

After this I addressed him on the subject of the rents ; and again after this I was distinctly made aware that the European who rented the land from me had been ejected, and that it was at this time without a tenant, and it was on this account that I determined to address you on the subject. More recently I learned from Louis Hetit that a new tenant was occupying that piece of ground, and hence it is that I have addressed this letter to you, to enquire of you, Mr. M'Lean, by whom this land was rented afresh. My desire is that this piece of land having come back to me again, I shall not rent it again ; but I shall know better when I hear further from you.

I have said almost too much to you this time.

To Mr. M'Lean, Auckland.

MANUWHIRI.

No. 39.

The Hon. Mr. M'LEAN to TAMATI MANUWHIRI.

FRIEND MANUWHIRI,—

Auckland, 7th February, 1870.

I have received your letter of the 13th day of January, relative to the leases of Mangere and Pukapuka.

I have made enquiries about those leases. This one at Remuera, it is from that that the two hundred pounds have been sent to you. One pound a-week is the rent of that property.

The land at Mangere is still in the hands of the European to whom you leased it. The rent is seventy pounds per annum. He states that seventy pounds were received by you at the time you returned south. The remainder is about four hundred pounds still on hand.

This is to inform you about those rents. I am waiting for Doctor Purchas to come here that I may ask him about that rent at Mangere. When he comes I will write again to you on that subject.

From your friend,

DONALD M'LEAN.

I have seen Dr. Purchas. He states that the European is the same (not a stranger) to whom you rented the land at Mangere.

DONALD M'LEAN.

No. 40.

TANA TE WAHAROA to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR.

TO GOVERNOR BOWEN,—

Ohineroa, 22nd January, 1870.

Friend, salutation to you, the holder of the last covenant of Governor Grey and Wiremu Tamihana. This is my word to you. Perhaps this command to fight is by you ; if it is yours, I am not willing that my place and all these places should be trampled upon. I am still holding to their conditions, and will not forget them. However, if the command is yours, let the matter be deliberately explained to me. Friend, let the reply to my word be sent hither quickly. Sufficient.

From your friend,

TANA TE WAHAROA. TAMIHANA.

No. 41.

The Hon. Mr. M'LEAN to TANA TE WAHAROA.

FRIEND TANA,—

Auckland, 27th January, 1870.

Salutations to you. Your letter of the 22nd this month has been received, and the Governor has seen your word about the peace made between Tamihana and Governor Grey. Well, the Governor is still keeping that peace.

Now, give heed ; The Europeans have no evil intentions towards the tribes who are living quietly. The only one who is being pursued by the European and Maori forces is Te Kooti. You know that he is a murderer, and slays both small and great. Were your father, Tamihana, living, he would not be friendly to that villain, and you will not approve of the evil-doings of that man.

I heard that you were coming to Auckland. It is well that you should come, so that you and the Governor may talk quietly together ; that you may hear his thoughts, and that he may hear yours.

Your friend,

DONALD M'LEAN.

No. 42.

TE HIRA TE TUIRI to the Hon. Mr. M'LEAN and Mr. PUCKEY.

TO MR. M'LEAN and MR. PUCKEY,—

Ohinemuri, 23rd January, 1870.

Friends, salutations to you both. This is a word to you both. Europeans have occupied (or have arrived at) Turangamoana, Hinuera, and Te Wairere. Friends, send back those Europeans, for this land is Hauraki, extending to all its boundaries ; those places are within the boundary of Hauraki. That is all.

TE HIRA TE TUIRI.

No. 43.

The Hon. Mr. M'LEAN to TE HIRA TE TUIRI.

SIR, TE HIRA,—

Auckland, 27th January, 1870.

Salutations to you. Your letter has been received about the Europeans who have gone to Turangamoana, to Hinuera, and to Wairere.