

I should be glad, also, if you should be able to recommend any persons whom you may think qualified to carry out the views of Government as teachers in village schools.

I find the natives generally very anxious to have their children taught English, and I am desirous of knowing where to put my hand upon fitting teachers.

I will write again when I am able to give you more precise information, and I should like, if possible, to put the schools at once in motion when I visit you.

I have, &c.,

A. H. RUSSELL.

P.S.—This refers chiefly to applications from Opotiki, Whakatane, Tauranga, Thames, Roto-iti and Mangakahia, as well as many other localities within your district, where you conceive the intentions of the Government can be well carried out.

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Enclosure 2 in No. 25.

H. T. KEMP, Civil Commissioner's Office, Auckland, to the INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

Civil Commissioner's Office,

Auckland, 20th December, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter of 28th November, in anticipation of an early visit to the districts in the North, with reference to the organization of Native schools under the Acts of 1867 and 1871, respectively, and I have the pleasure to inform you that letters have been addressed to the principal officers and other clerical gentlemen in the district, suggesting that no time should be lost in making the preliminary arrangements set forth in your letter. I have also forwarded a copy to the Civil Commissioner at Tauranga, who will cause the necessary arrangements to be made in the Bay of Plenty district; and would venture at the same time, on my own part, to suggest that a reasonably sufficient length of time be allowed for carrying out those arrangements, as it may be fairly assumed that the approaching holidays will leave but little leisure for the efficient working out of the plan proposed.

I have, &c.,

H. T. KEMP,

Acting Civil Commissioner.

Enclosure 3 in No. 25.

H. T. KEMP to the Rev. C. SCHNACKENBERG, Raglan.

SIR,—

Civil Commissioner's Office,

Auckland, 20th December, 1871.

I do myself the honor to forward for your information and guidance the enclosed copy of a letter received from the Inspector of Native Schools, together with my reply, and beg leave at the same time to recommend the subject to your early consideration, with a view to the establishment of efficient Native schools within your district under the provisions of the Acts of 1867 and 1871 respectively.

I have, &c.,

H. T. KEMP.

Similar letters to Rev. R. Burrows, Auckland; E. M. Williams, Bay of Islands; W. N. Searancke, Waikato; S. Von Sturmer, Hokianga; E. W. Puckey, Thames; Archdeacon Clarke, Mangakahia; H. R. Aubrey, Whangarei; W. B. White, Mangonui; J. Rogan, Kaipara; Rev. W. Rouse, Hokianga.

No. 26.

H. T. KEMP to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department.

SIR,—

Civil Commissioner's Office,

Auckland, 16th January, 1872.

In reference to my letter of 21st December last, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Hon. the Native Minister, that copies of Colonel Russell's letter on the subject of Native Schools, together with my reply, have since been forwarded to the following gentlemen, viz.:—Right Rev. Bishop Cowie, Right Rev. Bishop Croke, Rev. F. Gould, Rev. J. Buller, Rev. J. Gittos, Rev. G. Maunsell.

I have also to request that you will be good enough to cause a few copies of the Native Schools Acts of 1867 and 1871 (two dozen copies of each at least) to be forwarded to this office, as applications are constantly made for them by clergymen interested in the establishment of Native schools.

I have, &c.,

H. T. KEMP.