

REPORTS ON MAORI PRISONERS

Auckland, November 30th, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report for your information, that, in obedience to your instructions, I left town on Wednesday, 25th November, at noon, and proceeded to Otahuhu, where I reported myself to Col. Haultain, and was by him directed to follow after Col. Hamley of the 50th Regiment, who had left with 150 men of his regiment to meet the native prisoners. I overtook Col. Hamley and his men about two miles from Otahuhu, and we afterwards met the prisoners a mile this side of Burton's Hotel; we then returned, and arrived in Camp at half-past five p.m. I proceeded to make arrangements with Col. Hamley for hutting and rationing these prisoners at the rate of 25 to each hut. I then left Otahuhu Camp at a quarter-past eight in the evening, and went to the Hotel to sleep, returning to the Camp in the morning at half-past seven a.m., when the prisoners were immediately marched off to embark on board the steamer 'Corio.' We went on board at about nine a.m., and found that the steamer had grounded. I was therefore compelled to make other arrangements for rations. I then took down the names of all the prisoners. We left the Tamaki at seven p.m., and arrived alongside H.M.S. 'Curacoa,' at nine p.m., when the prisoners were immediately transferred to that vessel; I then returned at ten o'clock, and by the request of Lieut. Young of the 'Curacoa,' I again went on board on Friday morning to interpret, and after giving different explanations as to the wants of the prisoners, I came back to the Native Office.

On Saturday afternoon I was again instructed by Dr. Shortland to proceed on board as Interpreter, early on Sunday morning. I went at nine a.m., and at twelve, the 'Sandfly' arrived with 78 more prisoners; they were also transferred to the 'Curacoa,' when the surgeon of that vessel requested me to ascertain if there were any wounded or sick, in order that they might be attended to; after acting as Interpreter to the surgeon, during the time he was dressing their wounds, I was informed by Lieut. Young, that the Commodore had given strict orders that no person would be allowed to remain on board without a written order from His Excellency to that effect, and advised me to go on shore at once and obtain that order.

I saw His Excellency, who directed me to remain on shore till Monday morning, when I was to call at Government House, and he would give me one.

I have, &c.

T. A. WHITE.

The Hon. the Native Minister,
Auckland.

H.M.S. 'Curacoa,'
November 30th, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report for your information, that in obedience to your instructions, I proceeded on board of H.M.S. 'Curacoa.' I beg to report the Chief Te Oriori of Ngatikoroki, from Arikima, received three wounds in the engagement at Rangiriri; a wound in the left hand, the thumb was fractured, the surgeon found it necessary to take it off from the second joint, the wound not having been dressed mortification had set in. The second wound is on the right leg through the shin, just passing the bone; the third is through the flesh of the left heel. The wounds are all progressing favorably. The old Chief Parioroku Tuhikaitia of the Ngatiruru, from Nukuha, Waikato, received a wound through the right arm passing through the back, inflicting a wound about six inches long, through the fleshy