

Auckland, which might lead the Natives to suppose that something more than the occupation of Tataraimaka was intended. In the event of His Excellency deciding upon taking possession of the block before he himself or any member of his Government visits the settlement, I should deem it my duty (with the approval of the Government) to go myself with the troops and remain with them on the block for a time.

I should also require authority to engage some assistance for a short time; Mr. W. Carrington having been removed from my control and transferred to his brother, the Engineering Surveyor.

Trusting, sir, you will pardon me for venturing to give an opinion on a question of such importance.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT PARRIS.

P.S.—Should I see occasion to alter my opinion I will communicate the same by first mail.

R. P.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Auckland.

Enclosure 2 to No. 7.

New Plymouth,
February 2nd, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo respecting the sum of money advanced by me to Pehimana Manakore, and to report for the information of the Government that Henare Te Reo arrived last week from Wanganui overland, and reports that Pehimana Manakore was in the Ngatiruanui district, a prisoner, when he came through. That the Kingites had refused to allow him to pass for less than Fifty pounds, being a Magistrate of the Queen's Government.

Henare Te Reo went from this to Wanganui about three months ago, and was himself made a prisoner for refusing to pay the sum of Two pounds, a charge imposed upon him being a Queen's native. On payment of the amount he was liberated and allowed to proceed to Wanganui.

I have, &c., &c.

ROBERT PARRIS,
Assistant Native Secretary.

The Native Secretary, Auckland.

No. 8.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF
NEWCASTLE, K.G.

Government House,
Auckland, 6th February, 1863.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to transmit for your Grace's information copies of three letters I have had forwarded to me from Native chiefs to whom these letters had been transmitted, with the view of inducing them to join in plots against the Government.

These letters curiously illustrate two points :—1st. That we have enemies in the country actively engaged in forming plots. 2nd. That we have many friends who will not only refrain from joining in such plots, but will reveal them to us; and that these persons are in many instances those whom the hostile natives had counted upon finding sure friends and allies.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

Enclosure 1 to No. 8.

Warea, Taranaki,
November 3rd, 1862.

O FRIENDS,—Salutations to you residing yonder on a portion of our island left by our ancestors to us. Sufficient of that.

Now O friends look at that sketch (of the land) those are the places which are in dispute between the Governor and myself, for the Governor has proclaimed that the weapon shall decide as to who is in the right, as to who shall have the land, Maoris or Europeans. The Governor said, "O Maoris it will be by your weapon that you obtain possession of the land, and by the edge of my sword I shall take possession of the land." Yes, it is well that the Maori should see his *Mereparaoa* lifted up, and the Governor receive a blow from it. You will see (by the enclosed paper) the places which have been taken by my hands. They are held and will not be given up to the Governor. They will be lands held in possession by us for ever. Sufficient of that. Now you will see that those lands (or you will observe that the lands) a sketch of which you have seen, will bring about the destruction of the Europeans throughout the country. Sufficient of that.

Now O friends, do you give heed to my sentence respecting New Zealand, including all its places. If I discover that at the Ngatikahungunu's place or elsewhere, at Ngatiporou's place, or elsewhere at Whangaparaoa, or elsewhere at Whakatohea's, or elsewhere at the Ngatiawas place or Tauranga, if I shall discover that any one of these places shall be floating on to the sea (*i.e.*, if Maori land be taken possession of by the Government) I will tie the rope to my own neck and one end will be tied to Tara-