

We are now going to have our mill built. Rire (? Reed) is the pakeha (millwright), and do you also find a skilful pakeha at once for this mill.

PINEAHA WHAREKOWHAI,
Native Assessor

To the Governor, Auckland.

No. 16.

THE CIVIL COMMISSIONER, MAKETU, TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

Civil Commissioner's Office,
Maketu, Bay of Plenty,
November 21st, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Government, copies of a letter addressed to certain Chiefs of this place by the Ngatirangi wewetu of Rotorua, reporting proceedings at a meeting lately convened by Wiremu Tamehana at Peria, at which some of that tribe were present, and the reply to the same.

I have found, from natives present at the meeting referred to, that the question of peace or war with the Europeans was proposed by Tamehana for discussion, and that a majority being unfavourable to a renewal of hostilities, it was formally announced by this Chief, as the decision of the people, that peace should be preserved until the Governor should become the aggressor, on which all acknowledging the Maori king would rise in arms. He added that he would leave it for some other tribe to begin a quarrel with the pakeha, as, having set up a King for the island, he thought he had done his share of the work, and would rest content with that.

Very few of the Chiefs from this district attended the meeting, though most of the principal men had been invited.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. H. SMITH, C. C.

The Honorable the Native Minister.

Enclosure 1 in No. 16.

Puhirua, Nowema 3, 1862.

Kia Tutanekai, otiia kia Te Waiatua, kia Pekamu Tohi, kia Tukihaumene, kia Hori Te Haupapa, ko Akuata.

E hoa ma. Kua tae mai matou i Peria, kua kite matou i te komiti a Tamehana: te putak tana huihui, ko nga rori kua kati, te tuarua ko te reti kua puru, te tuatoru, ko te riri a te takana raua ko te teina ki to raua whenua me mutu o raua ringa taimaha; te tuawha, ko nga pakeha Maori e noho takitahi ana i roto i te tangata Maori kia atawhaitia ena; te tuarima, ko nga nama a nga pakeha a nga tangata Maori me puta katoa te utu mo nga taonga a mua o naianei. Ki te homai taonga ano te pakeha i muri i enei ture kua takoto nei, kaore e puta te utu; te tuaono, ko te whakawa a te Kingi raua ko Te Kuini kua tu ke, na te mea ekore e pai kia whakawa te Kuini ki te Kingi, tuawhitu, kia atawhai ki te pouaru, ki te paui, ki te tutua, ki te manene.

Ko enei kua tino kiia e te iwi katoa hei tino ture mo Aotearoa katoa. No te 24 o nga ra o Oketopa ka whakapumautia e nga rangatira o te motu nei. No 21 ka tae mai a Matutaera Potatau kia kite i te iwi.

Tana kupu tuatahi, "Haere mai, e te iwi;" te kupu "kia mate ki te whakapono, kia atawhai ki te tangata, na te mea he kiri mangu tatou, he kiri ma te pakeha": ka mutu ngu kupu, he waiata.

Na te Atua ranei koe, na
Te wkakahi, na te aukume
I korupatukia. I tangihapea
Ka huri.

Ka tu ko Ngakapa Te Horeta "Whakarongo mai e nga iwi o te Kingi. Ko Tararu ka whiua kia koe: tona take he moni mau e keri ma nga iwi kotoa o Aotearoa, me hou koe ki kona ake tonu atu; ko nga whenua katoa kei te ringa anake o te Kingi puta noa te motu nei. Ka huri".

Na Kaingarara, Otiia na te Runanga whakariterite o Tawakeheimoa, na Te Katene hoki te Rumaiti. E hoa ma. He tika iana.

Kia Pekamu,
Kia Tutanekai.

Enclosure 2 in No. 16.

Maketu, Nowema 5, 1862.

Kia Ngatirangiwehi. E hoa ma. Kua tae mai te pukapuka o a koutou ture, ara, nga ture o te Runanga a Tamehana. Na, e hoa ma, kia rongu mai koutou kia matou i kite ai i roto ia