

PAPERS RELATIVE TO NATIVE

No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. J. BOOTH to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.
 (No. 35-2.) Resident Magistrate's Office,
 Sir,— Carlyle, 13th April, 1868.
 I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter received last evening from Inspector
 Hunter, A.C., together with my reply thereto. I have, &c.,
 JAMES BOOTH,
 Resident Magistrate,
 Carlyle, Patea.

The Hon. the Native Minister,
 Wellington.

Enclosure 1 in No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. HUNTER to Mr. BOOTH.
 (No. 258-1.) Patea, 12th April, 1868.
 Sir,— I have the honor to request you will inform me whether you consider the services of the
 Volunteer Militia any longer necessary, as I have been instructed by the Government to disband them
 at once, should you not think they are required for the protection of settlers in this district.
 I have, &c.,
 W. HUNTER, Inspector A.C.
 Commanding Patea District.

J. Booth, Esq., Resident Magistrate,
 Patea.

Enclosure 2 in No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BOOTH to Mr. HUNTER.
 (No. 32-2.) Resident Magistrate's Court,
 Sir,— Carlyle, 13th April, 1868.
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, number and date as per margin,
 and in reply to state that I consider the services of the Volunteer Militia, at the present time stationed
 at Mokoia, to be absolutely necessary for the protection of settlers who have in vain attempted to
 occupy their land situated at the edge of the bush not far from Whakamara. Two men named
 Henderson and Luxford were turned back no less than three times by the Whakamara Natives.
 The last occasion was on Friday last, when the Natives came out as far as the village at Mokoia,
 waylaid the two men above mentioned, pulled them about a good deal, and forced them back.
 I have, &c.,
 JAMES BOOTH,
 Resident Magistrate,
 Carlyle, Patea.

Inspector Hunter, No. 3 Division,
 Armed Constabulary, Patea.

No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. J. BOOTH to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.
 Resident Magistrate's Office,
 Sir,— Carlyle, 8th April, 1868.
 I have the honor to report that the Natives in this district are at present all quiet, the only
 exceptions being first in the case of a Mr. E. Bayley, who wrote a letter complaining that the Natives
 had ejected him from his land at Kakaramea, and second, in the case of several petty thefts which have
 been committed in the district by individual Natives. I have the honor to enclose letters showing the
 steps taken by me with reference to the affair with Bayley.
 I have further to state that orders came here for the removal of the Armed Constabulary on the
 same day that I had written the enclosed letter to Major Hunter, that since that time a number of
 men (about forty) have volunteered to serve as militiamen, and that I have sent a message to Mr.
 Bayley, who has gone to Taranaki, to advise him on his return to go on to his land and recommence
 his work there, and that a number of militiamen, with two or three mounted constables, will be sent to
 protect him. I have also given orders, through the Inspector, that the constables are to apprehend
 any Natives who may be found destroying property belonging to settlers, or who are determined to
 oppose settlers in the occupation of their land.
 Yesterday, at Waihi, Katene, the late guide to the Colonial Force, was convicted of having stolen
 property from the *whare* of two men, named Rutherford and Pope, of the value of £14; I sentenced
 him to six months imprisonment with hard labour. He has not returned any of the property.
 Yesterday I went with a man, named Hiscock, who has been robbed inland of Ketemarae, to try
 and identify the thieves, but he failed to do so.
 The Natives were perfectly civil and obliging everywhere, and the settlers, one and all, speak very
 highly of the kind treatment they receive personally from their Maori neighbours, with the single
 exception of Mr. Bayley.

The Hon. the Native Minister,
 Wellington.

I have, &c.,
 JAMES BOOTH,
 Resident Magistrate.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. J. BOOTH to Mr. HUNTER.
 Patea, 29th March, 1868.
 Sir,— Complaints having been made to me by Mr. E. Bayley, of Kakaramea, that Natives have
 forcibly ejected him from his land, and also from Mr. Winchcomb and others near the township of
 Wairoa, that the Natives in that district are stealing all their moveable property :