

No. 66.

(TRANSLATION.)

Moutoa, 29th December, 1879.

MR. BRYCE, the Minister for Native Affairs.—Salutations to you. This is a making known to you respecting our lands to the north at Taupo, which have been sold by the Ngatiraukawa living at Te Tokoroa. We have withdrawn them from sale. The names of the lands commence at Atiamuri, at the mouth of Mangaharakeke, whence it turns to the east, the source of Mangaharakeke; thence to the source of Tokotokorau, thence right on to Waipuna, thence on to Tahuahinu, thence to Whakaparu, thence to Kakapo, thence to Matawhana, thence on to the Waikato, following the course of the Waikato; thence northward, Whangamarino, Te Kopua, Te Waimatahana, Nga Roto, Atiamuri, the commencing-point. These are the principal names within that boundary. Te Whakamaru and Maungaiti are the pieces that should not be included in that sale; for our ancestors lie there, those places being burial-places of ours.—MOROATI KIHAROA, MATENE TE WHIWHI, and others.

No. 67.

MEMORANDUM No. 2,107.

Survey Office, Auckland, 23rd December, 1879.

THE attached letter to the Hon. the Native Minister has been forwarded through me in order that I may add a few words of explanation. You will remember that, on the 6th November, you telegraphed to me that the Hon. Native Minister requests me not to authorize any surveys or to go on with the Government surveys in Patetere; and again, on the 19th November you telegraphed to say that Mr. Creagh complained that Mr. Thorpe was allowed to go on with a block adjacent to that on which he had been stopped; to which I replied that I believed Mr. Thorpe had abandoned his survey some time before. It now appears that he started again just a few days before I telegraphed to you. Upon my hearing that he had done so, I at once sent out to stop him, and this letter is in consequence of such stoppage. From inquiries that I have made I believe the Patetere question is not affected by Mr. Thorpe's survey of Paengaroa, and that there are no dissentients to such survey. This block, and that lately under survey by Mr. Creagh, adjoin one another near the Tauranga-Taupo Road, and consequently are a long way from the disputed part of Patetere. I cannot think that any difficulty would arise by allowing this survey to be completed. The Government interests are in no way affected.

The Under-Secretary, Land Purchase Department,
Wellington.

S. PERCY SMITH,
Chief Surveyor.

(TRANSLATION.)

Peterehema, Tauranga, 15th December, 1879.

MR. BRYCE, the Minister for Native Affairs.—Friend, salutations. Your instructions stopping the continuation of the survey by our pakeha, Mr. Thorpe, have been received. Hearken you: There are no complications in connection with that survey; we ourselves employed him: it was agreed to also by all the people here at Tauranga. This is not Mr. Creagh's survey; but it is a survey of land that is absolutely our own. That survey is completed, all but a very small portion. This is an application to you to allow that survey to proceed. That is all.—From NGATI TE NGOIHAERE and 19 others.

No. 68.

MEMORANDUM for the CHIEF SURVEYOR, Auckland.

Re survey of Paengaroa-Patetere Block. Following is copy of Native Minister's minute on your memorandum No. 2,107, of 23rd ultimo: "These surveys had better all be delayed in the meantime.—JOHN BRYCE.—20/1/80."—P. SHERIDAN (for Under-Secretary).

No. 69.

(TRANSLATION.)

Tapuaharuru, 7th January, 1880.

THE HON. MR. BRYCE, the Minister for Native Affairs.—Friend, salutations. This is a word to you respecting my land, Te Tokoroa. It was my own hands that gave it to the Government Commissioners—to Mr. Grace and to Mr. Mitchell. That block does not belong to others, it belongs to us two. We wish to give that land absolutely to you. Do you add a further sum to the money of the Government which has already been advanced to us on it, and let us have £50,800. That is all the word to you. Do not hearken to what any one may say, who claims land there. The people who can give information respecting our right to that land are Poihipi, Turuhira te Hohipera, Wiremu P. Akara Ngahue, and Hoterene Ngahue. That is all.—From your friends, ARETI POIHIPI, MERE NGAHUE.

No. 70.

Grahamstown, 31st December, 1879.

(Telegram.)
R. J. GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase Department, Tauranga.—A large meeting of Ngatiraukawa will be held at Waotu, near Cambridge, about the 10th, and reference is likely to be made to the purchase of Patetere Block by the Government, also survey of same. Would not this be a good time to come to some settlement regarding this block? It is very likely that there will also be some Waiharakeke owners at the meeting.—GEORGE T. WILKINSON, Land Purchase Officer.

No. 71.

Wanganui, 2nd January, 1880.

(Telegram.)
MR. GILL, Native Department, Tauranga.—I have instructed Major Mair to attend meeting on behalf of Government. Wilkinson can go too if he and you think he can serve a useful purpose, and if he