

No. 4.

LETTER FROM REWI, MANIAPOTO TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Te Awamutu, 25th Maehe, 1863.

E HOA E KAWANA KEREI,—

Tena koe. Tenei taku kupu ki a koe. Kua mate a Te Kohi i au. Kua riro i au te Perehi. Ko aku tangata enei nana i tango, e waru te kau takitahi; tu tonu i te pu enei tangata. Ko te take he pana ia Te Kohi kia hoki ki te taone, na te nui hoki o te pouri ki tana tukunga mai ki konei noho ai, whakawai ai, na to kupu hoki tetahi, mau e kerī i nga taha ka hinga to kingitanga. E hoa whakahokia a Te Koti ki te taone. Kaua e waiho ki au kia noho i te Awamutu: heoiano, ka ki keo ki te waiho, ka mate. Heoiano, kia tere mai to pukapuka tiki mai i nga wiki e toru. Ka mutu.

Kia Kawana Kerei,
Kei Taranaki.

Na to hoa,
Na REWI, MANIAPOTO.

[TRANSLATION.]

FRIEND GOVERNOR GREY,—

Greeting. This is my word to you. Mr. Gorst has suffered (*mate*) through me. The press has been taken by me. These are my men who took it—eighty armed with guns; the reason whereof is to turn off (*pana*) Mr. Gorst, in order that he may return to the town: it is on account of the darkness occasioned by his being sent here to stay and deceive us, and also on account of your word, “by digging at the sides, your King movement will fall.”

Friend, take Mr. Gorst back to town; do not let him stay with me at Te Awamutu. Enough; if you say that he is to stay, he will die (*ka mate*). Enough; send speedily your letter to fetch him in three weeks. It is ended.

To Governor Grey,
Taranaki.

From your friend,
From REWI, MANIAPOTO.

No. 5.

Narrative of E. J. Von Dadelszen of the seizing of the Press at the Awamutu.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the 24th March, while the newspapers for that day were being printed, a number of Natives arrived, about 50 of them armed with guns, and the remainder with Native weapons, and stationed themselves in front of the printing office. I locked the door before their faces, put the key in my pocket, and went a little distance off. After a short prayer, they broke the door open, and proceeded to take the press down, and carry it outside to some drays they had there.

While they were doing this, Patene, the Ngaruawahia Chief, arrived, and partly succeeded in stopping them, turning about six out of the printing office (it being then quite full of Natives). After some time, however, he came away, and the work went on. Everything connected with the printing was taken away, together with a portmanteau belonging to Mr. Mainwaring, and a box containing some of my clothes. When all was gone, they stationed sentinels at the door, and allowed no one inside. Before breaking open the door, they had a scuffle with the Native teacher, who placed himself before it, and was dragged away after some resistance. They also broke down about twenty yards of the fence between the printing office and the road. They camped all round the house; but, about 6 o'clock, allowed us to enter to take our clothes from the little bedroom at the back. They did not attempt to touch anything in the main building. In the evening, they stationed their soldiers all round the house.

About 8 o'clock, Mr. Gorst, White, and Mainwaring arrived.

There was some talk of setting fire to the place, and one or two fire-sticks were brought, but they determined not to do it in the end. A good many guns were loaded with ball, but none fired. A great many slept in the printing office that night. During the remainder of the afternoon, Taati, Patene, and Tioriori on one side, and the leaders of the soldiers on the other, talked a great deal in the road. William King, Rewi, and a few others, stayed some distance off, and gave their orders from there. The mail box, &c., was also taken with the mail money.

E. J. VON DADELSZEN.

From the manner in which the press, &c., was handled, it is exceedingly likely, almost certain, that it is broken.

Narrative of the attach upon the Awamutu Station, by R. C. Mainwaring.

No. 6.

On Monday the 23rd instant, Messrs. Gorst and White went over to Kihikihi for the purpose of having an interview with William King, and Rewi, on the subject of His Excellency's despatch to Taati and other Chiefs. The civility with which they were treated was especially remarked on by both parties. No mention was made of assault on the Otawhao school, and the expected visit