

Te Ngahuru or Tamati Wirimu has received a letter from the Ngatiruanuis, informing him that they called upon Arama Karaka to abandon the pah he had built upon the tapued land where Rawiri and some of his followers fell and were buried. On this demand Te Ngahuru expressed his opinion that they had no right to interfere. I have not yet heard whether Arama Karaka has received such a communication from the Ngatiruanuis.

Within the present month several natives of the latter tribe have visited this place, bringing with them cattle and pigs for sale.

A large amount of produce, both native and European has been brought into the town, and, I believe, no attempt has been lately made to prevent the traffic of Europeans or others by the Natives. I have instructed Mr. Halse as to the wishes of His Excellency on this subject.

I will likewise take care that the feelings of His Excellency with regard to the return of the abstracted gun, shall be made known to the tribe concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

JOSIAH FLIGHT,

Resident Magistrate.

F. J. Travers, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
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Resident Magistrate's Office, New Plymouth,
25th July, 1855.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report, for the information of His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, that the two conflicting parties of natives have remained passive since the date of my last letter to you.

Another party of Ngatiruanui has arrived to assist Kakatore. The number is said to be small, but larger numbers of the same tribe are reported to be on their way, when Kakatore's force would be increased to about a thousand.

Between forty and fifty natives from Kapiti have also come up the coast, to settle at the Kaitara, the greater part of whom have joined Arama Karaka.

I have been informed, from a source on which I believe I may rely, that the Mokau chiefs having sent a message to Wiremu Kingi and the Ngatiruanuis to leave Kakatore's pah, and interfere no further in the present quarrel, threatening to come down and drive them away if they refused to comply, which message being received with an insulting defiance, Arama Karaka despatched letters to Mokau, calling on the natives there to come to his assistance. A further report states that answers have been received intimating that the intention of the Mokau natives to be down here to-day.

I have been requested by Honi Ropiha to acquaint His Excellency of the destitute condition he and his party are in with regard to ammunition, and further to express his opinion of the dangerous state in which he considers the Europeans may be placed by the altered nature of the native feud.

As this chief and assessor has always shown himself a firm friend of the Europeans, I attach some importance to his representations, yet cannot consider it would be politic to assist his party in supplying them with ammunition, until, as friends of the Government, it is deemed advisable for them to co-operate with the British troops.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOSIAH FLIGHT,

Resident Magistrate.

F. J. Travers, Esq.,
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