

No. 7.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, RUSSELL, TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

Resident Magistrate's Court,
Russell, 10th March, 1862.

SIR,—

I have been requested by Maanu (or Rewi), the Chief of Rawhiti, to acquaint you with his intention of proceeding to Ngaruawahia (Waikato), in company with Hongi Hika, of Whangaroa, and some thirty or forty followers. Maanu received permission to make this visit, when Sir George Grey was here in November last; but it is only recently that the end of the present month has been fixed upon as the time for making it.

Maanu is anxious that permission should be given to him to take arms, not exceeding one gun to each man, it being customary upon complimentary visits to make some display.

The object of the journey is to take to Waikato his grandson (Mangonui's son), who has lately been married to his cousin, the daughter of Matiu and Kati (Potatau's brother). There are hopes too of receiving presents to induce the Ngapuhi to form an alliance with the Waikato and King Movement.

I trust that I may have an early reply on the subject of the arms, for the Maanu is very anxious to take them; he will not do so, should His Excellency forbid it.

I have, &c.,

R. C. BARSTOW,
Resident Magistrate.

The Native Secretary, Auckland.

No. 8.

THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER TO RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, RUSSELL.

Native Secretary's Office,
Auckland, March 13th, 1862.

SIR,—

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, requesting to be informed of His Excellency's pleasure on the question whether Maanu and other Ngapuhi Natives, intending to visit Waikato, are to be allowed to carry their guns and ammunition.

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has lately told Mauparoa and Honiana, of the Bay of Islands, that he will not allow them, or any others, to carry arms about the country, and I have to request that you will communicate with Maanu accordingly.

I have, &c.,

H. HALSE,
Acting Native Secretary.

R. C. Barstow, Resident Magistrate, Russell.

SECTION II.—MONGONUI.

No. 1.

THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, MONGONUI, TO THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Mongonui, May 26th, 1862.

SIR,—

Two Natives, named Amukiri and Nopera Puru, have applied to me to procure for them their double-barrelled guns, which were sent up to Auckland to be repaired before the restrictions on the repairs of guns. They were sent in Captain Butler's vessel, the "Vivid." Captain Butler, who was present at the time the Natives applied to me, says that the statement is correct, and that he knows the guns; and, as he will be in Auckland in about a week from this, I would recommend that he be authorised to procure and return the guns to their owners.

I have, &c.,

W. B. WHITE,
Resident Magistrate.

The Honble. the Colonial Secretary, Auckland.