

If this is accomplished, I promise that the Urewera who are living at Whakatane will be sent back to their place if Te Kooti is captured, and the deceitful work of Ngatihuri and the crimes of others of the tribe will be pardoned, and no punishment will be inflicted therefor. It is for you to afford this information to the tribe. The Government know that Te Kooti will go to the Urewera to get food, and it will be in your power or rather in the power of the tribe to give him up to the law or otherwise.

Let me know the opinions of the tribes when the meeting which you are at present holding is over.

Your friend,

J. D. ORMOND.

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His Honor J. D. ORMOND to PERENERA TAMAHIKI.

To PERENERA TAMAHIKI,—

Napier, 12th April, 1871.

Friend, I have received your telegram on the subject of the mail to Cambridge, and I am glad that you have displayed such energy in doing the works of the Government, as I wish you to thoroughly understand my acts. I regard you as one who knows the opinions of the Ngatiraukawa, and you are able to carry on works with them. When Maihi te Ngaru came here I agreed that they, that is to say, the tribe, should express their opinions on the subject of the roads, the telegraph, and the mails; and that, when they had arranged amongst themselves, I would, on behalf of the Government, step in and settle the matter. But I have not heard anything, from Maihi's return up to the present time. However, I know that he is doing the good works which were agreed upon between us. I am waiting to hear the consent of the Ngatiraukawa—the whole tribe—to commence upon Government works. When they intimate that to me, I shall let them have work to do connected with the telegraph, the roads, and the mails, and they will have to complete these works and carry them on. As I have already told you, you, and others of the same standing as yourself, should urge on matters, so that these works can be got on with. This is my word about the mail. I wish you to know that you are the person to whom I have decided to give that work. However, will you tell me now, before the work is commenced, what the mind of Ngatiraukawa is, because, while I do not wish to upset our arrangement, still, on the other hand, I am not willing to commence this work before the consent of the tribe is given to it. Friend, I have not yet seen you, but I am glad that you have shown such energy in doing the works which will result in benefits to us all.

One word more. Should the tribe consent, I should like to see them, so that I may inform them of my intentions, and that they may inform me of theirs.

Write and let me know what you think of the contents of this letter.

Your friend,

J. D. ORMOND.

No. 33.

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Auckland, 25th April, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant, enclosing copies of two letters, one to Paerau and Te Whenuanui, and the other to Perenera Tamahiki. The former is quite satisfactory, and is, with the exception of the stipulation regarding the capture of Te Kooti, quite in accordance with a letter I sent to the Urewera chiefs, dated 13th instant. You will see by the enclosed copy of a telegram from Paerau and Te Whenuanui, that I am afraid some misapprehension had arisen regarding the immediate return of surrendered Urewera, now established along the coast of the Bay of Plenty.

I quite concur in the promise given by you of the return of the Urewera, provided they assist to seize Te Kooti and hand him over to the authorities, as it may stimulate them to exert themselves in his capture.

Your reply to Perenera is quite in accordance with my views.

His Honor J. D. Ormond, Napier.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

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[TRANSLATION.]

The Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER to WHENUANUI and PAERAU.

To WHENUANUI AND PAERAU,—

Auckland, 13th April, 1871.

Friends,—Salutations. I hear that you have sent Hapurona, Kohi, and all the Ureweras (who have come out) back to Ruatahuna, and that you said that it was by Government orders.

Listen. This is not what the Government wished. Mr. Ormond told you to go to Ruatahuna and collect the Ureweras of that district into one place. These instructions were not intended to apply to the Ureweras at Putere, Whakatane, and Ruatoki. My definite instructions to you are—leave the Ureweras that are living at the sea side where they are, but carry out Mr. Ormond's instructions of collecting the Ureweras that are in the Ruatahuna District into one place. You are not to think about Hapurona and others, for they are living in the light. I will arrange when they are to return.

DONALD McLEAN.