

11. The law shall be sacred, and shall be left to act. The policemen shall go about in the midst under the authority of the law; and the people shall uphold the law and the policemen. This is the work of Ngatitipa at law making.

RUKA, Secretary.

These are the doings of our Runanga, which are sent to you that you may see them, and look at them and rightly consider them, (or choose what is good in them).

From me,

RUKA TAURUA.

No. 4.

FURTHER REPORT BY JAMES ARMITAGE, ESQ., RESPECTING THE NGATITIPA RUNANGA.

SIR,—

Kohanga, 21st January, 1862.

I have the honor to forward you, for his Excellency's consideration, the enclosed Resolutions, with my remarks thereon, of the Runanga of Ngatitipa, held at Taupari on the 20th instant.

I have also the honor to forward you a note, from the Assessor, W. Kukutai, signifying his approval of the same.

I also forward you a letter from the same Runanga, addressed to his Excellency, applying for four oxen, and for a medical man and a blacksmith.

I have, &c.,

The Honorable Native Minister.

JAMES ARMITAGE.

Proceedings of the Runanga of Ngatitipa at the second meeting.

Taupari, 20th January, 1862.

Mr. Fenton: I have come by directions of the Governor to arrange all matters which have been agreed upon between you and the Governor. Mr. Armitage has been appointed the Resident Magistrate for the District. Waata Kukutai is your first Native Magistrate, so Tamati will be the second. Ruka Taurua will be President of the Runanga, and head of the Police. I shall first swear in Mr. Armitage and Waata.

Mr. Fenton then publicly administered the oath of allegiance and oath of office as Justice of the Peace to Mr. Armitage and Waata respectively.

Proceedings of the Runanga then commenced. Discussion ensued as to Te Putu being a Kai Whakawa at the Waikato Heads, on account of the long distance from Taupari. This was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Fenton observed that, in his opinion, it would be very advisable if the Natives at the Kakenga (some two miles from Taupari, but a different tribe) would join the Taupari Runanga, as otherwise constant differences and disputes would arise between the two tribes. He then asked W. Pirata Taukawe and his tribe (the Ngatikahu) to express their views.

W. Pirata Taukawe: I agree to join the Runanga of Ngatitipa, because it will be a means of putting a stop to all troubles (*rurururu*) and disputes between the two tribes. I approve of the Ture, &c., as a good work.

Te Watene: I agree also, and to the Ture.

Rupene: I agree also; let us have one system for both tribes.

Tini Pakete: I agree to Taukawe's views, as he has expressed them. I have no objection to this work.

Te Aria: I do not agree to the Ture. I will remain outside as a Pakeha Maori.

Waata addressed the Ngatikahu, and explained at length the advantages of the Ture, pointing out the benefits that would accrue to both tribes by having one Runanga to arrange all disputes, &c. about their horses, sheep, cattle, pigs, &c.: and, on the part of Ngatitipa, agreed to have one Runanga for both tribes. He then asked Te Taukawe who he wished to have for a Policeman at the Kahenga, to do duty there, but not elsewhere on other lands beyond the jurisdiction of the Runanga.

Taukawe: It is true what you say; but I have no one to name as Policeman.

Waata: Won't you agree to Tini Pakete?

Taukawe: No, he is not a steady man.

Waata: Don't be afraid of that; if he accepts the office, we will see that he behaves properly.

Tini Pakete was then asked if he would accept the office, and he agreed to do so.

Taukawe: I sanction his appointment.

Discussion then ensued as to Reweti being the head of the Police. Mohi and Ruihana objected to him on the ground that his rank as a Chief would be compromised thereby—it being understood that, in the event of anything happening to Waata, he would succeed the latter as head of the tribe. Waata, by explanations, removed these objections.

The following Policemen were then appointed:—Te Reweti Paui Kuhukuhu, Te Whare Rahi, Tu Kawera, Tini Pakete, Hohua Tamawhare, Kapereira, Kapereira Te Tewe.

They were duly sworn in by Mr. Fenton, in the presence of Mr. Armitage.

The Runanga then proceeded to the discussion of certain proposed Ture, as follows:—

1st. Building for a Court-house, and for the meetings of the Runanga, whether a wooden or *raupo* structure, and whether to be built at once or hereafter.