

in King country, where a meeting is to be held *re* the survey of the southern and western boundaries of Government purchases. I would therefore recommend that you have surveyors in readiness to start work on our return, which will be about end of week; for we must strike the iron whilst it is hot. On thinking over suggestion that Mr. W. A. Graham should be employed to make survey of Patetere, I have come to conclusion that it would be better not to have him, for many reasons, which I will explain hereafter. The line to be cut by Mr. Creagh will be from Okoroiri Blocks to Whakatutu, near Te Whetu.—W. H. GRACE.

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 No. 13.

Government Buildings, Wellington, 14th October, 1879.

(Telegram.)  
 THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR, Auckland.—No. 1,828.—Mr. Grace wired yesterday from Cambridge that he had communicated with you *re* Patetere surveys. Native Minister would be obliged by your seeing him (Grace) on his return from meeting at Aotearoa, and arranging for starting the work.—RICHARD JOHN GILL.

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 No. 14.

Auckland, 14th October, 1879.

(Telegram.)  
 THE UNDER-SECRETARY, Land Purchase, Wellington.—No. 1,743.—I wired Mr. Grace yesterday that I would meet him on his return, to arrange for survey of Patetere. I cannot complete arrangements until I have seen him, but will have everything in train as far as possible.—S. PERCY SMITH, Chief Surveyor.

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 No. 15.

Cambridge, 24th October, 1879.

(Telegram.)  
 S. P. SMITH, Esq., Inspector Surveys, Auckland.—Am informed that you have authorized two surveys in Patetere, which will overlap Creagh's and Government Blocks. Report came through Stubbings. Kindly reply at once. I am going to Patetere now: there is a small hitch. I will meet you any time after my return, and talk over matters. There are several Europeans trying to prevent my work being successful.—W. H. GRACE.

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 No. 16.

Auckland, 24th October, 1879.

(Telegram.)  
 W. H. GRACE, Cambridge.—The only survey authorized is Haukapa, which is a subdivision of Creagh's block probably. I have engaged Stubbings to help on Patetere survey if he should be wanted. Wire directly you come back, please, as I want to employ surveyors on other work if not required for Patetere.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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 No. 17.

Native Land Court Office, Auckland, 29th October, 1879.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter, with translation, dated 19th instant, addressed to me by Te Peina te Kere, stating that he will not permit certain portions of Patetere to be surveyed.

I have, &c.,

F. D. FENTON,

Chief Judge.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

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 No. 18.

(Enclosure in No. 13.)

(TRANSLATION.)

Maketu, 19th October, 1879.

THE CHIEF JUDGE, Native Land Court, Auckland.—Friend, salutations to you. This is my warning to you respecting my land—that is, respecting certain parts of Patetere. Friend, let my words have authority with you. If any person is found by me surveying, I will kill him—that is, if he is surveying by stealth. Friend, be strong to send notice to the surveyors throughout the Island. This is an official warning from me.—From TE PEINA TE KERE, Ngatiwharua.

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 No. 19.

Government Buildings, 14th November, 1879.

(Telegram.)  
 H. W. BRABANT, Esq., R.M., Tauranga.—No. 1,072.—Chief Judge Fenton has sent to this office a letter from Te Peina te Kere, Ngatiwharua, dated Maketu, 19th October, 1879, in which he warns respecting his land at Patetere, and threatens that if any person is found by him surveying he will kill him. Mr. Bryce wishes to know who the writer is. Can you inform me?—T. W. LEWIS, Under-Secretary.

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 No. 20.

Tauranga, 17th November, 1879.

(Telegram.)  
 T. W. LEWIS, Esq., Under-Secretary, Wellington.—Your telegram of 14th was not answered then, owing to my absence at Rotorua on duty. I have made inquiries. I think letter to Judge Fenton must have been written by a man named Te Peina. The other names are possibly the names of others who joined him in signing the letter. Te Peina at present lives with the Tapuka Tribe, near Maketu, and is connected with them by marriage; but he is the son of the chief Te Kere, of Te Waotu, in Waikato, and probably an owner of land at Patetere. I can see him and question him, if Hon. Native Minister wishes.—HERBERT W. BRABANT, R.M.