

Wanganui, Jerusalem, 20th February, 1865.

To Major Durie, Magistrate; to Richard Woon, to William Watt, to Mr. Waters, to Mr. Cameron, to Major Rookes, and to all the European Magistrates of the town of Wanganui:—

Salutations to you. Your love to us has arrived. We are thankful to you, and approve (of what you've done), and great is our rejoicing. It was from the quickness of your thought or decision that Messrs. Booth and Churton reached us in time; but rather from the goodness of the Almighty, for when they arrived the Queen's ammunition was expended, as also the Maori ammunition of old standing; for how could it be otherwise from fighting both night and day.

Great is our love to you! Salutations to you under the protection of Queen Victoria.

This is all, from your loving friends—Hori Kingi, Mete Kingi, Hoani Wiremu, Mawae, Haimiona, Aperaniko, Tamati, Erueti, Kepa, Pama Peritini, Rini, Te Aro, Paora, and from all the Runanga and the principal tribes of the Queen.

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### Enclosure 2 to No. 17.

D. S. DURIE, Esq., to the Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Resident Magistrate's Court, Wanganui, 24th February, 1865.

With reference to my report of yesterday's date, I have now the honor to forward for your information, the copy of a translated letter received this morning from our Native allies up the river, a copy of which has been sent to the General, and the commanding officer here.

I am sorry to inform you that our principal chief, John Williams, (Hone Wiremu) has received a severe wound in the chest during a skirmish with the rebels yesterday; four of the latter have been killed. John Williams has been sent to hospital and well attended to.

Nothing new from the front. The "Gundagai" is outside: report says the General is on board.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Attorney-General, Wellington.

D. S. DURIE, R.M.

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Jerusalem, 23rd February, 1865.

To Major Durie, to Mr. Cameron, to William Watt, to Major Rookes, and the other Magistrates,—

Friends,—Salutations to you. On the 22nd instant, Reneti Auohi's wife came over to us from the enemy. The cause was that Pehi had sent messengers to Waitotara, Ngatiruanui, and Taranaki, for reinforcements, and requested them to give up the fighting there with General Cameron on the seaboard and to come and fight against us, in order that we might be overwhelmed, and they may turn their arms against the Europeans.

Messengers have been despatched to Waitara, to fetch men and powder; as also to Waikato, to Taupo, to Rotorua, to Ngatiporou, and to all the tribes of this Island for support to fight against us and it is the intention of these tribes to erect a fortification below us, and thereby cut off the communication between us and you.

Friends,—Make haste and send the big guns to breach the enemy's fortifications, as our guns are of no avail for that purpose, and it is for you to supply us with the means for carrying on the fight, as we have forsaken Mr. White.

Do you also arrange for a steamer to be put permanently on the Wanganui River. Do you communicate with the Governor, with the General, with Mr. Mantell, and the Government, on the subject. Do you make haste and send the big guns, and if you consent acquaint us thereof.

From your loving friends, under the protection of the Queen;—from John Williams, George King, Mete King, Mawai, Haimona Hiroti, Toma, Aperaniko, Kepa, from Hori Kerei; Paora, from Rini; Katene, from Neupena; Hakerei, from Tamati Pana.

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### No. 19.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

No. 30.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 2nd March, 1865.

I have been requested by my Responsible Advisers to transmit the Memorandum which they have prepared in answer to your Circular Despatch of the 25th of November last, in reference to the future conveyance of mails between Great Britain and these Colonies.

I have the honor at the same time to transmit for your information a copy of the contract recently entered into by the Government of New Zealand for the conveyance of mails between Panama and this Colony.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

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### No. 20.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

No. 31.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 4th March, 1865.

At the request of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor to transmit a petition addressed to the Queen by the Provincial Council of the Province of Wellington, praying Her Majesty not to sanction any measure which may have for its object the separation of New Zealand into different Colonies, or any alteration of the present constitution of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. GREY.