

by me to be reserved for public use, and also to lay out the sites of such blockhouses and redoubts as shall be hereafter directed by me in that behalf.

And you are hereby enjoined, before proceeding to mark out any proprietary right upon the ground, to publish a general notice to all members of the Ngatiawa tribe, calling upon them to come in and point out the claims which they may have to land within the boundaries hereinbefore described, either as individuals, families or sections of the said Tribe, and warning them that unless they shall appear before you personally or by proxy for the purpose of pointing out such claims upon the ground, at some time, not being less than three, nor more than twelve months from the date of such notice. You will then, for the purpose of giving effect to the said declaration and terms of submission, proceed to lay out and mark off the proprietary rights of the Natives so in arms as aforesaid, according to the best evidence as to such rights which you can procure, or which shall be laid before you on the spot.

Provided always, and you are expressly hereby enjoined, that if and so often as any matter of difference shall arise as to the ownership of any portion of land, or as to the extent of any such proprietary rights: Then, and in every such case you shall not proceed to define or mark the same out upon the ground, but shall reserve the same to be enquired into before Her Majesty's Commissioner appointed for the final determination of such differences; unless such difference shall arise in respect of any part of the block commonly known as "Teira's Block," or in respect of the sites of Blockhouses or Redoubts, or in respect of any line of road.

And you are hereby further enjoined in the execution of this Warrant to obey any rules or orders which Her Majesty's said Commissioner shall in pursuance of his commission establish or direct to you for your guidance, and for the more effectual carrying out of the objects of the said Commission and of this Warrant.

Given under my hand at the Government House at Auckland,  
this twenty-seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord,  
One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

T. GORE BROWNE.

By His Excellency's Command,  
FREDERICK A. WELD.

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### No. 7.

COPY OF HER MAJESTY'S LETTERS PATENT UNDER THE SEAL OF NEW ZEALAND, TO HIS HONOR  
JUDGE JOHNSTON.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :—

Whereas certain Aboriginal Natives of the Ngatiawa Tribe have lately been in arms at Taranaki, in our Colony of New Zealand, in insurrection against our Royal Authority.

And whereas Thomas Gore Browne, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Colony, did in or about the month of April last, declare and publish the terms on which he would, on our behalf, receive the submission of the said Aboriginal Natives.

And whereas our said Governor did in the said terms of submission, declare with respect to the block of land at Waitara in Taranaki aforesaid, commonly known as "Teira's block," that the investigation of the title and the survey of the said land should be continued and completed, and that every man should be permitted to state his claims without interference, and that the decision of our said Governor or of such persons as he should appoint, should be conclusive: and whereas our said Governor in the said terms of submission did further declare that all the land then in possession of our Military Forces, belonging to those who had so borne arms against us, should be disposed of by our said Governor as he might think fit: and that as he did not use force for the acquisition of land, but for the vindication of the law and the protection of our Native subjects in the exercise of their just rights, he should divide the land so in possession of our Forces, among its former owners, reserving for the public use the sites of our Blockhouses and Redoubts erected thereon, and exercising the right of making roads through the Waitara district at Taranaki aforesaid.

And whereas the land so in possession of our Forces is bounded by a line commencing at the mouth of the Waitara River, and proceeding thence along the South Bank of the said River to Te Arei Pa, thence by a line from Te Arei Pa to the southernmost of two roads leading from the said Pa to Huirangi Redoubt, thence by a line following the edge of the forest till it strikes the Waiongona River, thence by the Waiongona River to the sea, and thence by the sea to the commencing point:

And whereas our said Governor so far as regards the said block of land commonly known as Teira's block, has determined to retain in his own hands the final decision upon any claims which may be preferred to any part thereof, and also to determine the extent of the Reserves so to be made for the public use as aforesaid: But it is expedient that, so far as regards the residue of the land comprised within the boundaries aforesaid, steps should be taken without delay to ascertain who are entitled to the benefit of the declaration secondly hereinbefore recited: