

RETURN

OF LAND CONFISCATED IN WAITOTARA AND NEW PLYMOUTH.

Description of the Boundaries of that portion of the Confiscated Lands lying between the WAITOTARA and NEW PLYMOUTH.

ALL that area being portions of the Provinces of Taranaki and Wellington, containing by admeasurement seven hundred and twenty thousand (720,000) acres, more or less, being bounded as follows:—Commencing at the mouth of the Waitotara River, thence by that river to Porter's Line at Karewarewa, thence by a line bearing N. 22° 30' E. until it meets a straight line drawn between Parakino, on the Wanganui River and the summit of Mount Egmont, thence by the last-mentioned line to the summit of the said Mount, thence by a straight line to the source of the Mangoraka River, thence by the said river to the south-eastern boundary of the Omata Block, thence following the south-eastern and south-western boundaries of that block to the sea, and thence by the seacoast to the mouth of the Waitotara River aforesaid. Excepting all lands within the said boundaries held by or under the Crown, prior to the dates of proclamation of confiscation.

To secure the peace of the district between the Waitotara River and the Town of New Plymouth there are at present between Patea and Waingongoro 154 officers and men in garrison. There are, also, 113 men in the district who are liable to serve in the Militia, who have been called out for "actual service," and who, though not on pay, are available for service whenever required, and from these a Mounted Volunteer Corps of thirty-nine men has recently been organized. Land has been allotted at Waingongoro to 200 of the Native Contingent on certain conditions of military service, and about fifty of these are in actual occupation of their land. There is also a detachment of one officer and twenty-five men of the Military Settlers doing duty at Warea; and fifty stand of arms have been issued to Arama Karaka and Wiremu Kingi Matakatea, for the use of friendly Natives at Opunake and Umaeca.

Liberal grants of land have been made for returned rebels, and the Officers of the Native Department are constantly engaged in attempting to restore confidence and to reconcile the Native mind to British Law.

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A Resident Magistrate has also been placed in the district.

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