

even a . . . Danais alive on a Asclepius [?] in his garden. Half caste wife and dark children. A session to decide some litigation was called on the Wednesday and many natives were to come to this. Much drinking going on already as it was, since many Maoris had arrived to get money from the land commissioners, but it was said they got none. Among others there were the Andersons, big men, sons of a Swede, Jan Anderson, now dead; magnificent drinkers. Old Bryers<sup>32</sup> friendly. Young Bryers too, rather a gentleman, beautiful eyes, Italian type, big beard. Children of the young one were black and did not seem very strong, just like most half caste children. Leisurely life. No cultivation going on at all. The ground in the paddock – no milk despite the fact that there are cows – too much trouble to milk them. In the same way there is no butter and pork is what one eats all the time. Lots of wild cattle that is chased home from the forest by a riding hunter, over mountains and hillsides, ferns and manuka shrubs and bush – one moment the hunter is out by the Waima, when only a little while earlier I was talking to him. Most of the cattle was owned by Hudson, the landlord in Taheke. The laziness of the Maoris is so great that Smith was unable to send a letter 4 miles despite offering to pay 5/-. For two horses from Herds Point to Kaipara along the west coast I paid Fraser £6 (the school master wanted £1 for the trouble of getting the horses) In Taumatawhiwi [Taumatawiwi] I looked at the school (Ward was the school teacher), writing going on. Posters on the walls . . . Ward's wife was a halfcaste, the most beautiful one I had seen in Hokianga. Fraser's (Sturmer's assistant) wife was dry and seemed unhealthy. From Herds Point to Taumatawhiwi together with Fraser, Jones, John Webster and Captain King from England and together with these men went to Manning where we had dinner. King said that if M. were in England he would be declared insane. Saw three old Pakeha-Maoris; the oldest, Nimmo (75 years old)<sup>33</sup> came to New Zealand in 1825 . . . and Chapman . . . A Pakeha-Maori is regarded as a valuable asset by the native population who would do anything for these Pakeha-Maoris and sometimes carried heavy burdens for them all the way from the Bay of Islands. Nimmo had his house built on top of the bodies of 20 dead Maoris, that had been roasted at one particular time. These Pakeha-Maoris are more and more protected by the natives. It was in those days when one could get almost anything for a nail or an axe. (Sturmer, Gillies, Webster, Manning etc. intend to go around the Pacific Islands and trade with the natives – in their own schooner – scientific enterprise.)

'Manning gave me a copy of his book – since I came from so far away. The book about the war is another publication that he does not have copies of himself. Said that he was preparing another ethnographical publication. Gets £800–1,000 a year in salary and on top of that has