

Referring to Mr. Johnstone's letter of the 5th April, I have only to observe in explanation, that Mr. Johnstone's charge of want of courtesy against me is simply untrue. That I put him to no trouble and expense as to his witness—as such witness was not there by my appointment, and that I should not in any case have been justified in delaying the important business I was engaged on, to suit his convenience. That receipts from Natives are indispensable, when a preliminary application to Government is founded on payments to Natives. In conclusion I would beg to suggest that should the Government agree to investigate any further complaints of Mr. Johnstone that he be compelled to bear the expenses thereof as otherwise they will be interminable.

The above is my Report.

Waikato, 19th April, 1863.

J. ARMITAGE.

No. 2.

THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, LOWER WAIKATO.

Attorney-General's Office,  
Auckland, April 26th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor, by direction of the Attorney-General, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, covering the report of an investigation made by you into the complaint of Captain Johnstone against certain Natives, and to state that, so far as the Attorney-General is able to form an opinion, he thinks you have acted rightly, and that he sees no ground for differing from the conclusions you have come to on this subject.

I have, &c.,

F. D. FENTON,  
Assistant Law Officer.

The Resident Magistrate,  
Lower Waikato.

No. 3.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, LOWER WAIKATO, TO THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Lower Waikato,  
26th May, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward to you a letter from Heta Kapoti, a Native policeman of the Hundred of Te Akau, whom I temporarily appointed in the place of Hami Hapitana, as reported to you in my letter of the 25th April last. A translation of the same letter is also enclosed.

I have also the honor to forward you a letter, with translation thereof, from Hetaraka Nero, Assessor of the Hundred of Whaingaroa.

Under the circumstances in which I am placed, I have not thought it advisable to answer these communications.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ARMITAGE.

The Honble. H. Sewell.

Enclosure 1 to No. 3.

Pukereira,  
May 25th, 1862.

To J. ARMITAGE, Esq.,—

Friend, Salutations to you! This is what I wish to say to you:—I am desirous to go to Auckland to have my measure taken for my uniform, as Tamihana's Policeman has been to town for the same purpose. I wish you to write a letter about my appointment, to Auckland; also for food for me, and for my measure.

Will you write for me to the Government for food, and about my measure for my uniform. Let your letter be sent quickly. I cannot tell the time when I will arrive there; but let your letter be despatched quickly for my appointment. This is all.

From your loving friend,

HETA KAPOTI,  
Policeman.