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

No. 93.

Government House,
Auckland, 8th August, 1863.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to enclose, for your Grace's information, the copy of a letter which has been addressed by William Thompson, chief of Ngatihana tribe, to Archdeacon Brown.

Your Grace will be sorry to find that this chief, has determined to join the Natives who are in arms against us, and that he deliberately announces his intention to spare no one, not even the unarmed.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

Enclosure to No. 4.

WILLIAM THOMPSON TO ARCHDEACON BROWN.

Otorokai, Matamata, July 26th, 1863.

To Archdeacon Brown,—

Salutations. Friend, hearken. The reasons are many that induced me to go and view the work between the Waikato and the Governor.

This is a word of mine to you, to let you know my views. I shall spare neither unarmed people nor property. Do not suppose that the Waikatos are wrong and the Governor right. No; I consider that he is wrong. The faults that I have seen are, 1st, I said to him leave these years to me, do not go to Tataraimaka, leave me to talk to the Ngatiruanui; do not persist, that tribe is still hostile. It was Governor Browne who taught them. That hot-tempered Governor said, that all the land over which he had trod should be his, i.e., Waitara. The Taranakis then said, in regard to Tataraimaka, very good, and we will also hold the land over which our feet have trod.

Governor Grey, however, did not agree to my proposal.

2nd. The Governor persisting in Mr. Gorst's staying as a magistrate in the midst of the Maoris. I said to Mr. Gorst, go back, the Maoris do not want you. But the Governor still persisted in sending Mr. Gorst. Now it appears that it was for the purpose of provoking a war that he persisted.

3rd. The taking up of the post at Mangatawhiri.

4th. The unwarrantable conduct of the soldiers in driving the Maoris off their own land at Pokeno.

5th. The defeat or death (mate) of the Waikatos you have heard and know. The law discriminates in cases of crime, and does not include the many. These are the wrongs which I have seen.

Father, listen. I have consented to attack the whole of the Town. If they prove the strongest, well and good. If the Maoris prove the strongest, this is how it will be: the unarmed people will not be left. Enough. You hear what I say. This turns.

From your son,

WILLIAM THOMPSON TE WAHAROA.

To Archdeacon Brown.

No. 5.

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

No. 100.

Government House,
Auckland, 22nd August, 1862.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to transmit to Your Grace a Letter I have received from the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, enclosing an account of a meeting he held with the Natives of Waikanae and Otaki on the 30th of July last.

2. This meeting was a very important one in one respect, for it will be found that the Natives distinctly admitted at it that the so-called Maori King had sent letters to them calling on them to rise and attack the Europeans, thus affording another proof of a general rising on the part of the King party.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.