

FURTHER REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Te Whiti admitted publicly before the meeting that the Queen would be *tuturu* (permanent). Aporo admitted the same.

I have now over a hundred Natives at my office, just arrived from Parihaka on their way home, the Thames, Waikato, Upper Whanganui, and W. King Te Rangitake's Natives; Heremia, Ngairo and party have returned South.

I have, &c.,

R. PARRIS,

Civil Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

No. 10.

[TRANSLATION.]

The Hon. D. McLEAN to ROPATA NGARONGOMATE.

FRIEND ROPATA,—

Wellington, 20th September, 1870.

Salutations to you. Hearing that the meeting at Parihaka is going on, I have thought fit to ask you to let me know all that has passed there; I also want to know your opinion as to the proceedings of the meeting. Sufficient.

Your friend,

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 11.

[TRANSLATION.]

ROPATA NGARONGOMATE to the Hon. D. McLEAN.

FRIEND McLEAN,—

Taranaki, New Plymouth, 4th October, 1870.

I have received your letter with reference to the affair at Parihaka. This is to inform you that we were all present at that meeting. As it was, we did not see the finish of the meeting and the words spoken by Te Whiti. But the time that was proper for us to remain there had expired.

Te Manihera Matangi was there, however, to the last, and will give you the particulars.

Now, listen: as far as I am able to judge as to the result of this meeting, I do not think that the proceedings were quite clear. Nevertheless, it is not a wise thing to eat one's food while it is scalding hot; it is better to allow it to become a little cool before it is eaten. By the same reasoning, it would be premature to form an opinion as to the results that may yet spring from the meeting which has now been held.

Your sincere friend,

ROPATA NGARONGOMATE.

No. 12.

[TRANSLATION.]

The Hon. D. McLEAN to ROPATA NGARONGOMATE.

TO ROPATA,—

Wellington, 28th October, 1871.

Friend, Salutations to you. I have received your letter of the 4th of October. I thank you for writing to the Government. I have seen Te Manihera Matangi, and he has informed me of what took place at the close of the meeting.

The expression you made use of is a very proper one, that "it is not a wise thing to eat one's food while it is scalding hot; it is better to allow it to become cool before it is eaten." I quite agree with you there. It would not be right to be too hasty in saying that the results of the meeting will be good or bad; that can be waited for. Sufficient.

Your friend,

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 13.

Mr. PARRIS to the Hon. D. McLEAN.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 8th November, 1870.

I have the honor to report that on Friday last, the 4th instant, Ihaia Kirikumara accompanied by fifteen other Natives of the district and the young chief Pungarehu, left Waiti to proceed to Tokangamutu, by a special invitation from Rewi Manga, brought by Pungarehu, who has been in the district since the early part of September (the time of his arrival), waiting for Ihaia to return with him.

When Aporo and party returned to the North after the Parihaka meeting, twelve of the Ngatimunga Natives who lately returned from the Chatham Islands, and have been living at Urenui, went to Tokangamutu with them; from which place they returned yesterday, and brought back thirteen horses, presents from the Mokau and other Natives whom they visited. They report that Ihaia was well received at Mokau, at which place he and his party arrived on Friday evening, and left the following day to go up the river in canoes.

I requested Ihaia Kirikumara to make but a short stay; and on his return I hope to get some reliable information as to the object of Rewi's invitation to visit them, which I will report to you without delay, after his arrival therefrom.

I have, &c.,

R. PARRIS,

Civil Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native and Defence Minister,
Wellington.