

4th. That the lands (before mentioned in Resolution 2) be divided, to each man his share, in order that the land affairs of the tribes may be clear, so as to prevent one man seizing another man's land, and to put a stop to quarrels and fighting.

5th. That the Law be left to settle all land disputes in these tribes, that such disputes may not be settled according to the customs of our ancestors, which customs have been set aside, turned upside down, and thrown beyond the place where lay the laws which have been placed (or accepted by) upon these Tribes.

For the joint Tribes of Ngatimahanga and Ngatihourou,

HONE PIRIHI, Warden.

Further Resolutions.

1. If any Cow, Horse, or Pig should destroy food in any Maori cultivation, and if the Maori or European owner (as the case may be) of such Cattle, &c., shall deny the ownership thereof, he the said owner shall on proof of such ownership pay 2s. 6d. for every offence of every one of such Cattle, &c.

2. The owners of Bush Cattle shall pay £5 for every like offence of every head of Bush Cattle, such Cattle being especially troublesome.

3. All Cows and Horses running on Native fern or bush land shall be charged for each £1 per annum, and the owners shall be responsible for that amount. Sheep and goats shall pay 10s. annually.

4. All Horses, Cows, and Pigs must be turned out at a distance from the cultivations, and the same must be fenced. If any of these beasts come back to the cultivations and break down the fences and eat the crops, there will be two payments to make, one for the fence, another for the crop. The payment will depend upon the goodness (substantiality) of the fence and amount of crop destroyed.

5. That Mr. Bishop be consented to by Governor Grey as a Doctor for Whaingaroa.

6. This Runanga also held a meeting to consider about a jail, and we agreed that one should be built at Whaingaroa. We considered it best that the whole tribe should consent; if they do not, Hone Pirihis Runanga will have the settlement of the matter.

HONE PIRIHI, Warden.

No. 13.

REPORT BY J. ARMITAGE, ESQ., OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF RUNANGAS AT AOTEA AND KAWHIA.

Raglan, 12th April, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward you herewith my Report of the speeches and proceedings at the Runangas lately held at Aotea and Kawhia.

I should wish to observe that I have spared no personal exertions in endeavouring to carry out your special instructions of the 24th February last in reference to these two places, and generally as to same.

Though I have failed in establishing any Runanga at Kawhia, yet I trust that failure may not be considered as attributable to myself, but to adverse circumstances over which I could exercise no control.

It is, however, some consolation to me (and I hope also to yourself) to be able to congratulate His Excellency and his Advisers on the fact that the King's Flag has been buried there in my presence.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. H. Sewell,
Attorney-General.

JAS. ARMITAGE.

Proceedings of the Runanga of Native Tribes at Aotea.

Raorao Kauere, April 2nd, 1862.

Wiremu Nero : I thought these laws would be all tied together, (*i e.*, one Runanga for Aotea,) but it seems Ngatitewehi wish to separate them. If they do, they must go to the Governor for a system for themselves. If the Ngatitewehi do not come, we will appoint these men here (the Ngatihaua, on the North side of Aotea).

Hakopa Te Kotuku repeated Wiremu's last words.

Te Wetini Rore (representing the Ngatitewehi) : We wish all to assemble at Rua Kotare (South side of Aotea) ; all the Natives and Mr. Armitage. My people are not yet assembled.

Hetaraka Nero : We have nothing to do with it.

Wetini : Who has, then?

Hetaraka : Mr. Armitage.

Wetini : We want him to go to Rua Kotare.

Mr. Armitage : Where is the answer to my letter?

Wetini : I am the answer.

Mr. Armitage : Are you agreeable to join with the other Aotea tribes in one Runanga?