

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE ABDUCTION

No. 6.

THOMAS PAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Auckland, 18th June, 1861.

SIR,—

I have lately brought to notice an occurrence of very great matter, which I placed six or seven days ago before the Native Secretary, and not having heard any reply, I venture to lay the case before you, hoping you will excuse me and investigate into the matter, and grant me a hearing. The minutes of the document I sent to the Native Secretary were simply this: I, in claiming a child of my own, which the Natives forcibly took from a woman with which I left her, the child, in charge, they took, on my claiming her, a horse, value £30, which I intended for the support of my child until I would be in power to support her. I appealed to the Magistrates there, but they would not do anything in it. Now, Sir, I hope you will take it into your consideration, and grant me your aid in supporting me for some recompense, and by so doing you will much oblige,

Your obedient, humble servant,

THOMAS PAGE.

His Excellency the Governor.

No. 7.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO THOMAS PAGE.

Native Secretary's Office,
Auckland, July 5th, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, requesting the intervention of the Government to obtain redress for you in the matter to which those communications refer.

In reply I am directed to inform you that your case will be carefully enquired into on the spot, and that should it be found that wrong has been done to you, every effort will be used to obtain redress.

I have also to inform you that Mr. Clendon, the Resident Magistrate at Te Keri Keri, has been instructed to investigate this matter.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS H. SMITH,
Assistant Native Secretary.Mr. Thos. Page,
Mongonui.

No. 8.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO TAMATI WAKA.

Native Office,
Auckland, July 5th, 1861.

FRIEND WAKA,—

Greeting. This is to inform you that Mr. Clendon is inquiring into the information which has reached the Governor about the taking of the girl of the Pakeha, and subsequently his horse, by Whareoneone. Now you must together assist to settle this matter according to law. Mr. Clendon has been communicated with on the subject. Enough.

From your friend,

SMITH.

To Tamati Waka and others,
At Kororareka.

No. 9.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, KERI KERI.

Native Secretary's Office,
Auckland, July 5th, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th ultimo, reporting on two cases of alleged outrages at Te Keri Keri and Mongonui.

With reference to the latter case, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to transmit to you copies of letters addressed to the Government by Mr. Page, and to request that you will,