

Friends, although I have been so long in going to you, I have been long through my not having a saddle to put on my horse: that is why I have been so long. Friends, look me out a nice little saddle, and if it pleases you, give it Taihaere and Neha to bring it to me. As soon as I get it, I will go thither.

PATARA RAUKATAURI.

Enclosure 3 in No. 12.

SIR,— Te Kauae Pa, 31st August (July?), 1868.
 Salutations to you and your children; to Ngaruru, to Rawiri, to all of you. Give heed: on the 30th a fight took place at Te Mangamanga, or rather at Tau o te Rawhiti. One Pakeha only was killed. When Manaia got there the skirmish was over. He was immediately arrested by Major , who said to him, "I will arrest you in payment for my man, who has fallen and lies here." After saying that, he asked where Ngatai was. He (Manaia) replied, "In town." He then asked where Kato was, and was told in town. That was all. Now listen: the real cause for his arrest was because of More and Te Matenga having come here. They next morning left us, and went to Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu. They were there one night, and on the following day the fighting took place. That was the only reason why he was arrested. That is all I have to say to you.

TE PORIMU,
 MANAIA,
 TE WHAREHINA.
 And all of us.

To Ngataikahuihui.

No. 13.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. G. S. COOPER to Mr. R. PARRIS.

(No. 318-2.)

Native Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 3rd September, 1868.

SIR,— In reference to your letter, No. 236, of the 13th instant, I am directed by the Hon. Mr. Richmond to inform you, that Wi Hukanui has seen Colonel Haultain since he wrote to New Plymouth, and appears to be free from alarm and anxiety now. Great caution will be exercised in dealing with friendly Natives, not to express groundless suspicions. So far the bulk of the Ngatiruanui have abstained from joining Titokowaru, and the Government hope that liberal treatment of those who keep quiet, and success against the violent party, will limit the evil to a narrow compass

I have, &c.,

G. S. COOPER,
 Acting Under Secretary.

The Civil Commissioner, Taranaki.

No. 14.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. H. HALSE to Mr. R. PARRIS.

(No. 299-2.)

Native Secretary's Office,
 Wellington, 21st August, 1868.

SIR,— I have the honor, by direction of Mr. Richmond, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 235, of the 12th current, reporting the arrival of Wiremu Kingi Te Rangitake, and More at Waitara, with particulars of their reception by Titokowaru at Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu.

I have, &c.,

H. HALSE,
 Assistant Under Secretary.

The Civil Commissioner, Taranaki.

No. 15.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. R. PARRIS to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

(No. 241.)

New Plymouth, 19th August, 1868.

SIR,— In further reference to the subject of my letters of the 3rd and 12th instant, reporting the departure of More and Wiremu Kingi te Rangitake from the Taranaki District, and also their reception by Titokowaru at Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu, &c., &c., I have now the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency's Government, that on Sunday last, about 1 o'clock p.m., a special messenger arrived from Urenui to inform me of the arrival at that place of More and party from the interior, the Ngatimaru District. The messenger brought a request from More for me to go to them, as he wished particularly to see me, and would wait for me until Monday evening. On Sunday afternoon I left for Urenui, and on Monday morning most of the Natives of the district within two miles of Urenui, assembled to hear what More had to say. He stated that his reason for sending for me was on account of what had occurred with Titokowaru and his people, because when he last met me at Urenui as reported by letter, dated 14th October, 1867, No. 174, he and his people assured me that there was to be no more slaying. That was the word and advice of the King, which all agreed to, including Titokowaru and his people. That the King, since then, had laboured for peace, and finding that a great deal of agitation and excitement was being caused by prospecting for gold, by road making, by leasing of land, &c., &c., he had recommended its discontinuance.

He related what had taken place, and the kind of reception he had met with from Titokowaru and his people on visiting them, both on the occasion of his arrival from the North, about ten weeks ago, and on his calling there on leaving the district to return North, which I have already reported to the Government, and all of which he fully confirmed as having taken place. That on the first occasion