

General and Provincial Governments of a great deal of anxiety and responsibility in matters that cannot be controlled under existing circumstances, and the consequences of which it is not easy to foresee in the present anomalous position of the authorities administering the laws, which theoretically apply to the whole Province, and which they are daily called upon to ignore.

(Signed)

I have, &c.,

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth.
21st December, 1854.

SIR,—

Adverting to my letter of the 19th instant, relative to the arrival of 300 natives of the Ngatiruanui tribes, to enquire into, and, if necessary, avenge the death of Rawiri, by Ihaia, I have the honour to state that Ihaia's Pah was stormed yesterday, by the tribes above mentioned, who had received further reinforcements. After a contest, in which many more were killed and wounded, a portion of the pah was carried. Before the remainder of the pah could be taken a diversion was effected by the arrival of a body of Puketepu native, friendly to Ihaia, and assisted the escape of himself and forty followers to a pah at Waingana.

The latest information now is that the Ngatiranui natives will take measures to renew the attack on Ihaia, and the natives who have since joined them.

I enclose a notice, which I have felt it necessary to issue, in consequence of one European having been shot through the hat, who imprudently remained after the fighting had began, and, because I find it difficult to restrain Europeans from going to the scene of native disturbances.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth,
26th December, 1854,

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency a report from the Sub-Inspector of the Armed Police, on the recent attack of Ihaia's Pah, at the Manaka, by the Ngatiruanui natives. My letter of the 22nd inst., on the same subject would have left by the "Nelson" steamer, but that she unexpectedly left before the boat's crew could recover from an accidental capsizing of the boat.

I visited both parties of natives on the 24th inst., with Dr. Wilson, Colonial Surgeon, and the Sub-Inspector of Police, Mr. Halse. The best feeling was shown on both sides towards the Europeans and authorities of the Province. The Ngatiruanui natives led me to expect that they would leave yesterday for the South, by the same path from coast to coast, inland of Mount Egmont, that they came, and I am happy to state that they left yesterday.

I shall shortly do myself the honor of sending His Excellency a comprehensive report on the state of the native population in the Province, in their relation to one another, and to the Europeans.

(Signed)

I have, &c.,

CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary,
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