

No. 8.

The Acting NATIVE SECRETARY to the CIVIL COMMISSIONER, Lower Waikato.

SIR,—

Native Secretary's Office, Auckland, June 10th, 1862.

I have the honor to inform you, by direction of Mr. Fox, that the suggestion contained in your letter of 28th ultimo, with regard to the disposal of the sum of £50, is approved of, and you are authorised to act accordingly.

The Civil Commissioner, Lower Waikato.

I have, &c.
H. HALSE, Acting Native Secretary.

No. 9.

REPORT by J. ARMITAGE, Esq., of Proceedings of Matutaera's RUNANGA, at Kohekohe.

Resident Magistrate's Office,

Lower Waikato, 22nd May, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that Matutaera's party on returning from a feast at Hauraki, held a Runanga at the Kohekohe, in reference to the proposed Court-house there, which, by section 3 of my instructions of the 24th February last, was sanctioned by the Government.

They seriously warned Te Wheoro not to build it, and many very serious threats were made as to the course they would pursue in case he persevered.

I have taken much trouble in investigating the whole matter, and have come to the determination that it would be the most advisable course to proceed with the building regardless of these threats.

The owners of the land on which the building is proposed to be erected are consenting parties, and have no connection with the King movement whatever.

I would beg to suggest, however, that the matter should receive the serious attention of my successor in office, as Te Wheoro is rather inclined to treat the subject with a high hand, and I have had considerable difficulty in inducing him to consent to moderate his zeal. This remark will also apply generally to the proceedings in his Hundred, as the King party are very jealous of the footing the new Institutions have gained there, and are anxiously watching for a pretext for a quarrel with Te Wheoro and his tribe.

Great moderation and forbearance must be exercised here, both on the part of Te Wheoro and the Resident Magistrate, for the reasons before stated.

The Honorable the Attorney-General.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ARMITAGE.

No 10.

The Assistant LAW OFFICER to the RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, Lower Waikato.

SIR,—

Attorney-General's Office, Auckland, 29th May, 1862.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date and on the subject mentioned in the margin, and am directed by the Attorney-General to state, that the Government do not see any reason why the erection of the Court-house at Kohekohe should be delayed or abandoned.

I have, &c.,

F. D. FENTON, Assistant Law Officer.

The Resident Magistrate, Lower Waikato.

No. 11.

CIVIL COMMISSIONER, Waikato, to the Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Resident Magistrate's Office, Lower Waikato, 4th June, 1862.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, informing me that the Government do not see any reason why the erection of the Court-house at the Kohekohe, should be delayed or abandoned.

I beg to inform you that I have communicated this intimation to Wiremu te Wheoro, the principal assessor there, and that the sawing of the timber for the construction of such Court-house is being proceeded with.

The Hon. H. Sewell,

Attorney-General.

I have, &c.,

JAS. ARMITAGE.

No. 12.

MEMORANDUM by J. E. GORST, R.M., on the Establishment of a Police Station at Kohekohe, and an Industrial School at Otawahao.

I assume that, in the present state of this district, the policy of the Government should be specially directed to the following objects:—

(1.) To devise means by which the young men of those Tribes who already acknowledge the Queen's sovereignty, as well as those who are not amenable to the influence of reason, and are chief promoters of all mischief, can be attached to the British Government.

(2.) To provide some instrument by which obedience to law can be enforced without the risk of provoking a war of races.

(3.) To exhibit to the disaffected tribes of the Upper Waikato the results of submission to the British authority, by at once proceeding to govern and civilize the well-affected tribes of Lower Waikato (if such exist).

To attain these objects I suggest the following means:—