

kuhu ki a au, ki a tae atu au pi roto ki te pa, hei reira ka whakapumautia aku kupu ki a koutou, ka atawhaitia koutou e au.

Na to hoa,
Te Kawana G. GREY.

[TRANSLATION.]

OH! SONS—

I will not cause my men to return to Wanganui. I have but one word, that your words to me be fulfilled, that I come into the pa, then will I fulfil my words to you, and in every way I will treat you well.

Your friend,
G. GREY,
Governor.

18th July, 1865.

No. 2.

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

SIR,—

Before the Weraroa Pa, 21st July, 1865.

I have the honor to enclose for your information copies of letters I have received from various sources, from which you will find that in co-operation with the movements the rebels are making on the East Coast, a large body of them have assembled and suddenly assailed a detachment of the Colonial Forces of about 230 men, under the command of Captain Brassey, who are stationed at Pipiriki, on the Upper Wanganui River.

I have also this afternoon received information that can be relied on, that the body of between two and three hundred rebel natives who have collected from the country which lies between Wairarapa, Taupo, and the Wanganui River, and who have now for some time been moving in this direction, collecting as they go, are dividing into two parties, one of which is to reinforce the rebels in this pa, and the other to join in the attack on Captain Brassey.

Captain Brassey is a good and able officer, and will I have no doubt give a good account of any rebels that attack him, but he must speedily be rescued, and the peril of his position causes me great concern.

I have, &c.,
G. GREY.

Two a.m., 22nd July.

P.S.—Fresh intelligence having been received late this evening of the increasing danger of Captain Brassey, the friendly Natives have offered that one of their number shall at all risks steal through the enemy and take a letter to Captain Brassey, to let him know that the pa will be in our possession to-morrow morning, and that then forces shall immediately be sent to his rescue. The letter, a copy of which is enclosed, has therefore just been sent on to him, to encourage him to hold out.

G. G.

Wanganui, 22nd July, nine p.m.

P.S.—A native who, for a reward of £15, has got out from Pipiriki and avoided the rebel Natives, has just arrived here carrying the letter, a copy of which is enclosed, from Captain Brassey to Major Rookes, commanding Wanganui militia. From this you will learn that on the 19th instant he was attacked by the rebels in force, but beat them off with considerable loss on their part, only one officer and one man being wounded on our side.

The first detachment proceeding to his rescue will move off from here to-morrow morning, carrying him the ammunition and the supplies of which he is in need. Part of his letter is evidently written in Latin, from fear that it might with the messenger fall into the hands of the enemy, and that they might, if it was written in English, which many of them understand, find out his wants.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. G.

Wellington, 12th August, 1865.

P.S.—From the copies of letters herewith enclosed you will be glad to find that the gallant Captain Brassey and his brave garrison were relieved on the 1st instant. He had only one officer and two men slightly wounded. The enemy lost fifty killed and wounded, including several chiefs of rank.

G. G.

Enclosure 1 to No. 2.

Major J. NIXON to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

DEAR SIR GEORGE GREY,—

Sedgebrook Grange, 17th July, 1865.

The imperative haste in which the enclosed note was just delivered to me must plead my apology for thus hastily addressing you. At half-past seven p.m., in a torrent of rain, the bearer has arrived, so I hasten at once to town with him to engage horses and forward him without delay to Weraroa. There are some number of canoes going up to-morrow at 10 a.m., but I shall detain some of them until I hear from you, with instructions how to act, and start one of the lightest with a letter to Captain Brassey, commanding at Pipiriki, that we are advised of his being attacked, and will support him without delay. Should you therefore send any of the Native Contingent back here, I will have the canoes ready to instantly forward them. I only left Pipiriki on Saturday last myself, with Major Gorton, and then, from Pehi's manner, warned Captain Brassey that something was wrong.

Waiting your instructions,

I have, &c.,

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

JOHN NIXON.