

account of his adventurous visit to the Chiefs of the "King" district. It illustrates forcibly the relative position of the European settlers and Natives along the "frontier."

3. There is no considerable change in the position of affairs since my Despatch No. 52, of the 5th July. Little disposition has been displayed in the General Assembly, which has met since then, to raise a serious discussion upon Native affairs; and the reference which was made to them by some speakers, in the course of the debate on the Address, was marked by moderation and prudence.

Enclosure 2.
Parliamentary
Debates.

I have, &c.,

JAMES FERGUSSON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 12.

COPY of DESPATCH from Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. FERGUSSON, Bart.,
to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 73.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 30th September, 1873.

I have the honor to transmit, in duplicate, a letter from Mr. Thomas Williams, covering printed copies of a letter to the First Lord of the Treasury, on the subject of alleged injustice done by the Government of this Colony to a Maori tribe called Ngatiraukawa.

Enclosure 1.
Letter from Mr.
Williams, 12th
September, 1873.
2 Sub-enclosures.
Letter to Mr.
Gladstone, Mr.
Travers' memoir
of Te Rauparaha.
Enclosure No. 2.
Memo. by Mr.
McLean, and 2
Sub-enclosures,
memoranda by
Mr. Clarke and
Mr. Cooper.

2. I also enclose a Memorandum from the Native Minister, together with Reports from the Under-Secretary to the Government, who are both of them conversant with the subject.

3. It is only necessary for me to observe that the case in question has been long since settled by the legally constituted tribunals whose duty it is to decide upon an immense number of cases of disputed title, and whose decisions are recognized, by both Europeans and Natives, as being just and impartial.

I have, &c.,

JAMES FERGUSSON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

Enclosure in No. 12.

MY LORD,—

Taita, Wellington, New Zealand, 12th September, 1873.

I have the honor of forwarding herewith four copies, in print, of a letter to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, being an appeal from myself on behalf of the Maoris of the Ngatiraukawa Tribe; also two copies of a memoir of Te Rauparaha, Chief of Ngatitooa, by Mr. W. T. L. Travers.

I trust that my having addressed my letter to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, and my having published the same, may not be considered out of order.

I have the honor to state that my father, the Rev. Henry Williams, at the request of Governor Hobson, the first Governor of New Zealand, carried the Treaty of Waitangi to the Native Chiefs on both sides of Cook Strait.

As I believe that Her Majesty's Treaty has been wholly disregarded by the Government of this country, in their treatment of the Ngatiraukawa Tribe with respect to their title to their land, and that great injustice has been done to the tribe; and as every effort that has been made to obtain substantial justice for them in this country has signally failed, I have taken the liberty of laying the whole matter, as fully as I am able, before Her Majesty's Government, and of praying that a full investigation may be granted into their case. I have the honor to request that you will cause two copies of my letter, also a copy of Mr. Travers' memoir of Te Rauparaha, to be laid before the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS J. WILLIAMS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 13.

COPY of DESPATCH from Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. FERGUSSON, Bart.,
to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 74.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 30th September, 1873.

I have the honor to inform you that I have been requested by my Advisers to submit to Her Majesty's Government the following considerations