

42 CHARGE PREFERRED BY DR. FEATHERSTON AGAINST MR.  
C. W. RICHMOND.

No. 6.

[MEMORANDUM.]

Instructions should be sent to Taranaki to close the purchase of Teira's land, which was commenced when I was there, without delay, if possible.

There is little chance of Mr. McLean reaching Taranaki for some time.

T. GORE BROWNE.  
August 27th,

The Minister for Native Affairs and Assistant Native Secretary.

No. 7.

[REV. MR. WHITELEY TO MR. PARRIS.]

Thursday Morning.

MY DEAR SIR.—I return you many thanks for your letter of last night. My knee is rather better this morning, and I think I shall try to leave this about 10 o'clock to go down to the scene of strife, and stay the night somewhere in the neighbourhood, as I am afraid to tax my knee too much by returning the same day.

The state of things is painfully alarming for these poor Natives, that are thus hurrying each other into eternity. O that God would in some way interpose to save them from destruction.

With regard to the point you allude to, I shall be most happy to converse with you thereon. Whatever may be the nature of your instructions, we may rest assured, they were sent in anticipation of no such state of things as at present exists. No such state has presented itself in the history of these quarrels heretofore, or in the history of Maori quarrels for many many years.

I am sure, therefore, both the Government and the public would hold you harmless, if by deviating from those instructions you could in any way interpose to prevent the further effusion and waste of blood.

May our merciful Father guide and direct you, and all of us, in the right path at this fearful crisis.

Pardon haste; if I can get off earlier, and you are not gone, I will accompany you, and be glad of the privilege.

Pray keep the Mahoetahi Natives out of it if possible.

Yours, &c.,

I. WHITELEY.

R. Parris, Esq.

No. 8.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY TO MR. PARRIS.

Native Land Purchase Department,

Auckland, September 27th, 1859.

SIR,—With reference to the offer to the Government by 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.,

T. H. SMITH,

Assistant Native Secretary.

R. Parris, Esq.