

RETURN

OF

MAORIS KILLED OR WOUNDED AT OPOTIKI.

(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 27th September, 1865.)

That there be laid on the Table of this House—“A Return showing the number and names (if the latter can be supplied) of the Maoris that have been killed or wounded by the Colonial Forces within ten days from their arrival at Opotiki; the names of the Civil Commissioner or Magistrates who accompanied the expedition; also, a copy of the Proclamation or demand made for the surrender of the murderers of the Rev. Mr. Volkner and others.”

(Mr. George Graham.)

WELLINGTON.

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1866.

RETURN OF MAORIS KILLED OR WOUNDED AT OPOTIKI.

RETURN showing the Number of MAORIS killed or wounded by the Colonial Forces within ten days from their arrival at Opotiki, on the 8th September, 1865.

DATE.	NUMBER.	NAMES.
1865.		
10th September	1	Pita.
11th "	12	Not known.
15th "	3	"
TOTAL ...	16	

No Civil Commissioner or Magistrate accompanied the expedition to Opotiki.

The following extract from the Proclamation of the 2nd September, 1865, and the Proclamation of Martial Law, dated 4th September, 1865, are the only Proclamation or public demand made for the surrender of the murderers of the Rev. Mr. Volkner:—

PROCLAMATION OF PEACE.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

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"The Governor is sending an expedition to the Bay of Plenty to arrest the murderers of Mr. Volkner and Mr. Fulloon. If they are given up to justice, the Governor will be satisfied; if not, the Governor will seize a part of the lands of the tribes who conceal these murderers, and will use them for the purpose of maintaining peace in that part of the country, and of providing for the widows and relatives of the murdered people.

"The Governor now calls upon all the chiefs and tribes to assist him in putting a stop to all such acts of violence for the future; for all, whether Europeans or Natives, have a common interest in putting an end to such crimes, and in preserving the peace of the Colony."

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Given under my hand at the Government House, at Wellington, this second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
FRED. A. WELD.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS instructions have been issued and military force has been employed to capture the murderers of the Rev. Mr. Volkner, Mr. James Fulloon and his companions, at Opotiki and Whakatane:

And whereas it is expedient that summary authority should be exercised by the Commander of the Military Forces so employed, and the persons suspected of the said murders, or of aiding and abetting therein, should be tried by Courts Martial:

Now I, the Governor, do hereby proclaim that Martial Law will be exercised throughout the Districts of Opotiki and Whakatane, from the date hereof until this Proclamation shall be duly revoked.

Given under my hand at the Government House, at Wellington, this fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

G. GREY.

By His Excellency's command,
J. C. RICHMOND.

