

(April) :” all the days from this are Tawhiao’s; it is in consequence of this day that you see me here. “Ko nga waha Tirera Kua Kapea i te 28.”

*Kereopa Te Apa* (Tainui) (Hauhau) : I desire to speak. I shall do so, but I do not know whether my companions will approve of what I am about to say. However, I mean to speak, and care not for their disapproval. The two canoes have met: the one containing us, and yours. Your daughter and grandchild are floating towards Whangamarino. (Probably meaning Maungatawhiri, Whangamarino being a creek between Meremere and Point Russell.) Days and land pass away, but this word will not pass away, “Naku nga mea Katou.” Everything is mine. You have heard from Ahu, that the 28th has been placed first. There is no talk; the talk is of your sister and grandchild. The rest of the talk is not fixed yet. Why should it be alluded to on the day of your sister and grandchild? That talk is of no consequence. What else do you require—is she not lying down in the house of her ancestor? She has come so far. You finish her object. You do a share towards terminating this day. I know your talk. What I have to say presently will not be finished in one day. With respect to your invitation for your great day, that is your day, and not mine. I will name my own.

*Hakopa Te Kotuku* : I cannot finish what you ask, as it is already ended by her coming here. It was commenced at the south by Tawhiao, and is now finished by her here. There is nothing left for me to-day.

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