

Colonels Trevor and Logan whether I should support in case of disaster. No! the Contingent would attack alone. Logan forced McDonnell to keep them back by the word (order) of the Governor.

In consequence of all which I hereby tender my resignation of my command.

G. P. VON TEMPSKY.

Enclosure 4 to No. 58.

Captain McDONNELL to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Wanganui, 26th June, 1865.

I have the honor to enclose a letter from certain chiefs in the Weraroa Pa, which will be delivered to you by Hori Kingi, Tamate, Mete Kingi, Kawana Paipai. They will explain to your Excellency all matters connected with the events that have transpired during the last week.

I am credibly informed that had the Natives not been restrained by Colonel Logan from attacking, the pa would have surrendered, as preparations were being made for its evacuation by the rebels. Captain and Adjutant Ross, who was present with Major Rookes, with the Natives, before the pa, accompanies the chiefs herein named, and will wait with them on your Excellency immediately on their arrival.

I have, &c.,

THOS. McDONNELL,

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

Captain commanding Native Contingent.

Enclosure 5 to No. 58.

Colonel WARRE to the ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 23rd June, 1865.

In continuation of my report dated the 18th instant, I have the honor to inform the Lieut.-General that by the arrival of Ranuka, a rebel Native, who with his wife and four children came up from Waimate on the 20th instant by the road at the back of the mountain, and surrendered to Major Saltmarshe, at Te Arei, I have received information that the Natives named in the margin were killed in the skirmish with the wounded men near Opuraki, on the 1st instant. All these Natives belong to the Titai section or hapu of the lower Taranaki tribe.

1. Totaiw (chief).
2. Perewa.
3. Rewa Pura.
4. An old man.

I am also informed that Tikaokao, the Mokau chief, with eighty followers, has offered to surrender to Mr. Parris, and to return peaceably to his own district if the Governor will consent to these Natives coming back with Mr. Parris.

It appears that the Ngatiruanuis are very tired of the war, and are very seriously alarmed at the return of the troops to Nukumarū.

The Natives occupying the Weraroa Pa have quarrelled amongst themselves, and many of them have left. Some of the hapus of the Ngatiruanuis are almost entirely destroyed, and all are anxious to make terms with His Excellency.

I have also learnt that the body of Private Jury, 43rd, was not recovered; nothing was left on it but a shirt, and it was thrown into a swamp, where it has hitherto escaped detection.

I have no information from Warea since the destruction of the rebel Natives' position at that place on the 13th instant. The Natives are supposed to have now congregated further down the coast, at or near Waitaha.

I have, &c.,

H. J. WARRE,

The Assistant Military Secretary.

Colonel commanding at Taranaki.

P.S.—The enclosed letter was received from Opuraki last night after the mail steamer left for Auckland. The writer, Ngamoki, is not known, but he evidently alludes to the letter forwarded in my confidential report of the 18th instant. Captain Horan also reports from Opuraki, date 22nd June, that the men who arrived with Hori Pihana on the 15th instant, and were allowed to communicate with Mauihi, returned on the 18th, but the eight men who went on to Warea had not returned. These Natives confirm the first statement,—that all the Natives on this coast (the Taranaki Natives) are willing to come in and make peace.

In the absence of Mr. Parris, I have considerable difficulty in communicating with the Natives down the coast.

H. J. WARRE,

Colonel commanding at Taranaki.

Enclosure 6 to No. 58.

SIR,—

Wellington, 28th June, 1865.

With reference to a conversation I had with you this day, as to the business before the Weraroa Pa on the 24th instant, I have the honor to inform you that Lieut.-Colonel Logan told Major Rookes in my hearing that, "Of course no terms of surrender could be settled without the sanction of Brigadier-General Waddy," referring to the negotiations for peace then going on between the friendly chiefs and the rebels at Weraroa.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

ALFRED ROSS,

Captain and Adjutant, W.M.D.

Enclosure 7 to No. 58.

GOVERNOR GREY,—

Wanganui, 27th June, 1865.

That is a word of mine to you respecting the difficulty between the Militia (Native Contingent) and the soldiers who are carrying this dispute—Colonel Logan, Charles Broughton, and Colonel Waddy; but two of them are going to you. Arapeta Roti, Hori Kingi, Kawana Tawhitorongi, Mete Kingi, and Tamati Puna are going to give expression to our side of the story.

The cause of this jealousy is our going to Te Weraroa. Had not this trouble been occasioned by