

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: MONGONUI.

No. 5.

REPORT FROM W. B. WHITE, ESQ., RESIDENT MAGISTRATE.

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Mongonui, April 14th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I have visited the settlements in this District, for the purpose of selecting the Chiefs for officers of the Runanga. I have called upon the Natives to elect their Chiefs in preference to nominating them, believing that they would feel more satisfied, and that I should be more certain of the support of the people. The result has been generally that the men of the greatest influence have been selected. As I informed you in my letter of February 20th last, I considered that we could not begin with less than seven Chiefs to the Runanga, three Wardens, and fourteen Kareres.

Their names are—

Chiefs of Runanga.

Paraone,
Puhipi Te Repi,
Hohepa Poutama,
Karaka Te Karau,
Tipene Te Taha,
Pororua Warikauri,
Paora Putete Ururoa.

Wardens.

Waka Rangaaunu,
Reihana Kiriwi,
Heremaia Te Ara.

Kareres.

Raharuhi,
Makarini,
Hohaia,
Hatacre,
Ihaia,
Tamehana,
Ruteni,
Rehana Te Hulu,
Timoti Popata,
Mohi,
Hemi Rihari,
And three not yet named.

I would beg to urge that these appointments date from the commencement of the year, as all have been actively engaged in the work of the Government; and that they should be paid quarterly.

I have incurred the following expenses in collecting the people, to which I have the honor to request His Excellency's approval,—large numbers of Natives assembled at Kaitaia, Ahipara, and Mongonui, making it necessary that I should provide in part for them; though the Chiefs provided the principal part of the provisions; expenses incurred, (£11) eleven pounds.

I have, &c.,

W. B. WHITE.

The Native Secretary, Auckland.