

for public purposes, churches, &c., and the streets are to be of proper width. When the land is laid off, it is proposed that certain lots shall be sold at once by public auction, to commence a fund for the erection of churches and schools, and otherwise for the support of the institutions of Government.

It is also proposed that a condition of the sale in every case shall be that the purchaser—whether European or Native—shall pay the sum of £1 per annum to the Runanga, towards the above-mentioned fund. Certain other lots are to be the property of the Chiefs; others are to be retained to be sold hereafter for the benefit of the general fund; and others to be granted at once to such Natives as may be willing to occupy the same, and build themselves houses.

I am further directed to inform you that only the general outline of this plan has been talked over between His Excellency and the Natives. You will, therefore, proceed to communicate fully with the Runanga, suggesting any further details you may think advisable, discussing them freely with the Natives, and, finally, forward a proposal in such a shape that it may be made public, and induce purchasers to take an interest in the progress of the village.

In the meantime, Mr. Graham can be proceeding with the survey. The Ngatiteata will supply the men for cutting lines, &c.; but, should any difficulty occur on this head, I am desired to request that you will at once communicate the same to the Government.

I have, &c.,

H. HALSE,

Acting Native Secretary.

Major Speedy, R.M.,
Waiuku.

No. 5.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, WAIUKU, TO THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Waiuku, 7th June, 1862.

SIR,—

In reference to instructions in your letter No. 117, March 26th, 1862, I have the honor to report that on the 10th April following, at the Court House, Waiuku, I administered the Oath of allegiance to eight of the Native Staff, whose names are given in the margin, all of whom subscribed to the Oath without any hesitation, on my explanation that it was customary for all persons on appointment to situations of trust and responsibility to be required to take the Oath of allegiance. The Assessor Ahipene Kaihau was absent in Auckland; soon after his return I visited him at Kapiata, on the 9th ultimo; after some explanation on the nature of the Oath of allegiance, I handed him the form, when he manifested great displeasure, saying "what have I to do with that murderous thing, what more do you require of me," do you wish me to turn upon and—when, by gesture, he implied to kill or fight against his own people; on some further explanation on my part, he spoke calmly, and requested me to leave the matter for the present, as it required consideration. Hori Tauroa, who accompanied me to Kapiata, remained there; on his return to Waiuku he told me he believed Ahipene would subscribe to the oath when he next came to Waiuku. I visited Ahipene again on the 26th ultimo, at his farm at Kapiata—he was very friendly, and expressed himself very favourably with respect to the establishment of Civil Institutions, and British Law, and carrying out the policy of Government amongst his countrymen; he then told me that there was to be a meeting soon of the Ngatiteata tribe near Waiuku, when I should be there to meet them; during this visit there was no allusion made to the Oath of allegiance.

Hori Tauroa,
Tipene,
Maika Katipa,
Wiremu Tauroa,
Karene te Rangī,
Hemi Manu,
Mohi te Hatoitoi,
Rapata Kaihau.

This morning he arrived in Waiuku when I alluded to his not having as yet subscribed to the Oath, his answer was, "I have no objection to take it, that is between you and the Governor, but I do not wish to do it publicly, if I did, the Waikatos would be angry with me, and will not listen to what I have to say; by taking the oath all my influence for good would cease," and that I should not press the matter as the Governor he believed would be satisfied with these reasons. Ahipene being an Assessor, and the principal chief, and possessing by far the greatest influence in this district, I consider his temporising in this matter very unsatisfactory, and of sufficient consequence to be brought to the notice of Government.

I have, &c.,

JAMES SPEEDY,

Resident Magistrate.

To the Hon. the Attorney-General, Auckland.

No. 6.

THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, WAIUKU, TO THE HONBLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

Waiuku, 21st June, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Government, that about fifty men and women of the Ngatipaoa tribe, from Wharekawa, near the Thames, arrived in this district on the 14th