

FURTHER REPORTS FROM OFFICERS IN NATIVE DISTRICTS.

TARANAKI.

No. 1.

Mr. PARRIS to the Hon. D. McLEAN.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 8th August, 1870.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Government, that fifty Natives arrived yesterday at Waititi from the North, returning with the party which went from Parihaka in May last, to attend the meeting to be held there in September (next month), which meeting is expected to be a very large one.

I enclose a list of the different tribes represented by the fifty coming from the North (forty men and ten women). Hone Pihama informed me that on his arrival from Wellington he learnt that a party was coming from the South (Wairarapa and other places) with the Natives that went from Parihaka to these districts the same time as a party went North, so that it would appear there is a general response to Te Whiti's convention of a meeting to discuss their future policy.

Tribes and numbers of each in the party arrived at Waititi yesterday:—Ngatikinowhaku, 4; Ngatimarua, 6; Waikato, 35; Ngapuhi, 1; Taranaki (returning), 4. Total, 50.

I received a letter from Manuao, which I enclose herewith. He is a Tokangamutu Native, and went up from Parihaka in May.

The Hon. the Native and Defence Minister,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
R. PARRIS,
Civil Commissioner.

Enclosure in No. 1.

[TRANSLATION.]

TE MANUAO to Mr. PARRIS.

To Mr. PARRIS,—

Waititi, 8th August, 1870.

Friend, we have arrived at Waititi. This is my word to you, do you look out for us. We are fifty in number, including the women and children. This is for your information. Sufficient.

MANUAO.

No. 2.

Mr. COOPER to Mr. PARRIS.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 15th August, 1870.

I have the honor, by direction of Mr. McLean, to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 8th August, reporting that fifty Natives had arrived at Waititi from the North to attend a proposed meeting at Parihaka in September next, and to state that the Government had received information from Waikato of the movement of this party. As the meeting at Parihaka seems to have been widely advertised among the tribes, and is likely to be attended by many Natives from all quarters, the Government has not thought it right to discountenance the meeting, or to use any influence to deter Natives from attending it, feeling that, whatever may be its results, it is right that Maoris should have the opportunity of expressing their minds, and that the Government should know what they think.

I am to add that the Native Minister will look forward with interest to receive from you a full account of what takes place at the meeting.

I have, &c.,
G. S. COOPER,
Under Secretary.

No. 3.

Mr. PARRIS to the Hon. D. McLEAN.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 7th September, 1870.

In further reference to the Parihaka meeting, I have now the honor to inform you that a few days ago a messenger came in to me from Te Whiti, to inform me that the "korero" is to commence on the 18th instant, which happens to be Sunday; but as their calendar does not agree with ours, it will most likely come off next week.

About fifty Upper Whanganui and Ngatimarua Natives, among whom was Te Rangitake's son Eruera, and some other Manukorihi people, passed through here last Friday, 2nd instant.

The Southern Natives, Ngairo and others (about twenty), arrived at Parihaka last week.

The Ngatiawa will leave this next Monday and Tuesday, and I have arranged to meet the Opunake, Oeo, and Kaupokonui Natives at Te Ikaroa, about three miles south of Warea.

Altogether, I expect to make up from five to six hundred Government Natives, and I purpose taking them up in one body to Parihaka either on Wednesday or Thursday,—a demonstration which I hope will have a good effect.

I have, &c.,
R. PARRIS,
Civil Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.