

Enough. We got up and came away. We went on to Pikopiko and Paterangi, and stayed with Hoi Te Waru, Hone, and the Waikatos. When the Ngatimaniopotos heard of my arrival they came to the number of twice seventy. On their arrival they all showed themselves; six hundred stood up.

Hoani Papita stood up, and recited a song.

(Song)

He said that peace should not be made; that if they were exterminated it should be in Waikato.

Porokoru stood up and said, "Welcome, welcome, son. Peace shall not be made. If we are to die we will die in Waikato."

Tikaokao stood up and said, "Welcome, my younger brother. I shall not be taken to the mountains" (shall not fly to the mountains), "I shall remain here, and if I die I shall die with the Waikatos."

Hari stood up and said, "O my elder brother, I shall not go. Shall Waikato die, and I survive? I shall stay here. What matter about those prisoners?"

I (Wi Nero) stood up and said, "It is well you have forsaken the path of life, and have taken the road to death. Shall Waikato die, and you live; die together, and if you are against it, that is, if the law spares them, they may become friends with the Government. You have set yourselves against us and the Governor. If the law says that they must die, they will die; if the law says that they are to live, they will live. It rests with the Governor. If you are still determined to do evil, the General will very quickly come and fight you."

I know therefore that there will be no peace. By-and-by there may be, when they have suffered.

This was all. I returned to Whatawhata on the Monday. The General came, and I agreed that Hetaraki and Mohi should go to point out the bad places (to act as guides.)

After we left the General occupied Tuhikaramea.

No. 25.

COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G.

(No. 33.)

Government House, Auckland, February 23, 1864.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Adverting to my Despatch No. 27, of the 15th instant, enclosing for your Grace's information a copy of a letter from Lieutenant-General Cameron, C.B., reporting the details of an action with the rebel natives on the 11th instant, I have now the honour to transmit a copy of another letter I have received from the Lieutenant-General, relative to the same skirmish, and enclosing a report from Brevet-Major Bowdler, 40th Regiment, who as field officer of the day commanded the picquets of the 40th and 50th Regiments, which successively reinforced the small covering party under Lieutenant Simeon, 40th Regiment.

I have, &c.,

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.,
&c. &c. &c.

G. GREY.

Enclosure in No. 25.

LT.-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Head Quarters, Te Rore, February 19, 1864.

SIR,—

Since I forwarded my Despatch of the 13th instant, relative to the skirmish which took place on the banks of the Mangapiko creek, I have received the enclosed report from Brevet-Major Bowdler, 40th Regiment, who, as field officer of the day, commanded the picquets of the 40th and 50th Regiments, which successively reinforced the small covering party under Lieut. Simeon, 40th Regiment.

I forward this report to your Excellency, feeling sure that you will be glad to know all the details of an engagement reflecting so much credit on all who took part in it, but the brunt of which fell chiefly on the 40th Regiment. This corps behaved throughout with the greatest gallantry and intelligence.

I have, &c.,

To his Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.

Sub-Enclosure.

MAJOR BOWDLER TO COL. WADDY, C.B.

Camp before Paterangi, February 12, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honour to inform you that yesterday about 3.30 o'clock p.m. Lieutenant Simeon, 40th Regiment, proceeded in charge of a covering party of 20 men for the protection of men bathing from this camp in an adjacent stream which communicates with the River Mangapiko. When posting his sentries the party was fired upon by a body of Maories lying in ambush in thick ti-tree scrub, on the opposite side of the stream. The enemy's fire was returned, and the Maories retired towards the old Maori pah (Waiari.)