

December 21, 1848.

List of Natives for whom passages per schooner "Dolphin" were provided by the Commissioner for Extinguishing Native Claims, from Otago to Akaroa, at the expense of Government :—

John Topi, Paitu, John Kihau (Tuhawaiki), Te Rehua, Hapi, Taiaroa, Kaikoariari (Big fellow) Keretai (Jacky white), Kahuti (Blueskin), Rawiri te Mamara, Noa Paka, te Koau, Tutahakihi, Huru-huru (of Ngatimamoe.)

(Signed) WALTER MANTELL.
Commissioner.

Akaroa, Banks' Peninsula,
September 27, 1849.

SIR,—

I have the honor to announce to you the conclusion of my negotiations relative to the "Port Levy Block" :—and to transmit to you the Natives receipt for the amount (£300) awarded and distributed to them by me, with an annexed map of the lands, the Native Title to which has been extinguished by this payment.

I enclose also a map of the only Reserve in the above district.

Besides the stipulations mentioned on the receipt for the money, I have on the part of Government, guaranteed that a small grave at the head of Pigeon Bay, where an infant child of John Tikao is buried, shall be undisturbed, until a cemetery be consecrated there,—when, should it not include this grave, the remains are to be removed to it.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WALTER MANTELL.

The Colonial Secretary,
Wellington.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 24th December, 1849.

SIR,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to transmit to you to report upon, a communication lately received from Matiaha Tiramorehu, complaining of the insufficiency of the Reserves set apart for his tribe, in the Middle Island :—and at the same time to request that you will instill into the minds of the Natives the sacredness of all obligations they may enter into ;—and that such arrangements, once made, cannot be altered.

With respect to the Kaiapoi, the Natives themselves brought the subject before the Governor-in-Chief, when at Wellington, many months since ; and were distinctly informed that no changes or new arrangements could be made or allowed.

In furnishing your report, it will be as well to mention the extent of the Reserves at Moeraki, and the number of natives ; so that it may appear how far the complaint of their insufficiency is correct or otherwise.

I have, &c.

Walter Mantell, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.,

(Signed) ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Moeraki, 22nd October, 1849.

To Governor Eyre.—Greeting,

Listen to these my words relative to the part (of Land) which was made sacred to yourself and Governor Grey by Mr. Mantell, also to the part which was reserved for the Maories,—the owners of the Land are discontented with the portions allotted to them by Mr. Mantell.

You are aware when Mantell first commenced his work in this place, his first mistake was at Kaiapoi, viz., he would not listen to what the owner's of the Land wished to say to him ; they strenuously urged that the part that should be reserved for the Maories ought to be large, but Mantell paid no attention to their wishes, it was thus he did wrong in the commencement of his work, and continued to do so in all his arrangements in regard to the portions which were reserved for the Maories.

It is in consequence of this I write to you, my esteemed friend, Governor Eyre :—pay attention.

The principal cause of all the disputes in this Island is that of your having given the payment of a part of our Island to the Ngatitoas, it is this which has caused all the disputes amongst the Natives of this Island :—but you, Governor Eyre, are aware of the cause of all the disturbance of that Island, it is the same here, and there will ere long be ruptures among us.

These are my reasons for writing to request of you that the boundaries of Moeraki may be extended, that we may have plenty of land to cultivate wheat and potatoes, also land where our pigs, cattle, and sheep can run at large, it will not be long before we purchase both cattle and sheep, and what land have we now in the small pieces which are reserved by Mantell for us fit for such a purpose, each allotment which Mantell has set aside for the Maories, is about as large as one white man's residence ; we are conjecturing who could have given Mantell his instructions so to act, do you, Governor Eyre, think that I should tell him to reserve for the multitude a piece of land only large enough for one man ? No ; moreover the Natives will never consent to it. There are many people, and but a small quantity of land for them. I imagined that it was by your instructions that Mantell