

inform me of the grounds on which you feel yourself unable to accede to the request of the Natives conveyed in the letters which I had the honor of forwarding to you on the 3rd instant.

In accordance with your request, your letter to the Natives shall be forwarded to them, with a translation, and also a translation of your reply to my letter.

It only remains for me to thank you for the trouble and consideration you have given to this subject.

His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. C. RICHMOND.

No. 9.

Copy of a Letter from Archdeacon HADFIELD to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.

SIR,—

Wellington, 5th July, 1867.

I have the honor to forward to you an extract from a letter written from Manawatu by Henere Te Herekau to Mr. T. C. Williams, which I have just received, and which the writer wished me to see. I feel that I cannot be responsible for withholding this from the Government.

I have, &c.,

OCTAVIUS HADFIELD.

The Hon. J. C. Richmond,
Native Secretary's Office.

Enclosure in No. 9.

I HOKI mai maua ko Te Moroati i Rangitikei I te 29 o Hune ka huihuia e Te Petatone ona tangata tango moni ki Tawhirihoe Rangitikei, ka whakapuakina nuitia te kupu a te Petatone kia huihuia mai etahi tangata kia rima rau, ki a rima rau hoki nga pu, kia haere ki te roherohe i nga paenga o te whenua kua hokona nei e au, mo te uru noa mai o nga tangata whakararu i taku mahi, heoti ano kahore oku he, nana hoki i pokanoa ki te whakararu i taku mahi, ko matou ko nga tangata mo tera mahi mo te whiuwhiu tiini ka nui te matakau. Tena ra tukua atu tenei korero kino ki o taua Roia ki te ture hoki, a ki nga Pakeha katoa kia rongo i tenei mate mo matou, me whakaatu hoki ki a Te Harawira, ki te kitea he kupu marama mo tenei mahi kino mau e tuhituhi mai ki au no te mea kanui te whakamomori tonu atu o Ngatiraukawa ki roto ki te mahanga kua oti nei te hanga e Te Petatone.

[TRANSLATION.]

Moroati and I returned from Rangitikei on the 29th June. Dr. Featherston held a meeting with the people who had had his money, at Tawhirihoe, Rangitikei, at which Dr. Featherston openly expressed his word for to "have 500 men assembled with 500 guns, and then to go and lay off the boundaries of the block of land which I have bought, so that in case any people come and obstruct my work, it will not be my fault, but his own in having, without right, presumed to obstruct my work." We the persons set apart for obstructing the survey (flinging away the chain) are in great fear.

Now therefore, send this evil report to our lawyers, to the law also as well as all the Europeans, in order that they may hear of this trouble which has come upon us. Tell this also to Mr. Hadfield.

If you can find out anything to throw light upon this evil doing, write and let me know, for the Ngatiraukawa are constantly imperilling themselves by going into the snare set for them by Dr. Featherston.

No. 10.

Copy of a Memorandum by His Honor Dr. FEATHERSTON.

13th July, 1867.

THERE is not a word of truth in this statement. Previous to my arrival at Rangitikei, Governor Hunia had boasted of his intention to muster a force of 500 armed men to cut the inland boundaries of the block, and for this purpose had solicited the assistance of the Natives of Turakina and Whanganui. I at once put my veto upon any such movement; prevented the Natives coming from Turakina and Whanganui, and issued positive orders that no Native was to go on to the block with arms. The tribes, as usual, cheerfully acquiesced in these orders, promising to do nothing without first obtaining my formal sanction. At the meeting at Tawhirihoe, Noa Te Rauhihi asked whether the real object of Hunia's proposed muster of 500 men was not to apprehend his brother Ngawaka, who is deeply implicated in the rebellion. On receiving my assurance that the Government had no such intention, Ngawaka came to me, and in the presence of several chiefs gave in his submission. He has since written a letter to the Governor, asking permission to visit Wellington and Wairarapa, a request which I hope will be granted. Henere Te Herekau is, I believe, a Missionary teacher, and thoroughly untrustworthy.

The Hon. J. C. Richmond.

I. E. FEATHERSTON.

No. 11.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. ROLLESTON to Archdeacon HADFIELD.

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Native Secretary's Office,

VENERABLE SIR,—

Wellington, 20th July, 1867.

I have the honor, by direction of Mr. Richmond, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th July, transmitting an extract from a letter written from Manawatu, by Henere Te Herekau, to