

No. 8.

REPORT OF NOMINATION OF OFFICERS BY THE RUNANGAS.

District of Waiapu.

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Rangitukia, 19th February, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that at a Runanga held this day, which was numerously attended, and at which representatives from all the principal villages within the Hundreds of Waiapu and Wharepunga were present, the following persons were elected to serve as Karere:—

Hundred of Waiapu.

Wi Takoko, of Tikitiki,
Hamana Tuahine, of Kakarihi,
Hori Te Aunoanoa, of Waioamatani,
Te Weiha, of Rangitukia,
Rihara Paipa, of Te Horo,
Arapeta Haenga, of Ti

Hundred of Wharepunga.

Paratene Pahau, of Roporua,
Rapata Wahawaha, of Whariponga,
Kereama Te Wera, of Orangitauria.

I enclose herewith copies of the letters addressed to them on their appointment. It will be seen that I fixed on the 1st instant as the date of appointment. This was done for two reasons—1st, that with one or two exceptions, they had already been engaged in duties similar to those which now devolve upon them; and, 2ndly, because the amount per mensem is so small as to render it expedient to make the most of it at the commencement.

The only person to whose name opposition was manifested was Hori Te Aunoanoa, of whose misconduct I have reported fully under date 18th inst. After a long discussion, it was finally resolved that, as he was really an energetic and persevering individual, and as such calculated to become very useful, a fair trial should be given him, especially as he would be in a subordinate position, and as the rejection of their choice might aggravate the disaffected party and tend to widen a breach which it is the object of all the most sensible Natives in the district to heal.

I transmit herewith the measurements necessary for the fit of their uniforms, with a sketch of the manner in which they have been taken, and beg to request that they may be furnished at the earliest convenient date.

I leave for Te Kawakawa to-morrow morning, in order to make the necessary arrangements for the election of Karere for that Hundred; the elections for the Hundreds of Tokomaru and Nawa (District of Tokomaru) will take place on my return from Turanga, and those for the Hundred of Te Kaha as early as possible.

I have, &c.,

The Native Secretary,
&c., &c.

WILLIAM B. BAKER,
Resident Magistrate.

District of Tokomaru.

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Rangitukia, March 25th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that the following karere have been elected within the District of Tokomaru:—

For the Hundred of Uaroa.

Hepeta Miromiro—Paremata.
Tamati Paku—Anaura.

For the Hundred of Tokomaru.

Epimiha Pahau—Tuatini.
Hemi Kaipere—Te Ariuru.

For the reasons stated in my letter No. 15 of the 19th ultimo (addressed to the Native Secretary), these karere will draw their pay from the 1st day of March.

Up to this time the conduct of the Kareres has been such as, with one or two exceptions, to augur favourably for the success of the policy under which they have been appointed. They are zealous, active, respected by the people, and readily obey my instructions.

I find, however, that considerable jealousy exists among the different hapus of which the large tribes in the two districts are composed, relative to the persons elected to this office. They look upon it as an honor to be represented by one of their own hapu, and evince great dislike to the exercise of the duties of karere within their boundary by a member of a distinct hapu. The only objection they make to the system is that there are not enough Kareres for the requirements of the people.

In this opinion they are supported by the Assessors, and especially by Mokena Kohere, the principal Assessor, who urges the increase of their number on the ground that "ma te tini o nga pou