

Mr. JOHN GUILDING to Mr. JAMES MACKAY.

(Telegram.)

Grahamstown, 6th July, 1875.

GRACE in Auckland to put injunction on Tairua Claim for Natives. Tookey told me. Tookey also says letters in Thames papers, *re* blocks 27, Hikutaia, &c., are his dictation, and written by Grace. He also says he is Grey's mainstay, and supplies him with all information. Taipari wants Tookey, Grace, and himself to work together. Tookey also says, if I will give you up that he will telegraph to Grey that he was mistaken, and that I have nothing to do with you, and for him to give up all objections to my lease *re* Tairua reserve.

JOHN GUILDING.

Mr. JAMES MACKAY to Mr. JOHN GUILDING.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 6th July, 1875.

PRIVATE. Thanks for your honorable conduct in the matter. Try and get Tookey to commit himself to writing. Have you any objection to my letting the General Government have a copy of your telegram?

JAMES MACKAY.

Mr. JOHN GUILDING to Mr. JAMES MACKAY.

(Telegram.)

Grahamstown, 6th July, 1875.

WILL try and get him to commit himself to writing. No objection to your letting General Government have copy. Tautoru anxious to see you *re* Pakirarahi.

JOHN GUILDING.

Sir G. GREY to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 14th June, 1875.

I HAVE had shown to me a telegram from Mr. Mackay to the owners of the timber lease of the Tairua block, to the effect that he did not consider them entitled to the lease for forty years of the whole area, but that the lease of parts of it should be resigned. Might Mr. Mackay be requested to supply me at once with a copy of this telegram?

G. GREY.

Sir G. GREY to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 15th June, 1875.

THE following statement has been made in a letter from Mr. W. A. Graham, agent of the Tairua prospectors: it appears to require explanation, which I request I may be furnished with:—"With reference to inquiry how Crippen got his share, the facts are: The prospectors requested me to offer a share in the claim to Mr. Mackay. I did so, and he refused to accept it, giving his reason it would perhaps be made use of against him in his official capacity. I asked if he would like to give it to O'Halloran or any one else, as a share was at his disposal. The prospectors wished to make up their party to ten men. Mr. Mackay said O'Halloran could not receive a share, for the same reason that he could not, being a Government officer; but if I liked I might give it to Crippen, who was a private individual, and the only person he could think of at the time to give a share to. I said it mattered not to prospectors who got the share; accordingly Crippen got the share, and thus became one of the party."

GEORGE GREY.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to Mr. JAMES MACKAY.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 22nd June, 1875.

SIR GEORGE GREY has been informed that you have been directed to furnish him with any information he may require relative to the timber lease in the Tairua block. Be good enough to do so.

DANIEL POLLEN.

Mr. JAMES MACKAY to Sir G. GREY.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 25th June, 1875.

THE Hon. the Colonial Secretary has requested me to give you any information you require relative to the timber leases at Tairua. I am prepared at any time to give all information in my power respecting that or any other negotiation for land in which I have been engaged on behalf of the Government.

JAMES MACKAY,
Agent General Government.

Sir G. GREY to Mr. JAMES MACKAY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 26th June, 1875.

I have just received your telegram, dated yesterday, addressed to me at Grahamstown, in which you state that you are prepared at any time to give me any information in your power respecting the timber leases at Tairua.

I beg to inform you that the information which I require is a copy of the telegram sent by you to the owners of the timber lease, and of which a copy can be supplied by the Telegraph Department, if you have failed to keep one.

I have, &c.,
G. GREY,
Superintendent.

James Mackay, Esq., General Government Agent, Auckland.