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They are, however, now in a position to provide if they like for the future ; their crops are good, of a superior class, and sufficient in quantity to furnish food and clothing for 12 months ; of course there are exceptions, but as a rule it is so, and looking to the probable increase in the European population, this should once more become a flourishing district. I must not omit to mention that it is evident that the proposed direct sale of land, materially assisted some parties to their want of faith in Pai Marire.

I have, &c.,

HENRY E. RICE,
C. S.

The Hon. the Native Minister,
Wellington.

No. 15.

Camp Te Papa,
Tauranga, February 7, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Lieut-General Commanding, correspondence with Mr. Smith, Civil Commissioner, Maketu, relative to the proposed intention of the Pai Marire Prophet "Te Tiu Tamahana" and the Chief Hori Tupaea to proceed through the Arawa country towards the East Cape, and the intention of the Arawas to prevent their doing so.

The intention of "Te Tiu Tamahana" is doubtless to stir up hostility to the Queen at the East Cape, as he has been doing here and elsewhere. I therefore think if he is prevented going there just at present it will be well, and as he has only twenty or thirty followers the Arawas can easily stop him if they choose to do so, but I do not anticipate that he would attempt to force his way through. If he did so he would lose the prestige of super-natural power which he at present claims, and effectually unmask the mischievous tendency of the Pai Marire humbug.

I have also the honor to enclose the translation of a letter received from the Chief "Wi Patene" giving his opinion that the Natives here are going back to the ranges with hostile views as soon as they have secured their crops.

I find that other friendly Chiefs are of the same opinion, and I can perceive that the Natives are sulky and morose in their demeanor ; however, I do not anticipate any renewed attempt at hostilities in this neighbourhood.

I believe they are looking intently and with great expectation towards Taranaki, and their conduct here will be mainly guided by the intelligence they receive and credit from that quarter.

I have, &c.,

H. H. GREER,
Colonel, Commanding Tauranga District.

Enclosure 1 to No. 15.

Te Matapihi,
February 6, 1865.

TO COL. GREER AND MR. RICE,—

Friends, salutations. Listen you. I have discovered the thoughts (designs) of these people.

1st. They employ themselves at their ordinary work on the Sunday.

2nd They are exalting their god over us.

3rd. When all their crops are gathered they will return inland and will work evil towards us (you and us). They call us young pigs.

Friends, we are as it were in the grave. Great is the defiance of these people. We know their designs. Oh! I am overwhelmed with the smiting of my familiar friend ; they are as young lions desiring to catch the prey.

Friends, our efforts (expostulations) to stop this Pai Marire cease, we now leave it to you. Enough

From WHAKAAROO MOHIO,
From WIREMU PATENE,
Assessor.

No. 16.

Civil Commissioner's Office,
Maketu, February 3, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for your information intelligence received by me yesterday to the effect that the chief Hori Tupaea and the Pai Marire prophet Tamahana, accompanied by an armed party of Tauranga Natives, have arrived at a settlement called Te Puke, on the Waiau branch of the Maketu River, about 7 miles from this place. The Native who brought this infor-