

That several of your friends, named Paraone, Henare, Manina, Kingita, &c., demanded his release, which not being complied with, they broke open the lock-up by violence, and took him away.

This is a great offence.

I write to you as the chief of these men, to request you to restore Mita to the custody of the law, and to cause those foolish men to make amends for the evil they have committed.

From your friend,

A. H. RUSSELL,
Civil Commissioner.

Enclosure 2 to No. 4.

Te Keretu, December 2nd, 1862.

TO GOVERNOR GREY,—

Father, salutations to you in the things that are good. Friend, this is my word to you. Wi Te Rauroha has been here, to Waikato, to tell what passed between you two. That you had said that your two steamers were going into Waikato; and after he had done, the (men of) Waikato then considered as to what they should do, with reference to your words. These are their principal words. It will not be well for the steamers to come into Waikato: for there is evil in it. It will not be well for the road to cross Maungatawhiri: if it crosses there is evil in it (there will be evil).

Friend, do you hearken. If you are determined upon what you say, that is, about the steamer and the road, Waikato will rush into war. By what I can hear at the Runangas of Waikato, they are very obstinate. I spoke to them, but they did not listen. These were my words—"It is proper that we should consider the Governor's policy, for he knows how to consider (for our benefit). The Runanga then said—Do not listen to him, because that man is a Queenite. I did not say anything more, my mind is quite confused.

What is now to be done? Friend, the thought now remains with you. If you are determined upon it, write to your men, to me only.

From your loving friend,

WIRITANA,
Assessor.

Enclosure 3 to No. 4.

Te Kohekohe, December 4th, 1862.

FRIEND MR. BELL,—

Salutations to you. Harken to the word of the Maoris in regard to the steamers (intended) for Waikato. They are waiting. They say that if the steamer enters the Waikato, they will come at once and attack her. Their going to Kapiti is stopped; they are staying to wait for the steamer. In my opinion they will go to (attack) the Pakehas at the Ia, at Pokeno, and all along the road. Another thing they say is—that if the steamer comes they will come and spoil me and my work. My idea is this. Stop goods (or, supplies) from reaching them first; by-and-bye the steamer, when they hoist the flag in my district then let her come, that I may have a word to say to them. They say also that when my houses are built, they will bring the flags, I will then have a pretext and have men for our work, lest they should perhaps trouble other men. The matter, however, rests with the Governor and you, if you approve of my word, well and good; or if you adhere to your own, well and good. If you wish me to come, write to me, for Te Wharepu wishes to come to Auckland.

I quite approve of interdicting goods. Make known my thoughts to my father, Governor Grey.

Enough from your friend,

WI TE WHEORO.

No. 5.

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

Government House,

Auckland, 18th December, 1862.

No. 130.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Very serious questions may arise in this Colony on the subject of attempting to carry roads through lands over which the Native Title has not been extinguished, as I fear, however necessary such roads might be for the safety and welfare of Her Majesty's subjects, that the Natives may in some instances resist their construction by force of arms.

2. The opinion of the Colonial Attorney-General was therefore taken on the question of the right of the Government to construct such roads where they were absolutely required.

3. Under the present constitution of this Colony, and the existing mode of managing Native affairs, the Home Government is much interested in this question. I have therefore thought it my duty to enclose for your Grace's information, a copy of the opinion of the Colonial Attorney-General,