

With reference to your observation "as to our acting rightly" and to continue doing so, our reply is this: That we do not recognize your right to speak to us in that manner, either for good or evil, for this reason,—you were not the parties who induced us to lay before you terms of peace. You have already seen the earnestness of peaceful intention from those of your people who are come to us, and are well received. We request therefore that you stop your mode of dictating to us, but rather listen to the proposals made by the Government which have been conveyed to you by Makarini; there you will find the fulfilment of both good and evil.

That other part of your letter, in which you request us to keep outside of your boundaries in our pursuit of Te Kooti, our reply is this: That we shall not listen to any such proposition from you. That saying causes us great annoyance and irritation. It remains for us to make choice of any road we like in pursuit of Te Kooti: if we think it right to travel through your district after Te Kooti we shall do so; if we think it necessary to go by water we shall do so; under any circumstances we shall not be guided by any suggestions you may make to us.

We have now laid before you the garment of peace: our advice to you is this, that you should accept it. Listen to the friendly advice of the Government now being brought to you through Makarini.

Signed by Mr. F. E. HAMLIN and the Wairoa Chiefs.

Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure 2 in No. 2.

[TRANSLATION.]

Mr. F. E. HAMLIN and WAIROA CHIEFS to UREWERA.

Te Wairoa, 18th August, 1870.

To WHENUANUI, to PAERAU, to TE KOWHAI, to MOKONUABANGI, and to all the people of Tuhoe (Urewera),—

Friends—Salutations to you. Makarini has been sent to be the bearer of final terms of peace to you all. Now, O friends, accept these friendly offers made to you. Come out from your present position, so that terms of peace may be made with you; so that the course may be made clear for the purpose of following up that bad man, Te Kooti, which will take place in a short time. We shall soon get up for the purpose of taking him, as well as all other bad men.

Signed by Mr. F. E. HAMLIN and the Wairoa Chiefs.

Sub-Enclosure 3 to Enclosure 2 in No. 2.

[TRANSLATION.]

Mr. F. E. HAMLIN to ANARU MATETE.

Te Wairoa, 19th August, 1870.

To ANARU MATETE,—

Friend—Salutations to you. I have been informed that you and some of the Aitanga-a-Mahaki are at Ruatahuna, about twenty in number, and that you are doubting in your minds as to whether or not you should surrender to the Government. Now, then, my advice to you is this: come in and unconditionally give yourselves up to the Government, with your arms and all other fighting weapons, as a sign of your desire to leave off the evil and to return to the ways of peace. By this means the friendly wishes of the Government will be carried out towards you. Come in with Te Paea Iho and with her husband, Tiopira Hape. Think over this letter and accept the terms offered, so that the land and the people may rest in peace.

F. E. HAMLIN.

No. 3.

Lieut.-Colonel MOULE to the COMMISSIONER, Armed Constabulary.

SIR,—

District Office, Tauranga, 7th September, 1870.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister, a letter from Captain Preece reporting the surrender of Urewera, number as per margin.

18 men, 29 women, and 13 children.

Commissioner Clarke is arranging for food to be sent to Putere.

I have, &c.,

St. John Branigan, Esq., R.M.

W. MOULE, Inspector, A.C.,

Commissioner, A.C. Force, Wellington.

In charge Tauranga District.

Enclosure in No. 3.

Captain PREECE to Lieut.-Colonel MOULE.

SIR,—

Te Teko, 4th September, 1870.

I have the honor to report for your information that the last of the Ngatiwhare and Patuheuhen hapus, to the number of 18 men, 29 women, and 13 children, have surrendered to me at this post to-day.

There are now no people left at Ahikereru, all having surrendered. This speaks well for the Ngatiwhare.

I would beg to suggest that a large supply of potatoes and some spades be sent down to Te Putere in order that they may at once commence planting.

The prisoners now at Te Putere are badly off for food.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-Colonel Moule,

GEO. PREECE, Captain,

Commanding District, Tauranga.

Commanding Te Teko.