

## FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE REBEL NATIVES.

### No. 1.

MEMORANDUM by Major ROPATA WAHAWAHA.

THE chiefs of Te Arawa and myself have had a consultation with Mr. McLean in reference to all orders connected with the movements of the Native forces at Waikare. It is arranged that the Maori chiefs shall assume the entire command, are to have the management of the military operations, and that they are to make their reports to the Government of the names of the killed and wounded in the engagements in these districts; whether at Waikare-Moana, Ruatahuna, or elsewhere, the same action is to be taken.

No Europeans are to take part in any of these movements, lest confusion should arise from there being two different commands; and moreover the Maoris are very impatient, and incapable of obeying and carrying out the instructions or commands of European officers while engaged in field operations.

Tauranga, 11th February, 1870.

Na Meiha ROPATA WAHAWAHA.

### No. 2.

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to MOHI TUREIREI.

FRIEND MOHI,—

Auckland, 18th February, 1870.

Salutations to you. Ropata Wahawaha is on board the "Sturt." He intends to go to Waikare-Moana; he and his companions are going to pursue these murderers, Te Kooti and others. I have arranged that Ropata alone shall lead the force, and that there shall be no European. He will go to your place to obtain some men to assist him.

Mohi, this is my idea: these murderers ought to be exterminated as soon as possible, so that the quietness, prosperity, and peace of the former days may return.

To Mohi Tureirei.

Your friend,  
DONALD McLEAN.

### No. 3.

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to Major ROPATA WAHAWAHA.

FRIEND MAJOR ROPATA,—

Auckland, 19th February, 1870.

Salutations. This is my word to you: You are to go by the "Sturt," to make arrangements with your tribe, the Ngatiporou, about going to hunt for Te Kooti and Kereopa, at Waikare-Moana.

You alone are to have the management and to give orders to your tribe; there will be no European over you. If you should succeed in catching that bad man, five thousand pounds (£5,000) will be given to you and your tribe; if you do not, there will be no payment. It will be for you to explain these words to your soldiers.

There are provisions on board the "Sturt" for your soldiers.

Should fighting actually take place, remember to save the women and children.

There is no other word to you, because you know the objects of the fighting: that evil is to be exterminated, so that peace may be in our places.

If you are agreeable that a European should accompany you, very well; speak to Mr. Locke and Major Westrup. Show this letter to them both.

To Major Ropata Wahawaha, Auckland.

From your friend,  
DONALD McLEAN.

### No. 4.

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to Major KEMP.

FRIEND KEMP,—

Auckland, 19th February, 1870.

Salutations. This is a word of mine to you: The management of the fighting against Te Kooti is given by me into the hands of you the Maori chiefs, for you know his tactics; so I have said that only you, the Maoris, are to pursue him. I have instructed Colonel McDonnell that he and the Europeans are not to go.

If that murderer, Te Kooti, is caught by you, the Government will make some arrangement with you, the chiefs; and the European people will praise you, and make you great.

I have selected the chiefs who are to have the conduct of the fighting, viz., you and Topia Turoa for your own party, and Ropata Wahawaha to be the leader of his own tribe, the Ngatiporou; they will come by way of Waikare-Moana. The chiefs of Ngatikahungunu will lead their own men.

Well, my desire is that you, the chiefs of these tribes, should work together in unity. Do not be jealous of one another, but do the work well, so that that bad man may soon disappear from our sight.