

Tamamutu, of which fact I informed you at the time. In the following October I went to Taupo, accompanied by your agent, Mr. R. T. Warren, and on my return to Napier brought with me a document signed by Topia and Hohepa, withdrawing the application for rehearing, without your having to make any payment to the Natives, or to enter into any compromise in relation to the case. Some time afterwards you paid my professional fee for this business, without making it a charge against your Native landlords, or endeavouring to recover it from Renata and Topia.

I have, &c.,

W. L. BULLER.

My memory is not quite clear as to Mr. Fenton having recommended me to come to terms with the Natives for the withdrawal. I have underlined the part I am not quite positive about. I can vouch for the complete accuracy of all the rest of your statements in this letter.

23rd October, 1886.

JOHN STUDHOLME.

No. 2.

The PREMIER to Sir W. L. BULLER, K.C.M.G.

SIR,—

30th December, 1886.

I have been directed by the Hon. the Premier to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st November, forwarding your statement in regard to the Owhaoko matter, which was referred to a Select Committee of the House of Representatives last session.

I am desired by the Premier to say that he will have much pleasure in presenting the statement to the House at the next session, as requested, and, so far as he can do, will obtain for it as wide a publicity as was given to his memorandum on the subject.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. WILLIS.

Sir W. L. Buller, K.C.M.G.,

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