

late tenant of No. 37 and other part of No. 39, and made arrangements by which the new tenant takes upon himself the liability of £20 more of arrears that the Natives had suffered to become due from the outgoing tenant, whose terms of occupation were of an unsatisfactory nature.

I have had surveyed, at a cost of £5, the section 91 at Ohariu, and let it to Mr. J. Marshall. It contains 119 acres of hilly bush land. The terms are, for first seven years, £15 a year; second seven years, £20 a year; and last seven years, £25 a year. This has not been hitherto utilized.

The Native reserve at Kaiwharawhara, called Otari, of 134 acres, has been let for 14 years to Mr. Samuel Woodward, at £20 a year for first seven years, and £25 a year for remainder of term. This has not before been let.

About 1 acre 2 roods in the immediate rear of the Wellington Gaol has been let for 21 years to Mr. M. Reid, on behalf of Provincial Government, at £3 a year. This land has not before been utilized.

The tenant at Makara has paid up £40 arrears of rent, which is divisible amongst Ngatitama Natives here and at Wellington. The two last-named reserves have been voluntarily placed with me by the Natives for management.

Wanganui.

The foreshore of the river abreast of the market-place, and of sections 74, 75, and 76 in Taupo quay, has been set aside for a Native market and landing-place for canoes, due provision being made for public access to the river.

Out of the confiscated lands at Patea and Whenuakura, 500 acres have been set aside as reserves for general Native purposes. They will be ready for letting on completion of survey.

Leases fallen in or surrendered, four.

New leases granted, or contracts made for leases, sixteen.

Arrears of rent recovered, £113 ls. 6d.

Arrears of rent at present, nil.

Transfer of leases, three.

Lands placed in the Management of Commissioner.

The Ngatitama chief Wiremu Tamehana has voluntarily placed with the Commissioner of Native Reserves, for management, three sections in Block No. 10 of the village of Takapuahia, at Porirua; and the Natives Erenora Tungia and Hoane Te Okoro, of the same tribe, have placed with the Commissioner twelve sections in Block No. 8 of that village.

McCleverty Reserves.

The following lands have been under the action of the Native Land Court, and the Native title determined:—Kolangatawhiri, Reserve 3; Haukopua; Ngauranga, sections 8 and 9; Omororo, section 16, Ohiro, and part of town belt.

Wellington, 29th May, 1874.

CHARLES HEAPHY,
Commissioner of Native Reserves.

PAORA TE IWI and others.—*Re* Reserves at Waiuku.

FRIEND McLEAN,—

Tahurangatira, Waiuku, 8th May, 1874.

We have this day discussed with Major Heaphy the grievances that we have respecting our lands at Waiuku, and he has promised to tell you our words. Mr. King was interpreting. These are our thoughts:—

The Government originally promised that we should have separate grants for our several pieces; and we now ask for new grants: one for each family.

We say, let Tahurangatira and Tahuamango be surveyed into pieces, as Mr. John White proposed, but for each family.

If six persons are put on one piece and one person on another piece, let the pieces be separate when surveyed; and separate grants also be given, to secure to the persons who are to have the piece (of land) for ever, and for their children or relations.

We consent to this plan; and if the Government will send a surveyor, and an interpreter to direct and explain the plan of the work, we also will join to assist them, in order that the work may be properly done.

And we promise not to break this agreement; and say to you, be strong to ask for a surveyor and an interpreter to be sent, and we will give up the old grants which were given to some of us, in order to obtain new grants for each family.

And if Tahurangatira and Tahuamango can be so arranged, then will we say, Let the other lands be done in the same way; but let the fruit of this agreement be first seen.

This is our letter.

From Paora Te Iwi.
 ,, Hoera Te Oro x.
 ,, Perereka Whahieroa x.
 ,, Perereka Te Roha.
 ,, Wiremu Tauroa.
 ,, Hemi Manu.
 ,, Hori Ngahange.