

and a line of garrisons guarded the curving frontier from Alexandra to Cambridge.

The exiled Waikatos must have bitterly realised the futility of further resistance when they looked across the Puniu and the Waipa, and saw the white man spreading over the land. They brooded over their misfortunes, and what they considered their unjust treatment, and they made the King Country frontier a Rohe-tapu, a sacred boundary. "The land for the Maoris," was the cry; "you *pakehas* with your booted feet on that side of the *aukati*, and we Maoris in our bare feet on this side." As late as 1879 serious trouble was again feared. This was a period of unrest in the King Country and in Taranaki. Vague rumours came of intended fighting, and indeed there was grave danger of a rising in Taranaki, where redoubts were garrisoned by the Armed Constabulary. On the Waikato frontier, too, a considerable number of the Armed

The King Country was then to a large extent *tapu* to the white man. European settlers occasionally went across the Puniu and up country on business; but surveyors,



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Formerly King Tawhiao's Secretary.



Fulman, MENEHIRA, Auckland.
A King Country Chief.

gold prospectors and Government men generally were looked on with unfriendly eyes.

In the early seventies two murders of Europeans occurred just within the "King" Country borders. Todd, the surveyor, was shot by Nukuwhenua on the slopes of Mount Pirongia, across the Waipa, and Timothy Sullivan was shot by Purukutu at Pukekura, beyond Cambridge. They had crossed the *aukati*, and they died.

In those days Kawhia and Te Kuiti were two of the great centres of Tawhiao and his Kingites. Te Kooti and other "wanted" men sought refuge with the Kingites; the Hanhau religion was universal, and many were the schemes propounded by the wilder spirits for making war on the *pakeha* again and re-conquering Waikato.

But about 1879 the first steps were taken

Constabulary force were stationed up to this time, chiefly at the Alexandra and Kihikihi redoubts and at Cambridge.