

No. 14.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, TARANAKI, TO CHIEF LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONER.

New Plymouth, December 4th, 1859.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you, that on Tuesday, 29th ultimo, I paid an instalment of one hundred pounds to Teira and others for their land at Waitara.

On Friday, 25th ultimo, I went to Waitara, and informed Wm. King that I purposed doing so. On Tuesday, 29th ultimo, he came to town with a party of about thirty to oppose it. I prevailed on them to meet Teira and party and discuss the question, which was done in a very orderly manner, in the presence of a large audience of Europeans.

Wm. King avowed his determination to oppose the sale, without advancing any reason for doing so; upon which I put a series of questions to him, which I called upon the Rev. Mr. Whiteley to witness.

Q. Does the land belong to Teira and party?—A. Yes, the land is theirs, but I will not let them sell it.

Q. Why will you oppose their selling that which is their own?—A. Because I do not wish for the land to be disturbed; and although they have floated it, I will not let it go to sea.

Q. Shew me the justice or correctness of your opposition?—A. It is enough, Parris, their bellies are full with the sight of the money you have promised them, but don't give it to them; if you do, I won't let you have the land, but will take it and cultivate it myself.

Teira stops in town since he received the instalment, considering it not safe for him to stop at Waitara.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT PARRIS,
District Commissioner.

I hereby certify that the above questions were put, and the answers given, as reported by Mr. Commissioner Parris.

(Signed) JOHN WHITELEY.

The Chief Commissioner,
&c., &c., &c.,
Auckland.

No. 15.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO TEIRA AND OTHERS.

Auckland,
21st December, 1859.

FRIEND TE TEIRA,—

Salutations to you. Your letter of the 18th October, respecting the money—the payment for your piece of land—has come. The Governor has sent instructions to Mr. Parris regarding that matter. You had better go and talk with him about it. He will carry out the Governor's instructions at the proper time.

From your friend,
(Signed) NA TE METE.
(THOS. H. SMITH.)

To Te Teira,
Hemi, and Paranihi,
Taranaki,

No. 16.

TE TEIRA AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Waitoki, January 19, 1860.

Go this loving letter to Governor Browne and to Mr. Smith.
Friends, salutations to you.

This is our word to you. Hearken. Why do you delay? You say that Mr. Parris has the arrangement of the matter. Mr. Parris says that it lies with the Governor to consummate our marriage with the beautiful woman, Waitara—with the land which we have given up to you. Give your consent at my request. You said that it was deceit on my part. Agree that Mr. Parris shall complete it; do not delay the matter. If you are willing to do so, write to me; and if you are not, write to me. Write speedily, that it may come straight to your children who are residing with Mr. Parris. We are sad, because of our marriage with this woman being deferred so long. This woman that we gave to you in the face of day is now lying cold. You had better turn her towards you and