Nga tangata o te Hatepe. Hamiona Okoro Waiapu, Mache 28, Riwai Te Rare Hoani Ngatai Rapata Kiterangi Hemi Taka Ratapu Hoani Turiri Anara Kahaki Wiremu Hinahina Wiremu Matua Noa Maitai Epiniha Whaikaho Henare Kaka Henare Tangaere Wi Petiha Pineamine Tuparaka Hamiora Ngairo Patoromu Waerehu Wereta Kaibai

Hare Paraone Eruera Te Rore Hakopa Mutu Tamati Waka Parangi Te Kooti Tipoki Harawira Tahurihuri Hemi Tapeka Tamati Taoika Meiha Tame Wi Te Keu Wiremu Pere Hone Kou Watene Tukino Hoterene Aruhe Warihi Hopara Ratimira Puni

Hori Ngawinika Hata Taumata Warihi Onewa Hone Haua Puha Ripa Hone Kaingakihikihi Renata Manga Ihaka Tutahanga Rawiri Kohu Tamati Te Paewa Mokena Kahore Hirini Waipapa Hone Makena Hakaraia Puru Paraone Pahokura Matiu Ngatoro Hone Petiha Unurau Hotene Te Moana

Hemi Karohina Hakaraia Te Ratu Hemi Kepa Makoera Wahakai Rangitupo Paka Te Wa Ropata Potahi Aperahama Patutahi Tepene Noho Henare Kingi Tihuri Patari Huripuku Eruera Ihiihi Pekama Ngapuhi Pera Rangiaio Wi Tiraunua Eruera Maea

TRANSLATION.

Waiapu, 28th March, 1868.

To Sir George Bowen, Governor of New Zealand.

SIR,-

This is a rejoicing from us to you, the new Governor of New Zealand. Welcome to carry out the sacred work of the Almighty. You have been requested by our gracious Queen to come here as a father for the two races who reside in New Zealand, namely, the Pakeha and the Maori. May you

carry out well the laws of the Queen, which she approves for the preservation of this country.

Will you pray hear our prayer, which is this: We ask you to cause to be repealed the law which the General Government of New Zealand persuaded the Parliament of Wellington to pass for the

purpose of taking away our lands.

The extent of the land which we, the people whose names are written under, are not willing to give up is commencing at the Ariuru River, namely, at Waitakeo; thence westward by the sea to Potikirua on the southern side of Whangaparaoa; thence from Potikirua southward overland to Arawhana; thence to the sea; thence to the Waitakeo. We are not willing to let a single piece within these boundaries go to the Government, because we see considerable trouble will arise out of it, i.e. this land.

If your Excellency wishes to learn the reasons why we are not willing, ask us, and we will

acquaint you with them.

We have another petition to ask you: Will you establish a New Government for New Zealand, because the present Government create so many difficulties, and we believe that there will yet be trouble grow out of the disputes entered into by this Government?

From us all, the people whose names are written under; and may they and you be preserved by

the Almighty.

I certify the above to be a correct translation of a Petition, sent by the Natives of Waiapu to His Excellency the Governor, dated 28th March, 1868.—J. W. PREECE, Licensed Interpreter.