

With reference to the latter portion of your circular, I have the honor to state that Mr. Horace Baker, of the Survey Department here, will render me every possible assistance.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON, R.M.

The Under Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 6.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES of the TOKOMARU DISTRICT under "The Maori Licensing Act, 1878." COMMENCING at the mouth of the Uawa River, thence by the sea to the northern boundary of the Mangahawini Native reserve, thence by the southern boundary of the Puketiti Block to the Mata River, thence by the Mata River to the boundary between Tauwhareparae and Huiarua, thence by the western boundary of Tauwhareparae to Tutamoe, thence by the southern boundary of Tauwhareparae to Te Marunga Block, thence to the Mangatina Creek, thence by the said creek to its junction with the Uawa River, thence by the river to the starting point.

The Tologa Bay Township and Wairoro No. 2 to be excluded from this block or district.

W. E. GUDGEON, R.M.,

Native Officer.

No. 7.

Mr. W. E. GUDGEON to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

SIR,—

Native and Defence Office, Gisborne, 24th June, 1879.

I have the honor to forward a petition from Hirini Waite and others, requesting me to forbid all licenses within their district—namely, Tokomaru Bay. The boundaries of a portion of this district have already been forwarded to the Native Office for proclamation under "The Native Licensing Act, 1878."

Should it be considered advisable to include the piece mentioned in the petition, the boundaries would be—"Commencing at the Uawa River, thence by the sea to the northern boundary of the Tawhiti Block, thence by the western boundary of the said block to the Mangahawini Creek, thence by the creek to the southern boundary of the Puketiti Block." After which, the boundaries formerly submitted may be followed.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

W. E. GUDGEON, R.M.

Enclosure in No. 7.

PETITION.

FRIEND, CAPTAIN GUDGEON,—

Tokomaru, 18th June, 1879.

Greeting. This is a request of ours to you that no spirit licenses be allowed in our district, either to Maoris or Europeans. Do not on any account grant those licenses in our district, the boundary of which is as follows: Commencing at the Uawa River it follows its course to Mangatuna and Tahutahupo; thence along the Hikuai Stream to Porohanga, Pauariki, and Puketiti; thence it turns and runs to the sea, and on to Tawhitiapawa and Awarau; thence by the sea to Te Wharau te Mawhai, Te Marau; and thence to Te Uawa River again.

We have forwarded these boundaries of ours to the Government, and received a favourable reply; but you are aware of this, so let there be no spirit licenses granted either to Maoris or Europeans. Ended.

From us all,

THE COMMITTEE OF THIS DISTRICT.

No. 8.

Mr. J. S. MASTER to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

SIR,—

Native Office, Napier, 2nd May, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular No. 7, dated Wellington, 22nd April instant, and would beg to inform you that I will take immediate steps to carry out the instructions contained therein. I purpose first to write to the leading chiefs on the matter, but I think it advisable to visit the different settlements and lay the matter clearly before the Natives, at the same time getting them to sign a paper to the effect that it is their wish to carry out the Act in every way possible, and to ask them to render me all the assistance in their power.

As to my district I am not quite clear, and would like it pointed out to me. I would suggest that the district should include Tahoraiti to Kopua, Takopau, Hampden or Tikokino, Kaikanohi, Porangohau, Eparaima, Pourere, Waipukurau, Waipawa, Waimarama, Potangata, Te Aute, Pakipaki, Omahu, Matahiwi, Kohupatiki, Pakowhai, Hastings, Taradale, Waiohiki, Moteo, Clive East and West, Napier and Spit, Petane, Mohaka, Nukaka, and Wairoa.