

block until further notified by him; also, that you will cause to be stopped the survey at present being carried on by private persons in the neighbourhood of this land, and forming, as is reported, the eastern boundary of the Patetere Block. Please reply after taking action.—RICHARD JOHN GILL.

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No. 44.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 6th November, 1879.

UNDER-SECRETARY, Land Purchase Department, Wellington.—I have sent notice to our own surveyors, who were just on the point of starting to commence Patetere, to return, and also to the private surveyor, Mr. Creagh, who is surveying Te Whaiti, adjoining Patetere on east. It will be some days before his actual operations can be stopped, as some of them are far back in the bush. It was only last night I returned from Hamilton, having completed arrangement *re* the Government survey, about which I have written at length.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 45.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 6th November, 1879.

DISTRICT SURVEYOR, Hamilton.—Do nothing with respect to Patetere until you hear further. The Government have stopped all surveys in that district. Confidential.—S. PERCY SMITH, C.S.

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No. 46.

Auckland, 6th November, 1879.

O. M. CREAGH, Esq., Surveyor, Parnell.—Since seeing you this morning I have received a telegram from the Under-Secretary of Land Purchase, Wellington, in which he requests me, by direction of the Hon. the Native Minister, to stop all surveys in or near the Patetere District. I must therefore request in the meantime that all survey operations in connection with the Te Whaiti Kuranui Block may be stopped, and that at once. Will you be good enough to take action in this matter.—S. PERCY SMITH.

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No. 47.

(Telegram.)

Alexandra, 6th November, 1879.

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., Chief Surveyor, Auckland.—Can you kindly inform me why survey of Patetere proclaimed block has been stopped? It is a great mistake, and Natives will be greatly annoyed, as they have been preparing for survey ever since June last. When the time comes that we want to survey the Natives will most likely object.—W. H. GRACE.

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No. 48.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 7th November, 1879.

W. H. GRACE, Alexandra.—Patetere and Creagh's surveys were stopped by order of Native Minister yesterday. I do not know of the reason, but can guess. I agree with you in thinking it is a mistake not to try at all events.—S. PERCY SMITH, C.S.

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No. 49.

(Telegram.)

Alexandra, 14th November, 1879.

R. J. GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase Department, Wellington.—Numbers of Patetere owners ask, as Government will not proceed with survey of block, whether Proclamation over it will also be rescinded. They complain of great delay and expense they are put to.—W. H. GRACE.

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No. 50.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 15th November, 1879.

W. H. GRACE, Esq., Alexandra.—No. 1,916.—It is not the intention of the Government to withdraw their Proclamation over Patetere lands. You will please explain to the Natives that the stoppage of the surveys was in consequence of repeated statements that if carried on a breach of the peace would ensue.—RICHARD JOHN GILL.

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No. 51.

Cambridge, 16th November, 1879.

HON. MR. BRYCE, Native Minister, Wellington.—We have heard that the Government have stopped the survey of Patetere. Do not stop it. We will follow the paths of our ancestors, and trouble will ensue. The people are identical with the land. If the Government do not stop it, the trouble will be avoided. The people are identical with the land. Do you reply.—From PAORA KARETAI and all Ngatiruite.

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No. 52.

Native Minister's Office, Wellington, 11th November, 1879.

A DEPUTATION, consisting of Messrs. Rich, Graham, Walker, and Major Wilson, waited on the Hon. Mr. Bryce, Minister for Native Affairs, in reference to certain lands in the Waikato District, in which they were interested.

Mr. Rich said that their object in seeking an interview was, that in 1877, when he was in Waikato, he was informed that there was a lot of land in that district upon which no Government money had been paid, that there was no claim whatever on this land, and it could be obtained under the existing laws. He and Mr. Williams, a gentleman who had been acting for and in connection with him in the matter, had a survey commenced upon the lands. Some of the blocks were completed when the proceedings were stopped. He had advanced £2,800 on the land, and Mr. Walker had made large advances; and he should say that altogether £11,000 or £12,000 had been paid on the lands.

Hon. Native Minister asked Mr. Rich the name of the block.