

9. Thus, My Lord Duke, I have I believe adopted every precaution in my power, and put in requisition every means of defence. I shall be guided by events as they become developed, and shall not fail to report on them in detail.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle.
&c., &c., &c.

Enclosure 1 in No. 26.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO SUPERINTENDENT OF AUCKLAND.

Government House,
Auckland, 6th April, 1860.

SIR,—

Learning from yourself and others that unfounded rumours have been circulated, and many persons, both in town and country, have been unnecessarily alarmed, I beg the favour of you to contradict these reports.

Incorrect accounts of the difference between the Government and William King have been industriously spread in the Waikato districts, and some part of the Maori population in these districts, are at this moment considerably excited at what they consider an aggression on the part of the Europeans.

A gentleman from the Native Office has been sent to the Waikato to correct these misrepresentations, and I have every reason to believe that he will succeed in satisfying the Chiefs and most influential portion of the Maories, that they have been misinformed.

It may also be satisfactory to you to know that every military precaution has been adopted which could be taken, if danger really existed, and I have pleasure in assuring you that the town and district of Auckland is perfectly secure against any attack which could be made, by the largest force the Maories could bring into the field.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

Enclosure 2 in No. 26.

NOTICE.

Friendly Natives visiting the Town complain that during the last few days they have been treated with marked rudeness by the Europeans, and are frequently told that they will be turned out, and no longer permitted to carry on their trade as heretofore.

His Excellency is satisfied that it is only necessary to call public attention to the subject, to ensure friendly treatment for individuals of the Native Race.

By His Excellency's command,
(Signed) HENRY JOHN TANCRED.

No. 27.

COPY OF A MEMORANDUM BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The Governor invites an expression of the views and opinions of his Responsible Ministers on the present state of Maori Affairs.

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

Government House,
April 21st, 1860.

No. 28.

COPY OF A MEMORANDUM BY MR. RICHMOND.

Auckland, 27th April, 1860.

That the present crisis in the affairs of New Zealand may be properly understood, it is, in the first place, requisite to give some account of the views and intentions of the Native agitators known in the Colony as the Maori, or Waikato, King party. The contest in Taranaki, between the British Government and the Chief Wiremu Kingi and his followers, derives all its importance from its connection with this movement. For without the sympathy and expected support of the Waikato league, the Taranaki Natives would never have ventured upon armed resistance to the British Government.