

No. 21.

Tauranga, 18th November, 1879.

(Telegram.)
 T. W. LEWIS, Esq., Under-Secretary, Wellington.—Neither Te Peina nor any of his connections of Tapuika draw Government pay in this district.—H. W. BRABANT, R.M.

No. 22.

Tauranga, 21st November, 1879.

(Telegram.)
 T. W. LEWIS, Esq., Under-Secretary, Wellington.—Referring to your telegram of 15th instant, I have seen Te Peina. His threat to kill surveyors referred to the survey of a Government purchase which is under negotiation by Mr. Grace. I have told him that he did a most improper thing to write such a letter, even if, as he now says, "he did not really mean to kill the surveyors." He is a young man, a son of Te Kere te Hamaka, of Ngatiahuru.—H. W. BRABANT, R.M.

No. 23.

(TRANSLATION.)

Cambridge, 29th October, 1879.

(Telegram.)
 THE NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.—Friend, Greeting. Our word to you is that we will stop the survey of Patetere, because of the arbitrary notification of the late Government in respect to it. When you have arranged this difficulty we will then talk about survey and roads.—From TE KEREI TE WHANOKE (from all Ngatiahuru).

No. 24.

1st November, 1879.

MR. GILL.—Please telegraph to both of the Graces in the Waikato that a Native named Hare Heimana has arrived here, and states to me that he has been sent down to try and get the survey of the Patetere Block stopped; and that he fears surveyors will be shot if it is not done. Ask them to report at once, by telegraph, as to the progress of the survey and the character of the opposition to it; also, whether the boundaries now being cut include only land under Proclamation, or whether other lands outside of Proclamation are not being arranged with a view to private purchase.—JOHN BRYCE.

No. 25.

Government Buildings, Wellington, 1st November, 1879.

(Telegram.)
 W. H. GRACE, Esq., Alexandra.—A Native named Hare Heimana has arrived here, and informed the Hon. Native Minister that he has been sent down to try and get the survey of the Patetere Block stopped; and that he fears the surveyors will be shot if this is not done. You will please report at once, by telegram, as to the progress of the survey and the character of the opposition to it; also, whether the boundaries now being cut include only land under Proclamation, or whether other lands outside of the Proclamation are not being surveyed with a view to private purchases.—RICHARD JOHN GILL.

No. 26.

Alexandra, 1st November, 1879.

(Telegram.)
 RICHARD JOHN GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase, Wellington.—Hearing that a petition praying that Government withdraw from purchase of certain portions of Patetere has been got up and forwarded last Tuesday to Wellington, by certain European land-speculators, I have thought it necessary to bring the following under your notice: First, some of the above Europeans are the same parties who, in 1873, sold out their claims at Patetere to Government. Second, that, with few exceptions, the whole of Maoris with whom said Europeans are treating have taken Government money and signed agreement to sell. Third, so far I have, notwithstanding strenuous exertions of said Europeans, made very fair progress with survey, having cut eastern boundary from Okoroiri to Whakatutu, a distance of twenty miles, and am confident that, if Government are firm, I will succeed in carrying survey through without endangering the peace of the country. Fourth, I have discovered that Maoris who obstructed Government surveys were incited thereto by the above Europeans. Fifth, if prayer of petition is granted, the very best land in Patetere, comprising nearly 100,000 acres, would become property of above Europeans, and nothing but pumice-stone and rough country remain for Government, to say nothing of the bad effect it would have on Maoris. Will forward full report by letter.—W. H. GRACE.

No. 27.

Cambridge, 1st November, 1879.

(Telegram.)
 R. J. GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase, Wellington.—*Re* your wire just received. Forwarded at same time as this is a telegram from Tiemi Ranapiri. The person you mention is merely a mouthpiece of certain European speculators, and has been prompted by them to say what he has to Native Minister. I will be watchful, and as soon as ever I foresee any breach of the peace I will not fail to give you timely notice. The survey at present going on is eastern boundary of proclaimed block, and also forms a boundary of lands which are being purchased by private Europeans. Tiema Ranapiri will be in Otaki shortly, and, if wanted, telegraph for him to that place.—W. H. GRACE.

No. 28.

(Enclosure in No. 27.)

Cambridge, 1st November, 1879.

(Telegram.)
 R. J. GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase, Wellington.—Do not listen to what Harry Simmonds says; but all Ngatiraukawa agree to the survey of Patetere being carried on.—TIEMI RANAPIRI.