

No. 2.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, to Major MAIR.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 25th June, 1881.

I have the honor, by direction of Mr. Rolleston, to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, containing a report of your recent meeting with Rewi Maniapoto at Kihikihi, and of Tawhiao's visit to Alexandra.

I have, &c.,

Major Mair, R.M., Native Agent, Auckland.

T. W. LEWIS,
Under-Secretary

No. 3.

The NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington, to TAWHIAO.

(Telegram.)

Native Office, Wellington, 12th July, 1881.

THESE are words of welcome to you and Wahanui and Manuhiri, and the chiefs of the tribes who have been living above the Puniu River.

Greeting to you. I have heard that you have come as friends to visit friends.

My words are few, but my thoughts are many. They look forward from the past to the future, that the days to come may be days of friendship and peace between the Maoris and Europeans.

From your friend,
W. ROLLESTON.

To Tawhiao.

No. 4.

The NATIVE MINISTER to TAWHIAO.

(Translation.)

Wellington, 5th August, 1881.

FRIEND,—
Greeting to you. The account of your visit to the Waikato and the homes of your ancestors has been told to the Government through wires of the telegraph. I now hear that you are returning to your own home, and that you cannot now visit Auckland as I had hoped you would be able to do. I send you, on the part of the Government, a swift message of love, to tell you that our heart has been with you in your journeyings, and that from the day you came to Alexandra we have felt that a new day has dawned upon both Maoris and Europeans, and that the work of peace and friendship will hereafter fill our thoughts while we work together in the broad light of day.

Now, it is a matter of grief to me that I was not able to meet you when you came, because the Parliament was sitting; but I hope when that is over that we shall be able to come together and discuss what shall be done in the future, so that your work which you have begun shall continue and grow for ever. It will be said hereafter that this work of yours is greater than any that has been done in the past. I shall look forward to the day when I shall see you, and learn from you your thoughts, and make known to you my thoughts, so that we may settle the troubles of the past, and make firm the good of the future.

From your friend,
W. ROLLESTON

To Tawhiao.

No. 5.

TAWHIAO to the NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.

(Telegram. Translation.)

Alexandra, 16th August, 1881.

FRIEND, salutations to you. I have seen your words, and they are very clear and very good; leave it until I arrive at my settlement, then I will communicate with you at greater length. I am returning.

Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Wellington.

From TAWHIAO.

No. 6.

TAWHIAO to the NATIVE MINISTER.

(Translation.)

Hikurangi, 27th August, 1881.

GREETING. I have received your expressions of goodwill and regard for me, indeed from you all living at that place, and also your approval of my visit to the towns on the Waikato. Yes, your thought is very good; my word to you is that this is mine, mine. I will pursue a direct course, and will not diverge from it. Mine will turn to you. Yes, it is daylight, and the sun has risen. If yours is the same as mine, matters will soon be settled, and soon be set right. I will not conceal my word, this word: I will save, protect, and befriend. My word is true; I will not diverge from or conceal this word of mine. Do you look steadfastly to me; if you continually look towards me, then you will hear and see; it has a day, and it will be seen, for I am the fish of the "Whakatuataea." The fern-root most valued in the world is mine only, and it will be seen and heard of. Enough of this.

This is another word in reply to yours, saying that it is for you and me to settle all former troubles; this is my word to you, do not be over-anxious, or bear those things too much in mind. My word to you is, leave it to me to deal with, let yours be the same as mine, do not differ; if yours differs from mine I will never agree, never. If yours is the same as mine I will agree; though there be many matters, wrongs, or troubles in the future, it is for me alone to deal with them. It is with me, with me alone. It is for me alone to make arrangements for us. If it is left to me it will be settled and accomplished beyond what has ever been done before. Leave the arrangement to me.

This is my word to you, to Mr. Rolleston, in reply to your saying that you look forward to the day when we shall meet. My word to you is, do not allow your thoughts to dwell upon it; leave it to