

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

No. 2.

SECOND REPORT FROM F. D. FENTON, ESQ.

Auckland, February 7th, 1862.

SIR,—

I purpose to do myself the honor of relating to you, briefly, the result of my recent visit to Waikato, and calling your attention to such events as appear to be worthy of your notice. I have not deemed it necessary to keep a regular journal of my proceedings, as Mr. Armitage, who accompanied me, will furnish you at length with all details of this nature, as he had leisure to prepare them.

The great Waikato district, as you are aware, is now divided into two districts for the purposes of the Native Acts. If these divisions were likely to be permanent, I would call your attention to what I consider an error in the allotment of Kahumatuku, Moerangi, and the villages in the neighbourhood of Taupu, to the Upper Waikato district; but, as the whole country will require redistribution in case and as soon as the scheme of civilization comes into successful operation, I do not consider that the interests of Ngatiwhauroa, the erroneously placed semi-tribe, are of sufficient importance to render new Orders in Council immediately necessary.

Taking, then, the divisions as at present existing, I propose to constitute in the Lower Waikato district seven Hundreds, called (from their principal villages) Paetai, Pungapunga, Tuakau, Taupari, Horea, Whaingaroa, and Aotea. Probably an additional Hundred will ultimately require to be formed between Paetai and Pungapunga, for there is a considerable population there belonging to the great tribe of Ngatipou, and the river Opuatea contains a certain population, Ngatikarewa, a sept also of the same tribe; but these people are so ill-disposed or careless, that I am of opinion that considerable time will elapse before they will entertain our proposals.

The tribes appertaining to each Hundred are as follows:—

Paetai—Te Ngaungau, Ngatihine, and some hapus of Ngatinahuta.

Pungapunga—Ngatipo, and Ngatimaho, and a few Ngatipou.

Tuakau—Ngatipou.

Taupari—Ngatitipa, Ngatikahu, Ngatiwhauroa, and Ngatinariu.

Horea—Ngatitahinga and Tainui.

Whaingaroa—Ngatimahanga.

Aotea—Ngatinaho and Ngatihaua.

Of these, Pungapunga, Taupari, Horea, and Whaingaroa, are already organized; but of the first-named I have no final particulars, as matters have been concluded there by Mr. Armitage since I left the river; and of the others I am unable to furnish complete accounts until that officer's notes arrive.

TAUPARI.

Chief of Police and President:

Salary.

Ruka Taurua, of Manutahi £30

Assessors:

Waata Pihikete Kukutai, Taupari 50

Tamati Temoniu, Taupari 20

Te Putu, Ohotu 20

Police:

Te Iteweti Pauupoahu, Taupari 10

Te Wharerahi, Taupari 10

Takameora, Maraetai 10

Tinipaketa, Tekakenga 10

(I have not these 2 names).

I availed myself in this instance of the permission given me by His Excellency to appoint an additional Assessor, dividing the salary. Te Putu belongs to Ngatikaewa, and lives at the westerly end of the district. His appointment was a political necessity, and is in every way advantageous.

Tinipaketa belongs to Ngatikahu (Ngatipou), who joined this runanga. The Police are fairly distributed through the district.

HOREA.

Chief of Police and President:

At Horea—Hami Whakatari. At Waikawau—Wirihana.

Assessors:

Kepa Te Apa, Te Hore

Tamehana Tanui, Waikawau

Hoeta, Rangikahu