

power to restrain the violent men, who profess to be his subjects, and the Ngatiapakura people in this immediate neighbourhood do not hesitate to say that they now see that their king is no good, because he has no power to prevent lawless proceedings.

All the Europeans in this District have been warned by their Native friends to leave, or else that they will be compelled to put themselves openly under the protection of the king, and to pay tribute. I regret to be obliged to say that it is likely that some of the white men will take the latter course. They say they have only the choice of two evils, becoming either rebels or beggars.

I would beg to suggest that all the Europeans in these districts should be officially warned of the danger they must incur, by remaining amongst the natives in the event of war recommencing; and further, would venture to urge the great desirableness of the Government obtaining possession of the lands at present owned by Europeans, here and there in this district, and would especially instance the property of Mr. Heather.

I have, &c.,

AR. HUR G. PURCHAS.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

No. 26.

THE REV. A. PURCHAS TO THE HONOURABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

Auckland, May 2, 1863.

SIR,—

In the absence of Mr. Gorst, it is my duty to inform you that the greater number of the scholars belonging to the Otawhao School, and most of the persons in the service of the Government at that place have now arrived in Auckland. The greater part of the property, whether belonging to the Government or to private persons, has also been brought to Mangatawhiri and temporarily stored. I regret to say that considerable damage has been sustained by water in the removal of the goods down the river. The horses and cattle belonging to the school have been brought away. The former have arrived safely in Auckland; the latter are on their way down. The small flock of sheep could not be removed in time, and has been left on the farm. All the furniture belonging to the school and nearly all of Mr. Gorst's has been left in the buildings. An inventory has been made of all property not brought away. A copy will be appended to this letter. Hohaia Ngahiwi and Pineaha Te Mura have been left in charge of the station. A farm-servant named Minhinnick has also been instructed to remain, to assist in taking care of the place, with directions to leave at once if necessary.

I left written instructions with Hohaia and Pineaha, and posted notices warning all persons against meddling with the place. Copies of these papers will be appended.

The schoolmaster and scholars have been kindly received for the present by the managers of St. Stephen's School, Taurarua, where they will remain until further instructions are received from the Government. The other persons employed will wait for directions.

I should fail in my duty were I to omit to state that all the persons belonging to the station, whether scholars or others, behaved admirably under the difficult circumstances in which they were placed. Mr. James Fulloon also rendered essential service to us in the removal of the scholars and the protection of the property.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR G. PURCHAS.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

Enclosure No. 1 in No. 26.

MEMORANDUM OF GOODS LEFT AT OTAWHAO SCHOOL BUILDINGS, APRIL 25, 1863.

Central Building.

5 Boilers, 2 camp ovens, 11 iron tubs, 2 wooden tubs, 5 iron buckets, 6 saucepans, 4 tea kettles, 3 tin dishes, 2 frying pans, 2 slop pails, 3 tin cans, 3 hair brooms, 1 hair duster, 2 spades, 1 tin teapot, 1 pair bellows, 2 washing basins.

Kept out by Hohaia for use, and not included in the above list.

1 Pair bellows, 2 iron buckets, 5 iron boilers, 2 iron tubs, 3 tin dishes, 1 camp oven, 1 teapot, 1 frying pan, 1 candlestick, 1 hair duster, 1 iron basin, 1 broom, 2 spades, 1 saucepan.

Dining Hall.

2 Parts dining table, 3 long do. do., 8 long forms, 3 chairs, 2 wash dishes, 6 enamel mugs, 6 metal cups and saucers, 12 en. plates, 10 wooden spoons, 4 iron do., 6 knives and forks, 1 butcher's knife, 4 salt cellars, 1 mustard pot, 1 pepper dredge, 1 jug.

Central Building.

3 Iron bedsteads, 1 washhand stand, 1 chamber set, 4 tables, 4 wooden chairs, 6 cane-bottom do., 3 easy chairs, 1 cheffonier and bookcase, 1 sofa, cushion and pillow, 6 mattresses, 4 pil-