

administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office to them respectively; and I also appointed Erueti Ngahainga and Netana Te Amotutu as Policemen, and administered to them the Oaths respectively. Should their appointments meet with your approbation, I beg to request that you would forward Warrants of Appointment to the respective parties.

Hona applied to me respecting a Grant for a Wooden Court House, and I informed him that I could not at present recommend you to sanction such Grant, as I considered that in this early stage of the organisation of their Runanga they would be unprepared to resist the opposition which the erection of such wooden building would meet with from the King party.

He coincided in my views, and promised to erect a temporary Raupo Building for the purposes of the Court and Runanga business.

As this Runanga is now organised, the Boundaries of the Lower Waikato District might at once be extended to Ngaruawahia, but excluding the latter place. I mentioned this subject to Hona, and he desired me to inform you that he did not wish such boundaries to be fixed at present as some tribes in the Waipa were desirous of accepting the institutions, but wished to be in my District and under my superintendence. I informed him that I should submit his wishes to you, but I could not approve of them, as in the first place I thought it very doubtful whether you would require my further services, and next that the extension of the Lower Waikato District to Waipa would render the duties thereof too onerous for one officer to perform.

I would beg to observe that I think the Ngatiwhauroa, though few in number, seem to be a very energetic tribe. They have a very neat commodious Chapel, although the Mission Station is only two miles distant, and they are now building a slab hut for my own personal accommodation when visiting them, and they have also promised to build, without Government or other assistance, two Raupo Court Houses—namely, one at Kahumatuka where Hona is stationed, and the other at the Keretu, near my own residence, where W. Nga Pu is stationed.

I have supplied Hona with the necessary Books, Forms, and Stationery out of the stock previously sent me.

I feel it my duty to give Hona very serious advice as to his conduct in his Magisterial capacity with respect to the King party; to be firm, but conciliatory; not to refuse to adjudicate on any disputes arising amongst that party which might be referred to him, but to have their written consent to his adjudication previously, &c. And should you appoint a successor to me in the office I have now the honor to hold under you, I would most earnestly suggest to you that you should instruct him to pay great attention to the proceedings of the Runanga Assessors and Policemen of this Hundred, as nothing, in my opinion, would be so much regretted as an unnecessary conflict between the King party and the Officers of this Hundred. The close proximity of Kahumatuku to Ngaruawahia (three or four miles) renders such a caution advisable.

I have, &c.,

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The Honorable the Attorney-General.

Enclosure to No. 7.

RUNANGA OF NGA WHAURA AT KAHUMATUKU, 13TH JUNE, 1862.

HONA (addressing Mr. Armitage):—This is what I have to say to you. We still persist in joining the Government, and being subjects of the Queen. We have therefore desired that you would come to appoint our Policemen. We wish to have Winitana appointed as second Magistrate, and Mohi as Warden. If the latter was here, he would express his own feelings. I wish to have five Policemen appointed, but submit our application for same to your approval.

NGA PU (addressing Mr. A.):—Two policemen you have seen and approved of, Hona Reo and Penehame were nominated from the commencement. Hona to act as Magistrate, and I for his assistant. As you have remained permanent in your work, we accordingly inform you of our wishes. The Warden has his own opinion as to the members of the Runanga. We desire that seven members should form the Runanga.

MR. ARMITAGE:—Have you agreed to accept the Queen's laws to be binding on your own for ever.

They produced their written consent. 161 people (being the whole tribe) having consented thereto.

MR. ARMITAGE:—I consent on the part of the Government to Hona as first Magistrate, and Winitana Nga Pu as second, Hona to act at Kahumatuku, Nga Pu at the Keretu near Paetai. Respecting the Upoko who is absent, the appointment must be deferred till his return. I also consent to appoint two Policemen, one for here and another at the Keretu; if more are required hereafter they will be appointed, but I think two are sufficient for the present.

HONA:—I consider that two Policemen are not sufficient to enforce the law, as in case of arresting a prisoner, one would not be strong enough if resistance was made.

MR. ARMITAGE repeated his former promise to appoint another Policeman if necessarily required.

Hona, &c., consented to this on the part of the Tribe. Hona and Nga Pu were then sworn in by Mr. Armitage as Kai whakawas, and Erueti Ngahainga and Netana Te Amotutu as Policemen.
