

dispute there, between the Ngatiapa and Ngatiraukawa. Mr. Bell feels assured that your intimate knowledge of the West Coast Natives will enable you to induce them to submit the dispute to the proper tribunal, in order that it may be satisfactorily and finally concluded.

Mr. Knocks, interpreter, has been instructed to accompany you, and to render you every assistance in his power. You are requested to keep the Government regularly informed by telegraph of your proceedings in this matter.

I have, &c.,
H. HALSE,
Assistant Native Secretary.

No. 43.

The Hon. D. McLEAN to Mr. J. A. KNOCKS.

(Telegram.)

Napier Station, 2nd July, 1871.

CAN you tell me where Kemp and Hunia are, and what are the Muaupoko doing at Horowhenua?
DONALD McLEAN.

No. 44.

Mr. J. A. KNOCKS to the Hon. D. McLEAN.

(Telegram.)

Otaki Station, 2nd July, 1871.

KEMP and Hunia, I am informed, are still at Horowhenua. A part only of the Muaupoko are taking part with Hunia and Kemp, the other side more or less with the Ngatiraukawa. Hunia has a strong determination not to allow the Ngatiraukawa to have any claim to the Horowhenua district, and is prepared to prevent occupation of the disputed land by force of arms. They have built a war pa, and keeping military guard. I do not think anything serious will come of it.

J. A. KNOCKS.

No. 45.

The Hon. D. McLEAN to MATENE TE WHIWHI.

MATENE,—

Napier, 2nd July, 1871.

I have written a letter to Te Keapa and Hunia, telling them that they are not to fight. I am waiting for their answer. I want to know where they are living, whether at Horowhenua or elsewhere. Be clear in managing this dispute.

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 46.

The Hon. D. McLEAN to METE KINGI.

METE,—

Napier, 3rd July, 1871.

Salutations to you living at our house. I have received Rihiri's telegram relating to you both going to the meeting at Maraekowhae. It is well. Let your thoughts be clear (good) at the meeting. This is a word respecting the trouble at Horowhenua; let me know your opinion about it.

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 47.

Na PARAKAIA TOKOROA to Mr. HALSE.

TO MR. HALSE,—

Otaki, 3rd July, 1871.

Friend,—Salutation. I and Ihakara have been to inquire concerning Kawana Hunia's house burning. Te Keapa informed us that Kawana Hunia was the cause of that house burning; but the building of the war pa was by his (Te Keapa's) direction.

Our word to Te Keapa and others (present were), the Ngatiraukawa will not submit quietly to injury. When you actually kill a person, perhaps they will submit, but this kind of offence will be placed in the hands of the law to look into.

Na PARAKAIA TOKOROA.

No. 48.

Major EDWARDS to the Hon. D. BELL.

(Telegram.)

Otaki, 4th July, 1871.

MUCH ill-feeling between Ngatiapa and Ngatiraukawa. The latter have determined to bring the case of house burning against Hunia and Te Horo before the Resident Magistrate in Wellington. Hunia boasts he will take the land and hold it by force of arms. I hope to be able to persuade them to refer the matter to the Native Land Court, as the only successful way of settling the difficulty.

J. T. EDWARDS.

No. 49.

Major EDWARDS to the Hon. D. BELL.

(Telegram.)

Otaki Station, 6th July, 1871.

NGATIAPA consent to the question of the land boundary being referred to a runanga, to be presided over or assisted by one or two Europeans appointed by the Government; in the meanwhile, neither tribes to occupy or enter upon the disputed block. The decision of the runanga to be binding on both