

fire the Natives came out of the bush and attacked them, when they retired to the camp, without any casualties.

Monday, the 20th, I went to Wareroa, according to appointment, when about eighty Natives of the Tangahoe tribe met me. On commencing to talk over the subject for which I had met them, they presented me with a document signed by Major McDonnell, agreeing to give back the whole of the land from Taiporohenui to Whenuakura to the Natives. This caused me some trouble to explain away, which I felt I was bound to do in honour to the Natives, believing the Government had not given Major McDonnell any such authority, which I told them. They told me that in consideration of this promise made to them by Major McDonnell they had been induced to sign the oath of allegiance.

I told them that I had not come to flatter them with any such promises which were not likely to be true, but that a portion of the land would be given back to them; before which it was necessary for them to surrender everything and trust to the Government, which I believed would be liberal with them. They agreed to surrender unconditionally, after I promised them that some of their favourite places should be included in the land set apart for them. Finding at this place that the Ngaruahine Natives were exasperated at the burning of Katataura I deemed it the better course to leave them for a few days, until I had seen the Pakakohi tribe; I therefore sent off a message to them that evening requesting them to meet at Mokoia the next day.

Tuesday morning, I left Major McDonnell's camp early with a few of the Tangahoe Natives, and proceeded to Manawapou to inform Major Inman, of the 18th Regiment, who commands that post, that I was going inland to see the Natives, when he very kindly promised me he would allow no one to move in any direction likely to excite suspicion, expressing at the same time his entire disapproval of Captain Dawson's movements at Waingongoro on Saturday last, whilst I was engaged negotiating with the Natives for peace. I proceeded inland to Mokoia, where I found upwards of a hundred Natives waiting for me, chiefly of the Pakakohi tribe, and a few Ngaraurus. I was engaged talking to them for four hours, they having at first pressed to have the whole of the land given back to them, which I told them would not be done, but that sufficient land would be given to them; and in discussing this point I found they were anxious for some land on both sides of the Patea River, which I told them they should have reserved for them. They tendered most unreservedly their unconditional surrender, when I promised them to recommend the different detachments in the district not to molest them, which I have done.

I arrived here late last evening, and hope to leave again for the North to-morrow. On arriving at Waingongoro I shall endeavour to see the Natives under Tamati One Oraukama, the only one who is now standing out. From Waingongoro I shall proceed to Opunake, and from there open a communication with the Warea Natives, and communicate the result to Major McDonnell before returning to New Plymouth.

In conclusion I beg to state that I have good hopes of settling the whole matter in the district if nothing occurs in the meantime to thwart my work, which I find myself liable to by the system of looting which is constantly going on, and which I am well aware it is almost impossible to prevent, than which nothing is more calculated to keep up a bad feeling, and render negotiating a very unpleasant duty.

I have, &c.,

R. PARRIS,

Civil Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

Copy of Document signed by Major McDONNELL.

Akuhata 7, 1866.

KUA whakaae pono a maki kia mutu te whawhai, kia kua e paka ki nga mea ngokingoki o te parae, kua whakahoki pono mai i toku pihī no Taiporohenui tae noa ki Whenuakura.

NA TITO TE HANATAUA,

THOS. McDONNELL, Major,

Commanding Colonial Forces, Patea District.

[TRANSLATION.]

7th August, 1866.

Mc (DONNELL) has fully consented to the cessation of hostilities, nor will he touch the creeping things of the plain. He has truly given back to me my piece (of land) from Taiporohenui to Whenuakura.

TITO TE HANATAUA,

THOS. McDONNELL, Major,

Commanding Colonial Forces, Patea District.

Copy of a Letter from TITO TE HANATAUA to TE UA.

Manawapou, 18th(?) Akuhata, 1866.

E KORO MA, tena ra koutou me nga mate, o Aperhama, o Haira, o Hera.

A e aku matou kia pewheatia e au i runga i a takoto. Koia tenei e maharatia e au, heoi ano. takahia iho e au ki aku waewae, tohe ana au ki te pai me te ora karangatia mai e au a Makitonore kia haere ake ki Ohangai kia kite i au, a kua tae ake. Ko ta maua korero ko Makitonore ko te homaitanga i toku whenua ki toku ungaranga a kua ia e pa ki tetahi mea ngokingoki o te parae, no Taiporohenui te timatanga, tae noa ki Whenuakura kua purutia e taku ringaringa a kei pouri ia nei noku. Kihai i tatari ki a koutou tenei ano a roto e tatari ana, kua tae mai au ki Manawapou. Heoi ano.

Na ta koutou tamaiti,

Ki a Te Ua, Ki a Te Ngohi, Ki a Ngahina.

NA TITO HANATAUA.

[TRANSLATION.]

Manawapou, 18th(?) August, 1866.

FRIENDS, salutations to you all, on the death of Aperhama, Haira, and Sarah,

My Fathers, what am I to do (now that the people have consented) to lie down. I have