

No. 37.

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

MY DEAR SIR GEORGE,—

Camp on the Patea River, 6th March, 1865.

I feel sure that you will think it quite useless for you to go to the Waitotara when you read the two letters herewith enclosed, which the natives at the Wereroa Pa sent me through Mr. Broughton, in reply to one I wrote them, desiring those who wished for peace to sign their names to any proposals they had to make. I therefore propose withdrawing Colonel Weare's force from the Waitotara, as I mentioned to you when you were here last night, leaving a post of two hundred men on the left bank of the Waitotara, and I will move forward with the force here on the following morning.

So far from interfering with my operations, the friendly natives will materially facilitate them by attacking the Wereroa Pa; which Mr. Mantell affirms they will take "in little more time than they will require to march thither." I am quite sure that we could not take it in that off-hand manner, nor take it in any manner without considerable loss: that is, supposing the natives defend it in earnest, which there is no reason to think they will not do.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.

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

Enclosure 1 to No. 37.

Te Wereroa Pa, 31st February, 1865.

NOTICE—To the German people and the men of importance living with you,—

Friends, salutations to you who have come from the king of love to the world, from Francis Joseph, King of Austria. Friends, I have heard from you that from Germany are some of the Europeans who are now condemning myself and my half portion of the island. Friends, what wrong have I done you that you should come to annoy me and my half portion of the island. I understood that by the English people only I was to be punished. Truly, if you had seen that we were a people possessed of the knowledge to manufacture things to cause death to men, it would have been correct for you to have banded together against me. But I am a poor man—a man possessed of nothing—a naked man. Are you not ashamed? Listen to me, you are not fighting against men, but are angry with the spirit causing goodness and peace (Pai Marire). Oh my loving German people, the God of them is very earnestly disposed towards you and us. "Rire, Rire, Hau."

From TE UA ANEEN,

Chief Prophet of his word, "Te Hawhi."

German, "Rire, Rire, Hau."

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To the CHIEF at Wereroa Pa,—

I have received a letter from you without signature, and therefore I cannot pay any attention to it; moreover, your meaning is very obscure, and I do not understand what you want. If any of you are desirous of peace, say so in plain language, and what terms you expect. You have read the Governor's last proclamation. Let those who wish for peace sign their names. You had better be quick. This is all from me.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.

Enclosure 3 to No. 37.

Te Wereroa, 31st February, 1865.

To General CAMERON,—

Friend, we have received your letter. We have seen it. This is our fixed word to you, you must go back peaceably, you and your soldiers to the other side of Kai-iwi, there to watch the doing of that word, the making peace, and to look out also for the ceasing of the evil. Whose is it? Do not say also the meaning of those words is obscure which you have received. If you are agreeable to these words, write to us; if you are not agreeable, write us. Be quick. It turns.

From Pehimana Te Tahua,

" Hare Tipene,

" Teritiu,

" Aperahama Parea,

" Taate Te Waru,

" Tawhana Ti Koukou,

" Wiremu Tiake Rautangi,

" Rikari Watone,

" Kiriona,

" Tato Hanatana,

" Tamati Oraukawa,

From all the runanga of Ngarauru, Ngatiruanui; from Waikato; from the 1000 men living at Te Wereroa.

No. 38.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON.

MY DEAR GENERAL,—

Wanganui, 7th March, 1865.

I received last night your letter about the Waitotara natives. I quite agree with you that it would be useless for me now to go on to that place. I feel rather anxious about the natives who