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MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 28th July, 1886.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the Natives on the West Coast of the North Island, near Mount Egmont, have lately been giving some trouble by trespassing on the land of settlers.

On the 10th instant a number of Maoris assembled at the farm of Mr. Lysaght in the settled district south of Patea, but, on hearing that the police were coming, left without doing any damage.

On the 17th, however, about five hundred Natives assembled on the land of a settler named Hastie, who resides near Manaia, on land some of which has been purchased and some leased. The entry was made on the purchased property. The Natives proceeded to break up the land, and erect whares (Native dwelling-houses), light fires, and prepare for cooking their food. After some disturbance, and a display of much forbearance both on the part of the police and of the settlers, the ringleaders were arrested, and the Natives removed from the land.

As positive information was given to the police that the outrage was committed under the express direction of Te Whiti, the Government gave orders for his arrest, which was accordingly effected on the 20th instant. Te Whiti and the other leaders arrested were brought before the Resident Magistrate, and by him committed to take their trial at Wellington for forcible entry and inciting thereto, and are now in prison here awaiting their trial.

Fuller accounts of the proceedings will be found in the extracts from the newspapers which I enclose.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

Enclosure.

EXTRACTS from the *New Zealand Herald* of the 10th, 12th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd July.

No. 36.

(No. 73.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 14th August, 1886.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me by Dr. J. Hector, Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, enclosing a petition which he has drawn up, by the direction of the Senate of the University, relating to the disabilities under which students to whom degrees in medicine and surgery have been granted by the University labour owing to the fact that those degrees do not entitle them to practice within the United Kingdom, nor to take medical or surgical charge of passenger vessels under the Board of Trade. The petition states that the Medical Practitioners Act Amendment Bill, which is understood to be now before the House of Lords, provides what the petitioners desire, and prays that Her Majesty's Government may be pleased to use their endeavours to pass the Bill into law.

I beg to commend the petition to your Lordship's favourable consideration.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

University of New Zealand, Wellington, 3rd August, 1886.

The Senate of the University considered a question of much importance to young men in colony desiring to obtain degrees in medicine, namely, the disabilities that they would labour this under, even after attaining to such degrees, from the fact that, notwithstanding the expressions in Her Majesty the Queen's Charter to the University, their degrees would not entitle them to practise beyond the colony, or in the army or navy, or in the mercantile marine. The Senate therefore directed me to prepare a petition to Her Majesty's Government for the removal of these disabilities,