

## FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO NATIVE PRISONERS.

### No. 1.

#### MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

His Excellency having returned from Kawau, Ministers would feel very much obliged if His Excellency would be so good as to communicate to his Ministers anything which may have passed between him and the escaped prisoners which he thinks might be communicated to Ministers.

17th November, 1864.

WM. FOX.

### No. 2.

#### MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

In reply to the Ministerial Memorandum of yesterday's date on the subject of the escaped prisoners, the Governor begs to state, that Mr. White, an officer of the General Government, accompanied him, and conducted any communications which passed with the prisoners. He, the Governor presumes, has made a report upon the subject.

The Governor authorised Mr White to inform the prisoners that they might return in safety to Waikato, and that food should be supplied to them on their route, and that persons should be sent with them, to watch over the safety of the settlers near whose places they might pass.

The escaped prisoners have abandoned their position on the mountain of O Tamahua, and have marched part of the way to Waikato. The Governor understood from Mr. White that they promised to pursue their journey in a few days, although it was doubtful what reliance could be placed on their promise. He would earnestly recommend that Mr. White and some of the native chiefs should be allowed to return to Mahurangi, where the escaped prisoners are, and that they should reside with them for a few days, hurrying their movements, and that the "Sandfly" should be placed at Mr. White's disposal for this service, and to enable him constantly to communicate with Auckland. If the Governor could make the arrangement, he would send Mr. White away in the "Sandfly" this afternoon.

November 18th, 1864.

G. GREY.

### No. 3.

#### MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

Ministers beg to thank His Excellency for the information conveyed to them in his Memorandum of this day's date, on the subject of his recent offer to the escaped prisoners. Mr. White had given Ministers an oral account of his interview with the prisoners, but they did not understand from it that His Excellency had made the offers stated in His Excellency's memorandum, or that there was any reasonable expectation that any offers he had made would be accepted, or that the prisoners "intended to pursue their journey in a few days."

As regards His Excellency's "recommendation," that Mr. White and some of the native chiefs should be allowed to return to Mahurangi, where the escaped prisoners are, &c., and that the "Sandfly" should be placed at Mr. White's disposal for the purpose, Ministers beg to say that Mr White's services and the "Sandfly" are at His Excellency's disposal; but after the action taken all through this affair, Ministers cannot undertake to send Mr. White as an agent of the Colonial Government. If His Excellency wishes to send Mr. White for the purpose of acting as His Excellency's agent, his services, Ministers repeat, are at His Excellency's disposal; and if His Excellency will let Ministers know that such is his desire, Mr. White shall be despatched as soon as the "Sandfly" can be got ready.

November 18th, 1864.

WILLIAM FOX.

### No. 4.

#### MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

In reply to the Ministerial Memorandum of this day's date regarding the Native prisoners, the Governor begs to state that he has seen Mr. White, who assures him that he did inform the Native Minister that he had made to the Native prisoners the offers named in the Governor's memorandum of this day's date, and that the Natives stated in reply that they would send over to Kaipara a message to bring back fifty of their people who were at Kaipara, and that as soon as the fifty men arrived, Te Hemara would either come in person to acquaint the Governor that such was the case, or write a letter, and that then they would move on toward Waikato, and they requested that canoes and boats might be provided for their crossing the Manukau. Mr. White said he was asked did he think they would do this, and he replied, that he had a doubt in his mind and the reason was, that a promise they had previously made had not been performed.

The Governor very much regrets that Ministers will not send Mr. White and the "Sandfly" in the manner he requested, he fears that very serious embarrassments may arise, and he would still earnestly urge them to carry out this recommendation.

Government House, Auckland, 18th November, 1864.

G. GREY.