

Enclosure 1 to No. 9.

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth,
26th January, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance the enclosed Copy of a Letter I have just received from the Officer commanding Her Majesty's Troops in this Province, removing the case of the Native Chief Hapurona from the Civil Jurisdiction.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

J. Flight, Esq., Resident Magistrate.

Enclosure 2 to No. 9.

New Plymouth,
January 26th, 1862.

SIR,—

It having been reported to me that one of the Native Chiefs (Hapurona) was taken into custody by the Civil power yesterday, and has been bailed out of Jail to appear on Monday (to-morrow) to answer the charge against him.

I have the honor to request that you will take such steps as you may deem expedient to stop the proceedings in the Civil Court, and to hand the case over to me, the Officer in Command in this Province under Martial Law.

I regret to be obliged to interfere with the administration of Justice in the Civil Court, and I am extremely loth to exercise the authority vested in me as the Senior Military Officer; but I deem it very unadvisable at the present moment to adjudicate in the Civil Court upon a Native accused of violence, &c., more particularly as I regret to find that this violence was originally provoked by some of the members of this garrison.

I have, &c.,
H. J. WABBE,
Commanding Troops in Taranaki.

His Honor the Superintendent.

No. 10.

ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY, TARANAKI, TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

New Plymouth,
February 27th, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of correspondence, in reference to the affair of Hapurona and his son.

I have, &c.,
ROBERT PARRIS,
Assistant Native Secretary.

The Honorable the Native Minister, Auckland.

Enclosure 1 to No. 10.

New Plymouth,
17th February, 1862.

HAPURONA,—

A Military Court of Enquiry is sitting to investigate the circumstances of a disturbance which occurred recently at New Plymouth, in which you were concerned, and your son said to have been struck by an Officer of the 57th Regiment. The Court will be glad to receive any statement you have to offer, either in person or in writing.

THOMAS NELSON,
Major, 40th Regiment,
President of Court.

Enclosure 2 to No. 10.

New Plymouth,
17th February, 1862.

HOBOPAPER, —

A Military Court of Enquiry is sitting to investigate the circumstances of a disturbance which occurred recently at New Plymouth, in which the Chief Hapurona, your father, was concerned, and you