

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE MANAWATU BLOCK.

No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. T. M. HAULTAIN to His Honor I. E. FEATHERSTON.

SIR,— Native Secretary's Office, Wellington, 30th April, 1866.

I have the honor, in the absence of the Native Minister, to transmit for your perusal a copy of a document bearing the signatures of Henare te Herekau and other Natives which has been forwarded to the Government. With reference to this, and to letters copies of which have been previously forwarded to your Honor, and of which I now enclose duplicates, I have to request that you will furnish the Government with a report of your proceedings as Land Purchase Commissioner in connection with the purchase of the Manawatu Block.

His Honor Dr. Featherston,
Land Purchase Commissioner.

I have, &c.,
T. M. HAULTAIN.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from HENARE TE HEREKAU and others, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

Manawatu, Aperira 20, 1866.

Tenei tetahi whenua kua haere nui te ingoa, kei te hokona tautohetia e tetahi tangata Maori ki te Kawanatanga, ko Rangitikei te ingoa, ko te mahi ia a nga tangata e tautohe ana ki te hoko i taua whenua, e hopara noa atu ana ki runga ki te piwhi whenua o ia tangata o ia tangata, koia nei te take i raruraru ai te hoko o taua whenua, mehemea e hoko ana aua tangata i o ratou pihi ake, katahi ka marama ta ratou hoko, ko (o) matou nei whenua kua oti te roherohe to tenei tangata, to tenei tangata, to ia hapu, to ia hapu, a ki te homai moni te Kawanatanga mo tenei whenua, ekore o matou ringa e pa atu ki aua moni, ka tahuri ano matou ki te pupuru i tona pili whenua, tenei tangata, tenei tangata.

Heoti ano.

Na Henere Te Herekau,
„ Hare Hem Taharape,
„ Te Naera te Hau,

Na Moroati Kaharoa,
„ Nerehana te Whare.

Ki te Minita mo nga mahi Maori.

[TRANSLATION.]

Manawatu, 20th April, 1863.

There is a block of land, the name of which has been brought into notice, which some Natives were striving to sell to the Government. Rangitikei is the name of the land. The proceedings of these people who urge for the sale of it are unauthorized as regards each man's piece of land. This is the cause of the confusion about the sale of that land. If these people were selling their own land, the sale of it would be clear. Our lands have been marked off for this man and for that man, for this section and for that section; and should money be given for this land by the Government, our hands will not touch that money. We shall each of us hold on to our individual pieces of land. That is all

From Henere te Herekau,
„ Hare Hemi Taharape,
„ Naera te Hau,

From Te Moroati Kiharoa,
„ Nerehana te Whare.

To the Minister for Native Affairs.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from APERAHAMA TE HURUHURU and others, to MAJOR EDWARDS.

KI A TE ERUETI KAI-WHAKAWA TUTURU,—

Rangitikei, Pepuere 25, 1866.

E hoa, mau e tuku atu ta matou kupu ki Poneke ki a Te Ratana, ma Te Ratana e tuku atu ki te Runanga Nui o Poneke, kia puritia atu a Te Petatone, kaua e tukua mai ki te whakararuraru ia matou ko tenei kahore matou e pai ki te hoko i Rangitikei, he kupu tuturu tenei na te iwi katoa.

Na Aperahama te Huruhuru, x
„ Nepia Taratoa,
„ Wiriharai te Angiangi, x
„ Te Mihana, x
„ Porokoru, x
„ Hare Reweti,
„ Katene,
„ Pataropa,
„ Te Keremihana,
„ Wereta,
„ Matiaha, x
„ Mahi, x
„ Te Roera,

Na Timoti,
„ Parakipane,
„ Pekamu,
„ Terea,
„ Topongahuru, x
„ Rawiri, x
„ Hakaraia,
„ Pita,
„ Pera, x
„ Pateriki,
„ Kepa,
„ Tahana,
„ Te Otimi,