

become rich, wise, and well instructed, and every year advancing in prosperity, and that peace and goodwill may exist among all the Queen's subjects, both European and Maori, in New Zealand. These words of the Governor I send to you printed, so that all men may read them.

The Governor has sent me from Auckland, to carry to you his thoughts, and the thoughts of the Runanga of the Europeans; to settle all disputes between Maories and Europeans, and to do all things which may be useful to help the Maories in preparing to make laws for themselves.

This is my word concerning the lands: the lands of the Maories are their own property; and it is well that they should improve them, and make use of them, and enjoy the profits of them without hindrance. But it is not well that the lands of the tribe should be dealt with in a great many different ways, or that anything should be done secretly. Let the Runanga of each district propose regulations concerning pasture. Then the Governor will declare that that shall be the law for that district, and every body will know it. Then every European who wishes to depasture sheep or cattle on Maori land will receive a license, and pay fees, according to the regulations of the Runanga, and the money will be the property of the Maories.

Concerning the trespass of cattle: let the Runanga propose regulations for impounding cattle which stray, and fix damages for trespass. Then the Governor, if he approves, will declare that that is the law of the district; and any European whose cattle may be found depasturing on Maori land, without a license, will be brought before the Court of the Magistrate and Assessors of the District, and will be compelled to pay damages according to law. Also, concerning other laws which the Runanga may desire: they will be made in the same way.

Friends, do you listen carefully to these words, and consider how the Maories of this district may best prepare for the work of making laws for themselves, so that the troubles of this land may cease.

Friends, when I think that this letter has arrived, and that you have had time to consider the matter, I will go to your villages, so that we may talk over the matter peaceably.

CROSBIE WARD.

Napier, December 26th, 1861.

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PAPERS RELATING TO REGULATIONS PROPOSED IN 1859, BY MR. MCLEAN.

DRAFT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS serious difficulties have arisen between the European settlers and the aboriginal inhabitants of certain districts of the Province of Hawke's Bay hereinafter defined, owing to the trespass of cattle the property of such settlers upon Native lands; and whereas from the absence of fencing materials and the difficulty in many cases of keeping such cattle on the land purchased by such settlers or the Crown lands leased by them, it has been found impossible to prevent such trespass; it is deemed advisable to enact the following regulations for the maintenance of peace and good order between the two races, with intent solely to preserve the same. The abuse thereof to be liable to the penalties hereinafter enumerated.

Definition of Districts above referred to.

The portions of the Province of Hawke's Bay to be proclaimed Native Districts as aforesaid, shall comprise all the lands over which the Native title is not now, or shall not be during the continuance of these regulations, extinguished within the following boundaries, viz.:—

1. Bounded on the North by the Tutae-kuri river, on the East by the waters of Hawke's Bay, on the South and South West by the Tukituki river from its mouth to Ngawhakatatara, thence by the Kaitaitai range to its termination, thence by the Awanui river to Ngaruroro, thence by the Ngaruroro to the Ruahine range, and on the West by the Ruahine.

2. Bounded on the West by the Eastern boundary of the Ahuriri block, on the North by the Mohaka river, on the East by the Waikau river, and on the South by the waters of Hawke's Bay.

Regulations.

1. In all cases of cattle the property of European settlers, habitually trespassing on any lands within the aforesaid boundaries over which the Native title has not been extinguished, where due notice has been received from the owner or owners of such lands that such trespass cannot be permitted except on the following terms,—there shall be paid by the owner of the said cattle a rate of sixpence per head for all great cattle, and one shilling per head for all small cattle for every year during which such trespass may take place. This rate shall apply to cattle above six months old.

2. The above rates shall be payable yearly in advance, and shall be paid to the Resident Magistrate or such person as he may depute to receive the same in the month of _____ in every year; the Resident Magistrate or his deputy to pay the same over to the Native owners of the land in such manner as the Resident Magistrate, after consultation with the aboriginal Chiefs, shall decide.