

ka u ai te taiepa" (the stability of the fence depends upon the number of its posts). I feel that it will only be necessary for me to remind the Government of the extent of coast line within which the four kareres I have named will have to exercise their functions—namely, two ordinary days' journey—in order to shew that there is need for the appointment of an additional number.

The Hundred of Uawa is divided into the following hapu:—

Ngatirahe—Whangara, Waitotara, Pototakina, Puatai, &c.

Ngatipatuwhare—Uawa, Paremata, Wangaheia, &c.

Ngatiwhakamara—Uawa, Te Karaka, Waikirikiri, &c.

Ngaitarore—Paerau, Te Kapuni, Kaiana, Marau, &c.

Ngatira—Anaura, Rangeiahu, Waipare, Omanuku, &c.

Each of these hapu expects to have at least one karere, and would much prefer two. Of the two already appointed one is a member of Ngatipatuwhare, the other of Ngatira.

In the Hundred of Tokomaru, the Natives have not so readily fallen into the scheme as they might have done. This, however, is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that they are left almost entirely to themselves even in religious matters, and are considered in a certain degree to be without the pale of Christianity. I do not think therefore it is necessary to increase the number of kareres in this Hundred for the present.

In conclusion, I beg to express my decided opinion that the expense involved by the appointment of extra kareres (say at least four more, making a total of six for the Hundred of Uawa) will be trifling compared with the present advantage of securing the co-operation of the mass of the people, by enlisting their sympathies with the individuals thus bound to the Government service, in carrying out the measures which have been devised for the public good.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM B. BAKER,

Resident Magistrate.

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*District of Tokomaru.*

Resident Magistrate's Office,

Rangitukia, 26th March, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to recommend that Karauria Pahura, of the Titangahauiti tribe, be appointed to the office of Assessor for the Hundred of Uawa, District of Tokomaru.

Karauria is a man of high rank, being regarded by the Natives as the successor of Te Kaniatakirau in the locality where he resides. He had for some years been leading an irregular life; but having been baptized, married, and recognized as a Chief of importance, he has for some time past conducted himself with great propriety.

His importance is fully acknowledged by the disaffected party on Waikato and Turanga, and they have long tried to gain him over to their side. He has however firmly resisted their importunities, and professed his determination to uphold the law within his territories.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM B. BAKER,

Resident Magistrate.

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No. 9.

REPORT OF VISIT TO THE NATIVES OF TE KAWAKAWA.

*District of Waipapu.*

The Parsonage, Te Kawakawa,

April 10, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I have this evening returned from visiting the Kaingau and Natives within the Hundred of Te Kaha; and as the "Dolphin" is lying windbound in Hicks' Bay, a few miles to the north of Te Kawakawa, I cannot let the opportunity pass, trusting that excessive fatigue from exposure in an open boat during a tempestuous run of between forty and fifty miles, may be received as an excuse for brevity.

I reached Te Kawakawa on Thursday the 3rd instant, spent the next day with the Natives settling various matters of dispute, &c., and finding that all the leading men had started for Pakoiri in the Bay of Plenty, the scene of dispute and fighting between Te Whanau Apanui and Ngatai, started on the following day (5th) for Te Kaha.

In consequence of the flooded state of the rivers, the weather for some past having been unusually wet, it was impossible to proceed by land; one river alone, the Waikohu, has to be crossed and re-crossed more than a hundred times. This may appear almost incredible, but I am assured by a respectable European who took the trouble to count the crossings that he forded it one hundred and fifty-five times, using a notched stick to keep tally. In several places at the best of times the horses have to swim with their riders on their backs. I was therefore compelled either to procure a whale-boat, or to give up the idea of visiting Te Kaha till next spring, my recent visit to Turanga to inspect the school having made the season of my visit later than it should have been. This was an unpleasant alternative, the whole coast line being open to the ocean and the distance considerable (45 miles).