

people to collect at Ruatahuna, and informing them that Major Ropata is going in to see that it is done.

The Government desire that you should accompany Major Ropata upon this duty, and you will please communicate through Ahikereru and the Tapuaeharuru Telegraph Station on the arrival of the force at Ruatahuna.

It is not anticipated that any resort to force will be necessary in carrying out the proposed plan, but it is quite probable that from Ruatahuna measures may be taken, with every chance of success, against Te Kooti, and that by judicious management the Ureweras may be used for capturing him.

You will be good enough to report, by the first opportunity, when the expedition will start, and give any information you can as to the route to be taken, so that communication can be held with Major Ropata if necessary.

I have, &c.,
J. D. ORMOND.

Captain Porter, Adjutant.

Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure in No. 10.

[TRANSLATION.]

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to Major ROPATA.

(Telegram.)

FRIEND MAJOR ROPATA,—

Wellington, 20th December, 1870.

You have heard of the murder by the Ngatimahuta of Waikato, and a copy of the circular has been sent to you.

This is my word to you: I wish you to occupy Ruatahuna, and take with you 100 men of Ngatiporou, more or less. The Urewera who are scattered about should be collected where you are; they should be all in one place, at Ruatahuna. Write and let me know your opinion about this work during the summer.

A settlement should be established at Ruatahuna.

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 11.

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to Major ROPATA.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 24th December, 1870.

You may take 200 men with you, so that they may go cheerfully to meet the enemy. I leave you to make all arrangements about your work.

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 12.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Napier, 12th January, 1871.

I have the honor to report that another party of Hauhaus from Waikare-Moana have come in to the Wairoa, numbering thirty-two in all. They can give no definite information respecting Te Kooti, but believe he is still about the Waioeka Gorge. Inspector Cumming has supplied these people with a small quantity of food, to assist in their support until the crops of the friendly Natives are ready.

The Hon. the Defence Minister, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
J. D. ORMOND.

No. 13.

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office, Wellington, 17th January, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter of the 12th instant, stating that a party of Hauhaus from Waikare-Moana, numbering thirty-two in all, had come in to the Wairoa, and in reply am directed by the Hon. Mr. Gisborne to convey to you his approval for these people having been supplied with a small quantity of food, to assist in their support until the crops of the friendly Natives are ready.

His Honor J. D. Ormond,
General Government Agent, Napier.

I have, &c.,
G. S. COOPER
(for the Defence Minister).

No. 14.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Napier, 14th January, 1871.

I have the honor to transmit letters and translations from Major Ropata on the subject of the expedition under his direction to Ruatahuna.