

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

the party-cry of "tango whenua", and succeeded in beguiling a considerable number of persons by his specious arguments. He now expresses great contrition for his folly and offence, and wishes to be placed on the roll of Assessors or Wardens. I cannot however recommend that this should be done at present, especially as there is a very strong feeling against it on the part of the well-disposed Natives, with whom he is by no means a favorite; and the notice taken of him might induce others to attempt to gain a place and name by a similar course of agitation and misconduct.

I have, &c.,

The Native Secretary.

WILLIAM B. BAKER,
Resident Magistrate, E. C.

No. 6.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON GRANT OF SITE FOR MAGISTRATE'S RESIDENCE.

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Rangitukia, 27th February, 1862.

Before leaving Auckland, I addressed the Native Secretary on the subject of the site offered by the Natives for the residence of the Magistrate, and also regarding the expense of erecting a house thereupon.

I have as yet received no written reply thereto, but learned from the Minutes of the Government, that the piece of land named was considered to be too small for the purpose, and that I was to be instructed to treat with the Natives for an extension of the boundaries.

Finding that during my absence from the District a difficulty had arisen with regard to the first offer, and that prompt measures were necessary in order to secure a fitting site, I at once closed with the offer of the Ngatipiritai tribe, who by a Deed of Gift dated the 22nd instant (a copy of which I enclose) ceded to the Crown a valuable piece of land, estimated to contain from one hundred to one hundred and twenty acres. It possesses the advantages of nearness to the sea, easy access to an inexhaustible supply of firewood and fencing, convenient to the Natives, and a fertile soil.

The offer was made and the whole transaction arranged in a manner which is highly commendable. I did not hear a dissentient voice, and, indeed, heard nothing whatever about it until the Natives came to invite me to walk round the boundaries. I have this day taken possession in the name of the Queen, and marked off a portion to be cleared and fenced immediately.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Attorney-General,
&c., &c., &c.

WILLIAM B. BAKER,
Resident Magistrate, E. C.

Enclosure in No. 6.

COPY OF DEED OF CESSION.

No. 7.

REPORT OF CESSION OF 700 ACRES AS SITE FOR A SCHOOL.

District of Waiapu.

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Rangitukai, 27th February, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that on the 22nd instant I perambulated the boundaries of a block of land situated at Mamiti (Upper Waiapu) estimated to contain 700 acres, which the Natives offer to cede as the site for a school in which their children may be taught the English language.

The land is of superior quality, for the most part perfectly level, and situated within natural boundaries. Timber for building and fencing can be procured with great facility, but firewood is rather scarce. It can, however, be obtained in any quantity during the period of the river-freshes.

The site has been for some time past set apart for school purposes, and one or more of the Church Missionary body has been to look at it, but no agreement has been entered into nor possession taken of it. The Natives failing to secure the object of their wishes, and acting on the proposal made in Sir George Grey's policy published in the "Maori Messenger," now urge the acceptance by the Government of the site, and express their willingness to assist in the maintenance of the school there.

I feel that it will be unnecessary for me to say anything in support of so laudable a proceeding, and trust that I may be authorized to procure the execution of a Deed of Gift, and to enter upon preliminary arrangements with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Attorney-General,
&c., &c., &c.

WILLIAM B. BAKER,
Resident Magistrate.