

FURTHER REPORTS FROM

4. My wish is that all the works of the people on the land be stopped (that is, the roads, &c.). Stop also the Europeans and Maoris from pursuing Te Kooti, but work for peace, so that peace may reign in every place, in order that the words of St. Paul may be fulfilled, viz:—"Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to all men." This is the *Whakatauki* (proverb) of my ancestors—meaning that the evils of former times should be buried in oblivion, and good for the future discussed. That is all.

From your affectionate friend,
MANGA MANIAPOTO.

No. 16.

H. T. KEMP to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

Civil Commissioner's Office,
Auckland, 6th October, 1871.

SIR,—

Referring to Major Mair's Report of the meeting at the Kuiti, at which it was decided by the King Natives (and acquiesced in by the friendlies), to send a deputation to the Ngapuhi tribes, I do myself the honor to inform you that the deputation, consisting of five persons, chosen from the different Hauhau sections at Tokangamutu, with Te Retimana Waihou, of the Ngatimahuta (Potatau's own *hapu*), as their leader, arrived in Auckland soon after the meeting, and were passed on without delay to the Bay of Islands.

Some importance is attached to this deputation, and the fulfilment of a last request, made by the late Potatau, that the Waikatos and the Ngapuhis should live in peace with each other, and with the Europeans, is likely to be the result. Enclosed also is the copy and translation of a letter, dated yesterday, from Manuwihiri to the Ngatiwhatua chiefs on the same subject, which they brought to this office for the information of the Government, and Wiremu Pukapuka is the bearer of one to Ihakara Tukumarū, of Manawatu.

I have further to report, that so soon as he had made his report to you of the Kuiti meeting, Wiremu Te Wheoro lost no time in coming to Auckland for the purpose of explaining in detail to the Hon. Dr. Pollen and myself the proceedings at the meeting, and of giving his opinion as to its ultimate issue; and in reference to the deputation to the North, he expressed some anxiety that every facility should be afforded by the authorities for their conveyance to and from the Bay of Islands, which has been accordingly done, with the Hon. Dr. Pollen's approval.

The principal chiefs of the Ngapuhi, who have been invited to return with the deputation, are Hare Hongi and Mangonui, both of them men of distinction in point of rank, and connected, as you are well aware, with the Waikatos by alliances in marriage, when peace was finally made between these tribes many years since.

Connected with other local arrangements, at or near Tokangamutu, on the part of the Kingites, in the shape of preparations for a final meeting, at which His Excellency the Governor and yourself are expected to be present, is a proposition on the part of the friendly Waikatos to contribute to the feast, and with this view they have determined to plant at a village near Alexandra, and in addition to what they themselves can supply, Wi Te Wheoro has requested the use of three tons of seed potatoes (to be delivered at Alexandra), which has also been authorised on very reasonable terms.

After listening with attention to the account given by Te Wheoro of what took place at the meeting, and of the responsible part he took as the principal representative of the Government on the Native side, the impression left has been, that the day is not far distant when friendly relations shall take the place of complete isolation; that the policy which has been followed, the negotiations opened up, and the agencies employed by you in carrying out that policy, now hold out to the Government good hopes, as a crowning effort, that not only shall the adherents of the Hauhau King become loyal and peaceable subjects, but that ere long the perpetrators of the murder of our unfortunate countryman, Todd, shall be given up in due course of law, by the very men who have so long stepped out to shield and defend them.

I have, &c.,
H. T. KEMP.

[TRANSLATION.]

TO TE REWETI, TE HIRA, TE WIREMU,—

Te Kuiti, 4th October, 1871.

Friends, salutations to you. It may be that you have a vessel which might convey Te Retimana Waihou and his followers (to the Bay of Islands), if not they will go overland. If the Ngapuhis should come, then let some of you come also: Te Hira, Te Wiremu, or yourself.

From MANUWHIRI.

No. 17.

R. W. WOON to the ASSISTANT NATIVE SECRETARY.

Resident Magistrates's Office,
Whanganui, 21st February, 1872.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Hon. the Native Minister, that I returned on the 16th instant from Koriniti, a settlement some forty miles up the Whanganui River, where a large Native meeting took place on the 14th, 15th, and 16th days of February, 1872, and at which some three hundred Natives were present, including residents from all parts of the river from Putiki to Iruharama.