

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, LOWER WAIKATO, TO THE NATIVE MINISTER, FORWARDING REGULATIONS
PASSED BY THE RUNANGA OF THE HUNDRED OF KOHEKOHE.

Lower Waikato, 19th June, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward you a series of regulations passed by the Runanga of the Hundred of Kohekohe, and to request that you will submit the same to the Governor in Council for approval or otherwise.

I approve of them all except No. 11, which I wished them to defer for the consideration of the District Runanga. They informed me in reply that His Excellency had stated at Kohanga that he would approve of any regulation, pro or con, they made on the subject thereof, and therefore I submit it to you without further comment. I am desired to request you will get such as are approved of published without delay.

It was my intention to have completed the various Regulations of the respective Runangas in this District, so that they could have been laid before the General Assembly during the approaching Session—my compulsory retirement from office by the Honorable W. Fox renders this impossible. But should any such prepared by me be presented to the Assembly during this Session, and should you have occasion to speak of them officially, I trust you will at least do me the justice to acknowledge the source from whence they came; for I submit that it would be far from just or equitable that my successor (whoever he may be) who steps into a District thoroughly organised, and who has had none of the wearisome toil and anxiety that I have undergone in perfecting such an organisation, should derive any credit from the public, for his predecessor's exertions and abilities.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ARMITAGE, R.M.

The Honorable the Native Minister.

Enclosure to No. 8.

REGULATIONS FOR THE HUNDRED OF KOHEKOHE, LOWER WAIKATO.

1. That a Court House be built at the Kohekohe, which Court House shall be the permanent place of assembly for the Runanga of this Hundred, and for the transaction of all judicial business connected with this Hundred. And that the land on which the same is built shall be the property for ever of the Runanga of this Hundred.

2. That the following arrangement respecting the dwelling houses and people of this Hundred be carried into effect—*i.e.*, that one room shall be set apart for the use of husband and wife as a sleeping apartment, and that another room be set apart for the use of visitors; and that separate sleeping apartments be provided for the unmarried males, and some for unmarried females.

3. That all *tauas* (armed parties) for the redress of injuries shall be for ever abolished within this Hundred, and that all and every person, or persons, who shall resort or practice the same shall, on conviction by the Resident Magistrate or Assessor, pay or forfeit the sum of ——— for every such offence.

4. That if the owner or owners of any horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, or goats, shall knowingly or willingly permit, or suffer the same to run at large on the Kohekohe side of the Waikato river within this Hundred, such owner or owners shall, on conviction thereof by the Resident Magistrate or Assessors, pay the sum of ——— for the first offence, and the sum of ——— for the second or further offence.

5. That if any person or persons shall throw into, or place in the Waikato river within the limits of this Hundred, any dead animal or any obnoxious matter sufficient to cause a public nuisance, such person or persons shall, on conviction thereof by the Resident Magistrate or Assessors, pay for every such offence the sum of 5s.

6. That if any pig or pigs shall be worried or killed by any dog or dogs, the owner or owners of such dog or dogs shall, on conviction thereof by the Resident Magistrate or Assessors, pay to the owner or owners of such pig or pigs full compensation for the injury sustained by such pig or pigs, or the full value thereof if killed. And that such dog or dogs shall, on proof of each offence being committed, be immediately destroyed by the Policeman of this Hundred.

7. That if any person or persons shall maliciously by false reports or otherwise, induce or cause any other person or persons to leave or neglect his or their work, and thereby cause such latter person or persons expense, trouble, or inconvenience, such person or persons shall for every such offence, on conviction thereof by the Resident Magistrate or Assessors, pay to such other person or persons respectively, any sum not exceeding 5s., for every day of leaving or neglecting work as aforesaid.

8. That any person or persons who shall, upon conviction by the Resident Magistrate or Assessors, be adjudged guilty of wilfully conveying letters or messages, or of other overt acts tending to promote or assist fornication or adultery between man and woman, shall forfeit or pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding ——— nor less than ———.

9. That in case any house or building shall be destroyed by fire, the Resident Magistrate or principal Assessor shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after due notice of such fire be given to him or them, summon a Jury in the manner prescribed by the 15th Section of the Native Circuit Courts Act, which Jury shall, after being duly sworn according to the form hereinafter set forth, hear such evidence on Oath