

2. In compliance with their wishes, I transmit it to your Grace, with a copy of my remarks upon it. I have, &c.,

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G., &c., &c.

G. GREY.

P.S.—Since the above Despatch was written to your Grace the two letters, copies of which are enclosed, have reached me from Tauranga, in each of which it is stated that one difficulty in the way of making an arrangement with the Natives of that place is the treatment of those Natives who were taken prisoners at Rangiriri. When I was recently at Tauranga, I found a Native wounded prisoner, whose leg had been amputated at the thigh; such was this man's fear of being sent on board the hulk, that I was informed by Archdeacon Brown that he had determined to refuse food from the day he found he was to be sent to Auckland, and the medical man informed me that this apprehension of his being sent on board the hulk was producing so depressing an effect on him that they found they could not save him. I therefore promised him that as soon as his stump had healed he should be allowed to return to his own settlement.

G. G.

Enclosure 1 to No. 7.

SIR,—

Salutations. This is my word to you. I heard from Mr. Baker that you wished me to take charge of my vessel. When I heard that I did not consent, because I have forgotten how to manage a vessel. What I wish is, that the Government buy that vessel. I also mentioned to you that I suffered no loss by the Maori King party. We had only words passing between us. The vessel was damaged by the soldiers. By the soldiers also I lost my money and property. When my house was broken into, all the officers of this encampment saw the boxes opened and the clothes in them.

But as soon as Mr. Baker's letters about the vessel and the house are finished, *i. e.* replied to and disposed of. When you send an answer, let it be direct to me, because my affairs has been long delayed.

From your loving friend,

Papa Tauranga, 23rd May, 1864.

HAMIORA TU, Magistrate.

Enclosure 2 to No. 7.

FRIEND,—

Papa Tauranga, March 15, 1864.

Salutations. I wish much to come and see you. Had I not been going to guide the soldiers, I would have come with Mr. Smith to see you. I shall accompany him when he goes. May God keep you, &c. Some of the Chiefs who went to see you are dwelling here in your love, that is Tamati Manao, Tomika Te Mutu, and Parera. These have staid. The men who have gone to the bush are, Rawiri, Enoka, and Hamiora Tangiawa. These are the men who came to see you at the time that the Pakehas left. But as for your Assessors, and some other of your friends, their thoughts will not move.

Friend, hearken. My house has been robbed, and my money stolen—£151 13s. has been taken away.

From your friend,

To the Governor, Auckland.

HAMIORA MATENGA TU.

No. 8.

Copy of a DESPATCH from His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to the Right Honorable EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 21st June, 1864.

I have the honor to transmit for your information copies of two *statements made on the 13th *V. E. No. II.*, pp. 47, 48. and 14th instants by two native prisoners who were sent by the Government to visit the rebel natives, as also the statement of the friendly chief Paora Tuhaere, who was to have visited the rebels with the prisoners.

2. From these I collect that Rewi, Thompson, and other leading chiefs desire that the existing war should be regarded as having ended; that they are prepared to relinquish the whole of the Waikato country, now taken and held by our forces; and that, if after an interview with the Governor they were satisfied of their safety, if they laid down their arms, they would give up their arms and ammunition to him; that they made no written proposals on these subjects, because as two native prisoners had been sent to see them without a letter, they imagined that a message should be sent by the same individuals to the Governor.

3. I will further address you in relation to this subject when I have received the advice of my Responsible Advisers thereon.

I have, &c.,

The Right Honorable Edward Cardwell, M.P., &c.

G. GREY.

No. 9.

Copy of a DESPATCH from His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to the Right Honorable EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 7th July, 1864.

Adverting to my Despatch, marked "separate," of the *6th ultimo, I have now the honor to *V. E. No. I.*, (Part II.), p. 23, &c. transmit copies of the papers my Responsible Advisers wish to be laid before you in reference to that subject.

2. I would only wish to add in reference to this matter, that the native prisoners were taken as prisoners of war; that they were guarded by a detachment of the Colonial Forces; that I cannot under such circumstances regard a visit paid to the place of their imprisonment made by the principal Medical Officer in New Zealand, and the sanitary Officer for Her Majesty's Troops in New Zealand, as being a visit made by unauthorized persons.

3. I knew nothing of the intentions of these Officers to pay a visit to the hulk where the natives