

Enclosure to No. 33.

The Kumete Pa,
July 27th, 1862.

FRIEND MR. PARRIS, YOU, AND THE COLONEL,—

I have received a letter from Waikato. Tikaokao wrote to me to inform me of the war at Whaingaroa (Raglan), against William Te Awaitaia (William Naylor). This evil is from William Te Awaitaia, at Kaiparera. The whole of Waikato are assembled to punish Te Awaitaia. I am trying to find out whether Europeans are the cause of this evil, or whether it is Maories. If Maories, it is well; they will be killed by Maories. No notice will be taken of it, in my opinion.

Friend Mr. Parris, if I should discover any intention of the Maories to commence hostilities against Europeans, I will write to you. These are my thoughts, that the proceedings may be straightforward. The Councils will not be hidden from me (meaning the decision of the Maori King Runangas). If you hear of anything, write to me, that the reports may be clear (understood). Friend Mr. Parris, salutations to you and the Colonel!

HAPURONA PUKERIMU.

SECTION XI.—WELLINGTON WEST COAST DISTRICT.

No. 1.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MR. BULLER.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Native Department,
Auckland, May 8th, 1862.

Mr. Buller will receive copies of the instructions given to Messrs. Smith, Law, and Colonel Russell, in reference to their official duties as Civil Commissioners and Resident Magistrates. Mr. Buller will gather from them the general scope and tenor of his duties.

The district, however, in which Mr. Buller will be located, being inhabited by a mixed population of Europeans and Maories, and a large proportion of the latter being adherents of the King movement, Mr. Buller will exercise as much caution and discretion as possible in introducing the new system among them. At first it will probably not be desirable to establish the Runangas in the formal manner in which it has been done in the Bay of Islands and Lower Waikato districts; but rather to endeavour to incline the Maories to adopt the judicial part of the system by the appointment of Assessors, Wardens, and Kareres, and by inducing them to resort to the tribunal of the Resident Magistrate's Court.

Mr. Buller will feel his way in these matters, and report to the Government, as early as he may be able, the appointments recommended by the Natives.

As His Excellency the Governor and the Ministry expect to be at Wellington in the course of the next month, Mr. Buller will have the opportunity of direct and immediate reference to them for further instructions. He will probably not be able to do more in the interval than visit the district, and prepare himself with general suggestions as to the manner in which it shall be worked.

As regards the place of residence which it may be desirable to select, that must be left partly to Mr. Buller's own judgment and partly to the decisions of the Natives when the district shall be fully organised. The more central the position the better. At first it will be desirable that Mr. Buller should not encumber himself by any permanent home, but avail himself of such accommodation as he may be able to find in the district till he can determine finally where his official residence ought to be. He will probably find the Manawatu a good location at first, as being central, in the midst of a considerable population, European and Native, and where a dwelling house can probably be temporarily obtained.

WM. FOX.