

A.—No. 6. 22 DESPATCHES FROM THE RIGHT HON. E. CARDWELL, M.P.

the Natives as a crowning proof of the determination of the Imperial Government to grant them that justice which they anxiously look for from its hands. It is scarcely necessary to impress upon the mind of a statesman, who like yourself, has so thoroughly mastered the intricacies of this question, that the Natives draw a broad line between the Colonial Government as such, and the authority of the Queen to which the large majority of them instinctively bow, and we therefore believe that no step would be more calculated to strengthen the loyalty of the faithful, and to revive the fidelity of those who have unhappily taken up arms, than the appointment of a Royal Commission which would secure to them as well as to the colonists a fair hearing, and give promise of their admission to those privileges which are now for the most part enjoyed by their European fellow-subjects alone.

We have, &c.,

(On behalf of the Committee of the Aborigines Protection Society),

SAML. GUERNEY, President,

R. N. FOWLER, Treasurer,

THOMAS HODGKINS, } Secretaries.  
F. W. CHESSEON, }

The Right Hon.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Sub-Enclosure 1 in Enclosure 1 in No. 25.

Hauraki, New Zealand,

September 27th, 1865.

O FRIENDS! the loving chiefs of the benevolent Council (*i.e.*, the Aborigines Protection Society) who are uniting in one the Nations created by God; for though their languages are diverse, God made them, and though their skins differ in color, God made them.

Greeting. We have heard of your affectionate regard for the Maoris, published in the newspapers (*i.e.*, the address of the Aborigines Protection Society, published in the New Zealand newspapers) and now we are persuaded that God himself influenced you to send this love hither (*i.e.*, the address presented to Sir George Grey) as we sit musing over the many many evils to which this island has been subjected. The love of our European friends residing here,—those who eat with us out of the same dish, is not like unto this manifested by you.

O, Council of Gentlemen, or chiefs, Bishops, Ministers, Christian men, children of God! yonder in that great land of England, we affectionately greet you from this far distant land, for the heart (of the Maories) now speaks to you thus, "Though our bodily presence is far off, our Spirit is with you."

And now, as your thoughts for the preservation of the Maoris have taken root, be strong; for you are fulfilling the words of Christ, which are, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Be strong, will you? Yes.

There are two points in your address to the Europeans residing in this island (*i.e.*, the address presented to the Governor of New Zealand) which are good, namely:—1st. That the war in the country be at once terminated; and 2ndly. That the land of the Maoris should not be taken from them.

Hearken! The observance of these two points will be the salvation of the Maoris stretching away far North and South. All the Maoris are agreed on these two points, for the blood of the Europeans is shed in his money, but as to the blood of the Maori it is shed on his own land.

TE KOUREHUA.

TAUHURITAPOKI.

TE TIKI TE WHATARAU.

TE POTARI.

TE RIUTI.

TE RONGOTOA.

And all the Tribe.

To the Aborigines Protection Society,  
England.

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Sub-Enclosure 2 in Enclosure 1 in No. 25.

Horotiu, New Zealand,

October 29th, 1864.

O Friends! the assembly of English Gentlemen (*i.e.* the Aborigines' Protection Society) who wrote to Governor Grey not to take the land of the Maoris or allow it to be taken by Pakehas, or Colonists, and not to allow the Maoris to be killed, which sentiments were published in the newspapers of this Island.

We, Native Chiefs, rejoice on account of these sentiments of yours from the rising of the sun to the setting thereof (*i.e.* from one end of New Zealand to the other) these your words will be admired by us. We admire or esteem these words, for by them we are saved (*i.e.* if these principles are adhered to the war will be at end, as the Maoris are simply fighting for their lands.) Because of this (*i.e.* the kindly feelings of the Aborigines Protection Society towards the Maoris), the