

I te tau 1860. Ka tukua atu ta matou pukapuka tangi atu kia koe mo to matou pouri ki te mahi a Kawana Paraone ki Waitara, kia tukua mai e koe he Kawana hei whakawa i tera he o te Kawanatanga.

Ko tera tangi atu a matou, he tangi atu i runga i te aroha ki nga whenua o nga iwi he o Ngatiawa ki Taranaki.

Ko tenei tangi hoki aku kia koe mo toku iwi mo to matou whenua ake e tangohia ana e Te Petatone.

Na, ko ta matou mahara i nga tau katoa, ko tou ingoa tonu kua tau pai i mua i te tau 1840, ki Nui Tireni i roto i te Tiriti o Waitangi, ko te mana o te motu nei kua tukua atu kia koe i reira, ara e nga Rangatira Maori o Nui Tireni, whai hoki i naianei mau ano ma te Kuini Nui o Ingarangi matou au tamariki e atawhai, e tiaki hoki o matou whenua.

Ko te take tenei i tuhihi atu ai ahau kia koe, ko nga whenua o taku iwi kei waenga o Manawatu, o Rangitikei, kei roto i te Porowini o Poneke—ko taua whenua kua riro noa mai ia matou i te rau o te patu o Ngatirakauwa i te tau 1830 i te mea kahore ano tou mana i tau ki te motu nei, a ia matou tonu taua whenua e pupuri ana a tae noa mai ki tenei takiwa.

Kia rongo mai koe ki to matou aroha ki era Kawana ou i haere mai na i tou aroaro, i te tau 1847, ko Rangitikei ia Kawana Kerei, i te tau 1858 ano hoki ko te Ahuoturanga ia Kawana Paraone, he whenua nui era i hokona paitia ki o Kawana, kua rite atu ano i a matou te hiahia hoko o era iwi o Ngatiapa, o Rangitane o tetahi taha hoki o taku iwi, he poro toenga tenei e puritia nei e matou ko toku iwi.

Kia rongo mai koe, ko taku atawhai tera ki era iwi, he whakaoranga ratou na matou i mua, i roto hoki i te ki patu a Te Rauparaha kia whakamatea katoatia aua iwi, ko Rangitikei he whenua nui i whakahokia paitia e au ki a Ngatiapa, ko te Ahuoturanga, he whenua nui, i whakahokia paitia e au ki a Rangitane, i naianei ko aua iwi me te Kawanatanga kua pere nui mai ratou ki te tango i ta matou poro toenga; ko o matou whare, me a matou mahinga kai, ka tangohia nei, ko nga oranga hoki enei mo taku iwi.

I te tau 1862. Ka whakaturia e te Kawana ratou ko te Runanga Nui he Kooti whakawa mo nga whenua Maori.

Kia rongo mai koe, ko nga whenua anake o taku iwi o Ngatirakauwa i kapea ki waho o taua Kooti whakawa.

I te tau 1863. Ka haere mai a Ngatiapa ki te whakararu i taku iwi, he pu ano ki nga ringa e mau ana, ka tu hoki taku iwi he pu ano ki o ratou ringa, ka tonoa e ahau ki a Kawana Kerei raua ko Te Pokiha Minita kia tukua mai ko Te Makarini hei whakawa mo Rangitikei, i tae mai ano te pukapuka whakaae a Te Makarini ki ahau mana e whakawa a Rangitikei, heoti puta ke mai ko Te Petatone i te tau 1864, tona putanga mai kua mutu te ngangare e noho tatari ana matou ki a Te Makarini ki ta matou i pai ai, hei Kai-whakawa—ko ta Te Petatone whakawa hoki he hoko tonu i te whenua kia riro mana, he awihina hoki i a Ngatiapa, me tana kupu tito nana i ora ai enei iwi.

I te tau 1865. Ka tae atu te pukapuka a taku iwi ki te Runanga Nui tonu ai, kia whakakorea taua Ture tutaki kia whakawakia o matou whenua ki te whare whakawa, kahore te Runanga i whakarongo mai.

I te tau 1866. Ka hoki mai ano a Te Petatone ki te tohe nui i to matou whenua kia riro i a ia, kahore matou i pai, ko ana kupu whakawehiwehi mo matou ko taku iwi i reira, (ko tenei whenua kei toku ringa e mau ana kua whakaae a Whanganui e waru rau (800), no Ngatiapa e rua rau (200), ko Rangitane me Muaupoko kotahi rau (100), ko enei iwi he hoa haere ratou noku ki te whawhai ki nga iwi tutu ki nga hoia o te Kuini, kua ae katoa ratou kia riro i au tenei whenua, he nui ratou he iti koutou ekore tenei whenua e mau i a koutou) te rongonga o taku iwi i tana kupu whakaoho, tawai hoki, a-ningio noa iho i te whakama, i te wehi—ka utua atu e ahau tana kupu. E hoa, kei hea nga rau o ena iwi e whakahua nei koe ki runga ki tenei whenua?—engari ma te Kooti anake ka riro tika ai i a koe, tana whakahoki mai. E Parakaia ekore rawa te Kooti whakawa e uru ki tenei whenua.

No to matou rongonga ki enei kupu a Te Petatone—ka haere nui matou ki Poneke ki a Te Kawana, ki te Runanga, ki nga Minita hoki tohe ai ki a whakawakia to matou whenua ki te tikanga o te Ture. Haere tuatahi 35. Haere tuarua 14. Haere tuatoru 29. Ka ngenge etahi, ka tohe tonu ko ahau anake, me te kahore ano o to ratou whakaae mai ki ta matou tonu—katahi au ka ki. Ha! Keihea ra te Tiriti o Waitangi e ngaro ana?

I te marauna o Tihema 1866. Ka hoatu e Te Petatone nga moni mo Rangitikei ki etahi ano o taku iwi, ko te nuinga o ratou kahore i eke ki runga ki taua whenua, a i hoatu moni hoki ki era iwi o tawhiti, kahore kau o ratou take ekena mai ki to matou whenua, ki mai hoki ia ki toku iwi kua riro katoa to koutou whenua ia Te Kuini.

No konei ahau tou pononga ka inoi atu nei kia koe kia tukua mai e koe he Kai-whakawa hei titiro marire i tenei he, hei Kai-whakawa hoki ia matou ko toku iwi, hei kai-whakawa ake i te Tiriti o Waitangi kua takahia ki raro e nga wacwae o te Kawanatanga o Nui Tireni.

Otaki, Nui Tireni, Hurae 4, 1867.

PARAKAIA TE POUEPA.

[TRANSLATION.]

Otaki, 4th July, 1867.

To our Loving Parent the Great QUEEN of ENGLAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY,—

This is the prayer of me Parakaia Te Pouepa, an Aboriginal Native of New Zealand, of the Ngatiraukawa tribe, residing at Otaki, New Zealand.

In the year 1860 we sent our letter to you expressing our grief at the action taken by Governor Browne, at Waitara, and requesting that a Governor may be sent out to investigate that wrong-doing on the part of the Government.

That letter, expressive of our grief, was written because of our sorrow in respect of the lands of the erring tribes of Ngatiawa, at Taranaki. This petition of ours is to pray you to take into your consideration the case of my tribe with reference to our land which is being taken away from us by Dr. Featherston.