

however, are more than can be borne, and if allowed to pass unpunished by the law must result in personal conflicts, which will endanger the peace of the district and place the lives of all the settlers in jeopardy.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS A. KIDD.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
Judicial Department,
Auckland.

Enclosures.

The information of Emily Stephenson, of Waiaua, in the Wangarua district, Province of Auckland, New Zealand :

My name is Emily Stephenson, daughter of George Stephenson, of Waiaua. I am sixteen years old. On Tuesday last, the twenty-fifth of August, about two o'clock in the afternoon, I went from my father's house on the road towards our barn. I had proceeded a short distance along this road when I saw a Maori sitting on the side of the road behind a tree. I had seen the same Maori and two boys at the house a few minutes before. The man had ridden along the road, and passed me on the road; the boys remained at the house. As soon as the man saw me coming along the road, he got up and came towards me, preventing me proceeding. He asked me where my sister was, and where I was going. I said I was going on. He attempted to take hold of me. I drew back, and ran towards the house a short way. He followed me, and caught me by the arms before I got far away. I cooed and screeched and made all the noise I could to get help. He threw me down on the road side; I still cried out. He threw up my clothes and sat on my legs, and held my hands, putting them across and holding them in one of his hands; he took his trowsers down with the other hand, pulled my drawers open, and laid himself down on me, and put his hand between my legs and attempted to violate me. I shouted as loud as I could, and struggled to prevent him. He put his hand upon my mouth to prevent me shouting and making a noise. I got his hand away from my mouth and continued to make a noise and resisted his attempts. He saw the Maori boys coming along the road, and got up and ran into the bush before he had effected his purpose. As soon as I got free, I went home, the two Maori boys following me. As soon as I got to the house, I told my mother what had happened. I know the Maori who attacked me; his name is Hohepa or Joseph. He is the son of Honi Taotahi, who lives at Hikurua. He was on board a whaler, Capt. Jones, which he left at Whangaroa a short time since. I had never spoken to him before. I know the two Maori boys; one is named Jack, the other Tutaki; they are now at Mataure. The Maori boys were first at the house, and got some needles from the store; they did not appear to be in company with the man.

EMILY S. STEPHENSON.

Sworn before me this twenty-eighth day of
August, at Enderly, Taraire.

THOMAS A. KIDD,
J.P. for New Zealand.

The information of Eleanor Stephenson, of Waiaua.

I am the wife of George Stephenson, and the mother of Emily Stephenson. I remember Tuesday, the 25th August; we had just done dinner, when I saw a Maori man at my house. I had just given two Maori boys some needles when I saw this man sitting down before the house. I knew him, and spoke to him where he was sitting. Very shortly afterwards he got on his horse and rode along the road. I saw him ride past my daughter Emily, who was walking along the road towards the barn. I did not hear any cries from the road at my house. In about ten minutes afterwards, I heard my house door opened in a great hurry. I came from my room and saw my daughter Emily in a very agitated and distressed state. I asked her what was the matter, when she told me of the attack that had been made upon her by the Maori Hohepa. I examined her person and found that she had been roughly treated; that she had bruises on her shoulders, from being thrown down on the roots of a tree. I went with my daughter to see the place where the assault had been made. I saw where the Maori had been sitting, and where the struggle had taken place, and the roots of the tree by which she had been bruised. The next day I went with another of my daughters, and found where the horse had been tied, some little distance in the bush.

E. STEPHENSON.

Sworn before me this twenty-eighth day of
August, 1863, at Enderly, Taraire.

THOMAS A. KIDD,
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