INTERVIEW BETWEEN MR. FIRTH AND TE KOOTI.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 6 in No. 1.

Copy of Letter from Manuhiri to J. C. Firth, Esq., referred to in Letter attached.

Te Kuiti, 27th Hanuere, 1870.

E. Koro, E Hohaia,— Te Kuiti, 27th Hanuere, 1870.
Tena koe. Kua rongo au kua kite koe i Te Koti. Kua tika koe, kua rongo ano au, kua whaia e te Pakeha e te Maori a Te Koti. Ehoa, kua paru ta korua pai ko Tamehana nei paru ki waho e pai Kotena i Waikato Tonu te Kinonga.

E Hohaia, ku a pakaru te tuanui o te whare. Kia kaha koe whaka matua tenei mahi. E heana,

Kia Hohaia kei Peria Waikato.

Heoi Na MANUHIRI.

TRANSLATION.

MANUHIRI to J. C. FIRTH, Esq.

SIR (Mr. Firth),—

Salutations. I have heard that you have seen Te Kooti. You are right (or did right). I have heard also that the Europeans and Maoris are chasing (or hunting) Te Kooti. Sir, your and Tamehard's good policy is soiled (besmeared). If it were only soiled outside (i.e. the boundary), it would not matter, but the mischief is in Waikato itself.

O Josiah (Mr. Firth), the roof (ridge pole) of the house is broken (i.e., the people are divided). Be thou strong to cause this evil work to cease. That is all.

To Mr. Firth, at Peria, Waikato.

MANUHIRI.

No. 2.

The Hon. D. McLean to J. C. Firth, Esq.

Colonial Defence Office, Wellington, 30th August, 1870. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, complaining STR.of certain statements respecting yourself which have been printed in papers laid before the General

In the press of business I regret that Huare's narrative, containing reflections upon you, should

have been published without my having had an opportunity for careful perusal.

With reference to the latter portion of your letter, respecting the mention of your name in a Memorandum to His Excellency enclosed in Despatch to Earl Granville, I have only to repeat that my opinion with reference to the course you then pursued remains unaltered.

I do not consider the correspondence, which I shall lay on the table, to be of sufficient interest to

be published with Parliamentary papers.

J. C. Firth, Esq., Auckland.

I have, &c.,

Donald McLean.