

has been heard of any probable movement of the Ngatimaniapotos towards the White Cliffs. I have two Natives stationed at Pukearuhe, to watch our frontier, and to guard against anything like a sudden surprise.

On Thursday last I went to Urenui, accompanied by Major Stapp, who ordered some repairs necessary to be done to the redoubt at that place, which Captain Good undertook to superintend, and also the supervision of the district. Whilst at Urenui I engaged a Native to go to Mokau, to ascertain, if possible, if the Ngatimaniapotos were contemplating a move this way.

There is a meeting now going on at a place called Parihaka, in the Taranaki District, inland of Warea, which William Kingi te Rangitake is attending, having arrived there last week from the Waitara District. More, from Tokangamutu, is also there. Patara, who has been in this district for a week past, left on Saturday to go to the meeting. He has promised to send or bring me word what takes place at the meeting, without delay.

I have, &c.,

R. PARRIS,

Civil Commissioner.

The Under Native Secretary, Wellington.

### Enclosure in No. 36.

Copy of a Telegram from Mr. SEARANCE to the Hon. Dr. POLLEN.

New Zealand Government Electric Telegraph Station,  
Alexandra, 1st December, 1868.

I AM informed that the Ngatimaniapotos, failing in views on Waikato, will very likely proceed to White Cliffs, Taranaki.

To the Hon. Dr. Pollen, Auckland.

WILLIAM N. SEARANCE.

### No. 37.

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

(No. 421-2.)

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 21st December, 1868.

I am directed by Colonel Haultain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 332, of the 14th current, giving cover to a copy of a telegram received by His Honor the Superintendent from the Hon. Dr. Pollen, on the subject of intended movements of Ngatimaniapoto.

I have, &c.,

H. HALSE,

Assistant Under Secretary.

The Civil Commissioner, Taranaki.

### No. 38.

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

(No. 340.)

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 18th December, 1868.

With reference to my letter of the 14th instant, No. 331, reporting Native casualties on the enemy's side in the engagement at Okotuku, when poor Mr. Charles Broughton's murderer was killed, I have the honor to inform you that his name was Maka te Waka, and not Ruka, as stated in my letter.

I have, &c.,

R. PARRIS,

Civil Commissioner.

The Under Native Secretary, Wellington.

### No. 39.

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

(No. 342.)

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 21st December, 1868.

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency's Government, that during the past week a letter has been sent in from the Taranaki District, addressed to all our friendly Natives, inviting them to go to Pariaka, the place where the Warea Natives under the young chief Te Whiti all reside. On receipt of the letter I wrote to our friendly chiefs requesting them to respond to the letter by accepting the invitation. I sent the interpreter through the district with both letters (copies of both herewith enclosed).

The absence of my own name in the letter never struck me as worthy of special notice, but our chiefs, all of them, were inclined to think it was specially omitted, and therefore refused to a man to go without me; and their view of the matter soon reached Taranaki, where the letter was written, when a strong discussion took place, each blaming the other for the omission of my name, upon which a young chief, named Ropoama, said, "You have been guilty of a gross blunder in omitting Parris's name; I will now be the letter for him—that is, I will take my body to him, to prove that we wish him to come." Ropoama arrived in town on Friday, and on Saturday he met a number of our chiefs at my office, and explained away the omission of my name in their letter, when they all agreed to go, and are now assembled at my office preparatory to leaving this day, numbering altogether about one hundred. This will be the first meeting we have had with those Natives since the commencement of the first war in 1860; what the result will be it is of course impossible to say until it is over, when I will send a report.