

FURTHER REPORTS FROM

No. 34.

HOPKINS CLARKE, Tauranga, to the CIVIL COMMISSIONER, Auckland.

SIR,—

Civil Commissioner's Office, Tauranga, 25th June, 1872.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for the information of the Hon. the Native Minister, copy of proceedings at a meeting held by the Urewera, at Ruatahuna, and forwarded to me by Captain Preece.

I have, &c.,

HOPKINS CLARKE.

Enclosure in No. 34.

PROCEEDINGS of MEETING at RUATAHUNA, forwarded for the information of the Civil Commissioner,
Tauranga.

A MEETING of Te Urewera was held.

9th June.

Te Ahikaiata rose to discuss:—

- 1st. The boundaries of the land.
- 2nd. The Roads.
- 3rd. The leasing of land.
- 4th. The selling of land.

These were the matters before the meeting.

Kereru said: I do not agree to roads, leasing or selling land.

Tamaikoha Erueti said: Listen, O Tuhoe. Your *mana*, O Urewera, and your power in war has not been killed by the *mana* of the Government. My word, O Tuhoe, is, I do not approve of roads, lease of land, or selling land.

Makarini said: Be calm, O Urewera, and hear the word given by the Government to us all. I will give up to you, O *Kereru*, the roads, the lease and the selling of land; and to *Erueti* and *Ahikaiata*, as I know that which is right for us is with you.

Paora Kingi said: Listen; the first will stand, and the second, and the third, and the fourth, and all the tribe. (Listen to) my words, do not return to the thoughts of the past. Those were the thoughts of the king and of Taranaki, by which we and our land were killed. Look, it was the Governor who made peace to all the Island. He is the life for us these days. Obey the words of life.

Taituha said: Roads take land; also leasing (does the same). It is good to consent to some of the Government orders. I say do not agree to roads and selling land.

Paora Kingi said: I will open the roads in our district; you may stop them, and I will open them.

Paerau said: Let us have roads; let us lease, let us sell land; let me have the chiefs, as I am the man to stop all these things. It was spoken to Mr. McLean at Napier.

Hapurona said: There, Tuhoe, if you have any *mana*, take the roads, the lease and selling of land.

Tukehu said: I do not agree with the boundary as taken by you in my district; the boundary is with Te Urewera.

Makarini said: This is why all the lands of the people are lost; they consent to the laws of the Government.

Te Hiko said: Soon death will cling to you, O Urewera.*Ahuru* said: I will tell your words to the Governor.

Paora Kingi said: Yes, the men who have been to the Governor, their words will be told to the Government.

Hetaraka said: Do not be dark, *Paora Kingi*, on account of the words of the Urewera people. Let them search out the knowledge of the Governor.

Arama Karaka said: Lead yourself correctly, O Urewera, so that you and your laws may be light. See, the Island is broken with roads; but that does not take land, but makes our paths good. Harken, O Tuhoe, I do not agree with the boundary, but I will call for the Lands Court in our district, that our land may be light.

So end the words of the meeting of chiefs at Ruatahuna.

No. 35.

PAERAU to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

To MR. MCLEAN, Napier,—

Ruatahuna, 10th June, 1872.

Friend—Salutations to you. I have received your letter enquiring about my arrival at Ruatahuna. Friend, I have arrived safe, and after my arrival a meeting of the Ureweras took place on the 9th; the words decided on at that meeting are being forwarded on, and it will be for you to see the words of that meeting.

From your friend,

PAERAU.