

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

"If any other person can prove that he owns any part of the land within the boundaries above described, his claim will be respected, and he will be allowed to *retain* or *sell* the same, as he may think proper."

No definite claim was ever preferred, at this or any other time, and the only position they have ever taken is the arbitrary one of assuming the right to oppose the sale of any land, even by the rightful owners.

12. Having been instructed to proceed with the survey of the land, I appointed the 20th February for the commencement, and informed William King accordingly. This having been generally understood by the settlers, a number of them were intending to accompany us, on hearing of which, I went to His Honor the Superintendent, and requested that a notice be published cautioning them against doing so, as it was highly objectionable.

On arriving on the ground with a surveyor, two chain men, and one Native, Hemi Pataka, one of the sellers, we were met by a party of seventy to eighty, waiting for us. On placing the surveyor's instruments on the ground, they were seized, and a struggle ensued, when Hemi Pataka struck one to the ground. I exerted myself to prevent any further collision, and requested the surveyor to retire: shortly afterwards we returned to town.

13. If the question with regard to this land had been confined to the Waitara natives, it would have been settled amicably, but the interference of the Waikatos, and the support guaranteed from that quarter, rendered the opposition impracticable and ungovernable; the question of claims was entirely repudiated, and the authority and supremacy of the Maori King declared.

14. On the arrival of His Excellency the Governor from Auckland, he sent a request by the Rev. Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Rogan and myself, to William King, to come to town, and have a conversation with him, and sent him a written pledge that he should not be molested.

THE GOVERNOR'S PLEDGE.

1st March, 1860.

I hereby pledge my word that W. King and any reasonable number of his followers who may choose to come to New Plymouth unarmed, and converse with me, shall be allowed to return unharmed and in freedom, to the place from whence they came.

This promise shall be good from this day, until the night of the third of March, 1860.

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

William King refused to comply with His Excellency the Governor's request, and from that time remained away in the bush, where he had previously prepared himself a place, having decided upon hostilities against the Government.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT PARRIS,
District Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner,
&c.

&c.
Auckland.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Government House,
20th July, 1860.

In order to complete the documents about to be printed for both Houses of Assembly, the Governor requests the Chief Land Purchase Commissioner to answer the following questions:—

First,—Had Tamati Raru, Rawiri, Rauponga, and their people, such a title to the block of land recently purchased at the Waitara, as justified them in selling it to the Queen?

Second,—Had William King any right interfere to prevent the sale of the above block of land at the Waitara to the Queen?

No. 3.

CHIEF LAND PURCHASE COMMISSIONER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Auckland, 23rd July, 1860.

SIR,—

In reply to your Excellency's memorandum of the 20th inst., I have the honor to state with reference to the first mentioned question, as to whether Tamati Raru, Rawiri, Rauponga, and their