

he has taken the direction of Patetere; however, I will soon ascertain. In the meantime I will endeavour to get some reliable Native scouts. Inspector Pitt arrived at Alexandra at 8 o'clock this morning. Seven men have been added to Kihikihi garrison.

St. John Branigan, Esq.,

Commissioner, A.C., Auckland.

W. MOULE, Inspector, A.C.

No. 64.

Lieut.-Colonel MOULE to Mr. Commissioner BRANIGAN.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 12th January, 1870.

I HAVE just received the following information:—That Te Kooti was at Maraeroa, and that he had sent to Tokangamutu requesting protection from Topia, who was close on his heels; that the King then sent a messenger to Topia, desiring him to give up the pursuit, as Te Kooti had agreed to his (the King's) terms, and was under the royal protection.

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Commissioner, A.C., Auckland.

W. MOULE, Inspector, A.C.

No. 65.

Lieut.-Colonel MOULE to Mr. Commissioner BRANIGAN.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 12th January, 1870.

THE following was received from the Officer Commanding Cambridge Station:—

“Letter just received from Maungatautari saying that some Hauhaus have arrived there, and that Te Kooti is coming from the Aotearoa to strike both Natives and Europeans. Messenger sent to inquire the truth.”

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Commissioner, A.C., Auckland.

W. MOULE, Inspector, A.C.

No. 66.

Lieut.-Colonel MOULE to Mr. Commissioner BRANIGAN.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 12th January, 1870.

A NATIVE from Maungatautari reports Te Kooti as being at Aoteroa last night, about twenty-eight miles south of Cambridge.

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W. MOULE, Inspector, A.C.

No. 67.

Lieut.-Colonel MOULE to Mr. Commissioner BRANIGAN.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 12th January, 1870.

TE KOOTI is reported to be at Patetere.

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Commissioner, A.C., Auckland.

W. MOULE, Inspector, A.C.

No. 68.

Mr. HETIT to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

(Telegram.)

Alexander, 12th January, 1870.

TE KOOTI has turned up at Patetere. Two Maoris have just come here from Titirangi, and they brought the news. He met one of our Natives on his road and sent this message to Te Kuiti,—that if he could not take his evil to Te Kuiti, he would take it in another direction.

The Hon. the Defence Minister, Auckland.

LOUIS HETIT.

No. 69.

HETARAKA to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

To Mr. McLEAN,—

We are desirous to inform you with reference to Te Kooti. He is now sitting at Tapapa; that is within our district, I mean the District of Waikato. And it is on this account that we have thought within ourselves as to what should be done with this man; the majority gave their word, or opinion, that this man should be entirely put down, or destroyed, so that these troubles might cease, and peace be restored for this short space of time.

Notwithstanding, the decision, or word, rests with you. It is now in the hands of the