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> mitted the deed was Wi Piro of Poverty Bay, who was subsequently killed at Taupo. Te Hira is a man, from what I know of him, whose testimony may be relied on, and the statement he has made removes from my mind the difficulty which presented itself of receiving Rangiaho on the same footing

as the other surrendered rebels.

The Urewera who have come in describe the life they have been leading since their return from Waikato as unendurable. With the expeditions on foot at Waikaremoana, and the flying columns on this side under Captains Preece and Mair, they have lived in a state of constant alarm. In fact, our respective positions have been just reversed. They are now experiencing the harrassing care which they have for years inflicted upon us.

The Under-Secretary Native Department.

I have, HENRY T. CLARKE. Civil Commissioner.

Enclosure 1 in No. 111.

Te Tapa, Tauranga, June 7th 1870.

To Paerau, to Te Whenuanui, to Kereru, that is to say to all the chiefs of the Urewera throughout all its boundaries.

Friends,—Salutation.—This is to inform you of the arrival at this place of Hapurona Kohi, Hoani Paiaka and Manuera. They have travelled through the boundaries of the Arawa even to this place, and all that they have found has been peace only, and the speeches made to them have been of one character only.

Friends,—Come outside, there is no reason for your remaining where you are. Do not hesitate.

Our thoughts are as clear as noon day.

Hapurona and his friends are the bearers of the words, but lest you should be doubtful the

principal words shall be made clear.

1st. With regard to your lands, the Government will not hold them. Sufficient for the Government is that contained in the boundary line as before defined (confiscated block) which will not now be extended.

2nd. Respecting Tamaikowha, Mr M'Lean has considered the subject and has already sent his word. The peace of Kemp will be acknowledged if Eru (Tamaikowha) will come out, and there will be no thought toward him on account of his alleged crime. If he will consent to come out (or surrender) the Government will cease to remember him as a criminal.

Do not think about Tepene, the Government disapprove of the death of that man. But one is the word of this Government regarding that evil man, Te Kooti, the man who has caused death to the tribes. Never will the thought cease towards that evil murderer; never until he is caught. Do not admit him into your district. He alone is the person who brings trouble upon other tribes.

Should he be caught and brought hither to be judged by the law it will be well.

Friends, let your consideration of these words be clear. Do not hesitate about your land, which I ask you to to forsake. "He kura kainga tena e hokia." (A proverb meaning that it is but leaving

home to be again visited under more prosperous circumstances).

Here also is another speech. I will send a word to the Government requesting them to withhold the war parties on the other side Waikaremoana that you may have time to consider maturely your

words.

I have, &c.,
H. T. CLARKE, Civil Commissioner.

No. 112.

Mr H. T. CLARKE, Civil Commissioner, to the Under-Secretary, Native Department.

Civil Commissioner's Office,

Auckland, June 27th, 1870. SIR,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Hon. the Native Minister a copy of a letter from Major Mair reporting the surrender at Opotiki of the Whakatohea Chief Hira Te Popo, and the greater portion of his hapu.

I quite concur with Major Mair as to the probable effect of the submission of Te Hira upon the disaffected tribes in the interior, and I confidently hope that the day is not far distant when the whole of the Urewera tribes will submit.

The Under-Secretary Native Department, Wellington.

I have, &c., H. T. CLARKE, Civil Commissioner.

Enclosure in No. 112.

Major MAIR to Mr CLARKE, Civil Commissioner.

SIR, Opotiki, June 21st, 1870. I have the honor to report for the information of the Government that, on the 17th instant, Hira Te Popo, and the greater portion of his hapu (Ngati-ira), viz., thirteen men, eleven women, and ten children, making a total of thirty-four, submitted at this place. The remainder of the hapu were

engaged in searching for some women who were missing, and may be expected in shortly.

The submission of this well-known chief is an event of very great importance, and will, I have no doubt, produce a very marked effect upon the Urewera. Although never taking any active part in their operations, he has nevertheless been viewed by the King party as one of their greatest supporters in