that his rank as a Chief would be compromised thereby—it being understood that, in the event of anything happening to Waata, he would succeed the latter as head of the tribe. Waata, by explanations, removed these objections.

The following Policemen were then appointed:—Te Reweti Paui Kuhukuhu, Te Whare Rahi, Tu Kaweora, Tini Pakete, Hohua Tamawhare, Kapereira, Kapereira Te Tewe.

They were duly sworn in by Mr. Fenton, in the presence of Mr. Armitage.

The Runanga then proceeded to the discussion of certain proposed Ture, as follows:—

1st. Building for a Court-house, and for the meetings of the Runanga, whether a wooden or *raupo* structure, and whether to be built at once or hereafter.

Noa: I am in favour of a *raupo* building, because I do not know how to build a wooden house—but I understand *raupo* work.

Henare: If I build a *raupo* house it only lasts about a year, and is always out of repair—therefore I prefer a wooden house. As to its being built now or afterwards, I say build the potato-pit when the potatoes are ripe.

Mohi: I say let us have a wooden house, as it will be more durable; also build it when the food is ripe.

Te Teira: As to a wooden house, where is the saw, &c., to come from?

Pita: A *raupo* house is soon destroyed by the wind; therefore I propose a wooden house. Look at our mill how long it has lasted, and yet it is in good condition now.

Hori: I prefer a wooden house; but I think the Queen should pay for the timber and the carpenter to build the house.

Watene: The Queen instructed the Governor to give us this work. Let us ask him to build it for us.

Honi, Pumipi, Wiremu, Wetere, Kapena, all spoke to the same effect.

Rata Patiti: A *whare Maori* is very quickly put up, but it is broken and destroyed almost as soon; a wooden house is better, but I have no money to build it with. If the Queen will pay for it, let us have a wooden house; if she will not, then I agree to a *raupo* house.

Te Taukawe: I agree to a wooden house, but leave the *tikanga* to the Queen.

Mr. Armitage: Both Waata and myself prefer a wooden house: how can we transact our business in such a wretched building as this, with the wind and rain blowing through it? But Mr. Fenton, as representing the Governor, is the party to apply to in this matter. What do you say, Mr. Fenton, will you give us a wooden house or not?

Mr. Fenton: I approve of what you have said, but the Governor must decide. I will convey the views of the Runanga to the Governor and support them myself.

Waata: I am in favour of a wooden building, and of applying to the Governor to help us to build it.

Ruihana: My ideas are these:—If this work emanated from us, then I would say let it be a *raupo* house; but, as it is the Governor's, let him provide us a wooden house.

Ruka (President) preferred a wooden house for same reasons as above.

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Note on above Proceedings.

1. I strongly recommend, if funds are available, that this application should be acceded to. A wooden Court-house would, in comparison with a *raupo* building, add to the dignity and importance of the Court, and would also serve as a building for the Runanga meetings. It would also be a mark of sovereignty whenever erected. The land on which it is to be built should be previously ceded by Deed to His Excellency or to the Runanga, in perpetuity.

At present, there will only be two required in Lower Waikato; and from a calculation made by me, I estimate the cost thereof, with proper fittings, at not more than £50 or £60 each.

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JAMES ARMITAGE,
Resident Magistrate, Lower Waikato.

No. 3.

REPORT by J. ARMITAGE, Esq., of the NGATINAHU and NGATITIPA RUNANGA.

Proceedings of the Runanga of Ngatitipa and Ngatinaho.

Punga Punga, Waikato, 3rd February, 1862.

Waata Kukutai: My ideas respecting these two places, the Kohi Kohi and Punga Punga, are these, viz., that the people of both should assemble together and form one Runanga—the two places are contiguous to each other in Waikato, and in my opinion should be joined together. I do not propose to nominate any officer, as that is for the Runanga to do, but I think you should have only one Runanga for the two places. At Taupari we include the Kakenga and Waikato Heads in our Runanga; on the coast we also included Horea and Taakau in the Runanga, although the places were divided by distances. However, with you Wi Te Wheoro and your people rests the decision (*tikanga*). I think of the trouble you have had in going to Auckland to arrange matters with the Governor, and therefore I say you might have two "*takiwas*" (*i.e.*) the two places to form one Runanga.