

We, the men of the Pakakohi tribe who live in the neighbourhood of Patea, are in great trouble about the European who has been murdered at Ketemarae. Do not think [or be afraid] that we have had anything to do with that murder.

Listen to the thoughts of us chiefs of the Pakakohi tribe. We are now one with the Europeans. We wish that the Europeans living near our tribe may not be dark. It is our desire to take charge of the Europeans—men, women, and children. If anything happens to the Pakehas we will suffer with them. If we are to suffer it shall be in a good cause.

Our protection of Europeans commences at Wairoa (township); from thence to Whenuakura to Patea, to Oroua, Kakaramea township to Manutahi, and to Mokoia. We may also say that the Ngarauru tribe at Waitotara will protect Europeans, as they have become English themselves.

Peace, may peace rest with you. This is all.

From TAURUA, of Patea,
WHAREMATANGI, of Patea,
TE ONE KURA, of Patea,
PARAONE, of Manutahi,
RANGIHAEATA, of Mokoia,

And from all the men, women, and children of the Pakakohi tribe.

No. 13.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. J. BOOTH to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.

(No. 51-2.)

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Carlyle, 13th June, 1868.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward the enclosed copy of a hurried letter received during the night from Mr. Inspector Hunter, and reporting the brutal murder and horrible mutilation by twenty-eight Natives, of Trooper Smith, No. 3 Company Armed Constabulary.

I have written to ask Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell to return to the district, and to leave Inspector Hunter's report to tell its own tale to the Government.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Native Minister,
Wellington.

JAMES BOOTH,
Resident Magistrate.

P.S.—I intend, with Captain Cumming, to start for Waihi as soon as the mail comes in.

Enclosure 1 in No. 13.

MY DEAR BOOTH—

Waihi, 12th June, 1868.

Smith, of No. 3, has just been murdered in a most brutal manner by about twenty-eight Natives in sight of the camp this side of Cahill's, his body literally cut in two—we have only got his legs. Ross could see the flashes of the tomahawk through his glasses. I have written to the Government and to McDonnell; we must have some spare arms. If you come up don't go near any bush, and don't ride too slowly, unless you have an escort. I write in a hurry, as the orderly is just starting.

Yours in haste,
W. HUNTER.

Enclosure 2 in No. 13.

Matangarara, Hune 12, 1868.

Ki a Te Kawana, puta noa ki a te Retimana me te Runanga katoa o te Kawanatanga,—

E hoa ma tena koutou. Tenei matou te iwi Tangahoe te noho pouri nei mo te matenga a nga Pakeha i kohurutia e Titokowaru me tona iwi. Kei mea mai koutou e aku hoa aroha kei roto matou i taua raruraru. Kahore, kei runga ano ahau i te kupu a Kawana Kerei ki ahau kia noho pai ahau i runga i te ture o ra. Na, kua tu ta matou runanga ki Matangarara i te ahiahi o te ra inanahi (11) kotahi tonu te kupu a te runanga. Koia tenei, kahore matou i pai ki tena mahi a Titokowaru ko matou ka takoto matou ki raro ki te whenua, hei turanga waewae mo to matou iwi Pakeha me te tiaki hoki i taku whenua i tukuna mai e te Retimana. Heoi ano.

Na NATANAHIRA NGAHINA,
Na te Runanga katoa a te iwi Tangahoe.

[TRANSLATION.]

Matangarara, 12th June, 1868.

To His Excellency the Governor, to Mr. Richmond, and to the Council. Friends, Salutations,—

We, the Natives of the Tangahoe hapu, are in great darkness because of the death of the Europeans who have been murdered by Titokowaru and his people. Do not say, my dear friends, that we have had anything to do with this disturbance; no, we have not, I, with my people, are abiding by the word of Governor Grey to me, that is, that I should live in peace, and under the law which gives life. We had a meeting last evening (11th), and the one word of the meeting was, "We do not agree to that work of Titokowaru, we will remain lying on the ground, a footstool for our tribe the Pakehas." We also intend to protect the people, and to keep possession of the land given to us by Mr. Richmond. This is all.

From NATANAHIRA NGAHINA,
And from the Assembly of the Tangahoe tribe.