

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

Enclosure in No. 11

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO TE TEIRA.

Auckland, 19th July, 1859.

FRIEND TE TEIRA,—

Salutations. Your letter of the 30th May has been received relative to the land at Waitara, which you offer for sale.

The Governor says that you had better apply to Mr. Parris, to the person appointed by the Governor to purchase land in that district; it is for him to arrange the terms and other matters relative to land offered to the Government, the Governor merely accepts or rejects the offer. In this case the Governor has agreed to take the land; be under no apprehension, therefore, the Governor's word will be kept, although the matter may not be arranged in a day. The Governor still keeps it in mind, he will neither forget nor alter. The Governor is in favour of the land being purchased; but the best thing, in his estimation, is for peace to be preserved at Taranaki.

The arrangement of what you mentioned will not be delayed.

From your friend,

(Signed) NA TE METE (THOS. H. SMITH.)

To Te Teira, at Taranaki.

No. 12.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO MR. PARRIS.

Native Land Purchase Department,
Auckland, September 27th, 1859.

SIR,—

With reference to the offer to the Government by Te Teira and others of a block of land on the south bank of the Waitara River, I have the honor by direction of the Governor, to convey to you His Excellency's authority to make an immediate advance in part payment for the land referred to, should you be able to satisfy yourself that the parties offering it, have an indisputable title. You will, however, inform Te Teira that the purchase will not be completed until Mr. McLean visits Taranaki.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) T. H. SMITH.

R. Parris, Esq.,
District Commissioner,
Taranaki.

No. 13.

TE TEIRA AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Ohuka, New Plymouth,
October 18th, 1859.

Go, this letter of love, to His Excellency Governor Browne and Mr. Smith.

Your letters have been received by me, and your love also to your children, who love that good matter which I gave up in the open daylight to you and Mr. McLean, but your love is still kept by Mr. Parris (that is) our ring, Hemi, Paranihi, and I wish the matter to be settled at once, according to your word; and Mr. Parris wishes it to stand over till Mr. McLean arrives, when it will be given to me. I said no; Mr. Parris must give me the payment for my ancestor which was given to His Excellency and Mr. McLean by Te Teira. If you receive this letter write to Mr. Parris and request him to give it to us, and the payment for our daughter to me.

I have spoken your word to the people, and they do not consent. Mr. Parris has been to Waitara three times, but Wiremu Kingi did not agree with his words. Mr. Parris said "The Governor and I will not cease to act in this matter." Wiremu Kingi asked "Shall I go to the mountains?" Mr. Parris said "It is with you;" but Mr. Parris will not cease to act in this matter. These are all the words on this subject.

This is another word: we have heard from Europeans that the coppers (money) have been sent, but Mr. Parris did not tell us. Is this word true? So ends.

From

TE TEIRA,
HEMI,
PARANIHU.

His Excellency the Governor,
and T. H. Smith, Esq.,
Assistant Native Secretary.
Auckland.