

Reid, and to persuade them to return. He would also try to revive his father's words, which had been trampled on, although it was very evident that he hardly hoped to succeed.

I was shown a letter from Patara to Tamati Ngapora which gives a very clear view of what the Matutaera party think of Rewi's conduct. I append a copy.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR G. PURCHAS.

P. S.—I beg to bring under the notice of the Government the very efficient services rendered by Mr. James Fulloon during the proceedings to which I have referred in my letter. A. G. P.

The Honorable the Native Minister, Auckland.

Enclosure 9 to No. 16.

Te Kauri, April 27, 1863.

To the loving friend—to Mr. Parris. Greetings to you who are living in that troubled abode of yours at Taranaki; this is my word to you, which I now impart to you while there still is light. Friend, here am I at Te Kauri hearing of the arrangements made by you and the Governor, I have heard the Governor's word in which he says that he is living at Waimahuru, at these days even at Tawhitiapawa. Friend Parris,—this was your word which you wrote to me at the time of the fight at Pukerangiora, that I should go inland. I paid all obedience to your word, I did not march against you. Listen now to me, the first (bloodshed) was Hone Heke's, the second was at Wairau, the third was at the Hutt, the fourth was at the Whanganui, the fifth was at Waitara and that now coming will be the sixth. Now if there is a rising, then, indeed, will the lizards of Tahaia move with life, even in the days that are coming; the word will not be kept concealed from you.

But let us respect the song.

“O Friends, listen to the word
Which will be heard afar;
What though our numbers are few,
Let our fame be great;
There is no more unrestrained
Love for my Brother, to say to him,
'It is well with thee,' for the anger
Of Tukino is brooding behind the hills:
Let me then stand at the boundary post
Called Tataraimaka, Ah! How then may
I conceal and hide my love? Ah let me
Still sigh for my spouse the loved one of my heart.”

These are my words O friend, to you.

This is all,

From KARAUTI HIKAKA.

No. 17.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF
NEWCASTLE, K.G.

Taranaki, May 10th, 1863.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to state that on taking possession of the Tataraimaka block of land, I found it was distant about ten or eleven miles to the South of New Plymouth, that the remaining portion of our own land in that direction terminated about six miles from New Plymouth, and that there was thus an intervening block of the width of about four or five miles between the land forming the New Plymouth block and the Tataraimaka block. This latter block of land was thus wholly surrounded by Natives who could not be at all depended on. The nearest European settlement to Tataraimaka on its southern side is Whanganui, distant one hundred and twenty miles. The whole intervening country is occupied by hostile Natives.

2. On consulting the Lieut.-General, I found that the number of men required for the protection of this block, and to be left in so isolated a position, was two hundred; the estimated annual cost of each man, all charges taken into account, the military authorities inform me is £90. The yearly cost therefore of protecting the Tataraimaka block will be about £18,000.

3. Again, it appeared on enquiry that this block contains only four thousand acres of land, and that the number of owners of it is not more than twenty, each of whom will have to be protected at the cost of nearly £1000 a-year.

4. I thought it therefore better for the local Government to buy the land for the reasons set forth in the enclosed letter from the Colonial Secretary, and to plant there a military settlement which could protect itself as well as the southern boundary of the settlement.

5. Your Grace will however see from the enclosed correspondence that the local authorities would not agree to this arrangement, and the Provincial Council has rejected the bill submitted to it. Since this decision has been come to by the Government, two officers and seven men have been murdered on the land which intervenes between this settlement and Tataraimaka, and if that block is to be maintained, we shall be compelled, at all events for a considerable time, to keep a force here to furnish escorts for carrying supplies, &c., to Tataraimaka.

I have, &c.,

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

G. GREY.

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