

regarding the disposal of land. After that, I hope to have some definite transactions in the way of purchases to report.

On the 27th I visited the Waikato at Cambridge. I met with a few Piako and Waikato Natives; I find that all are quieting down, and the general aspect of affairs is most favourable for the carrying out of the Government policy. From a conversation I had with Te Wheoro and a few Waikatos, I learn that it is the intention of the King to send many of his most important chiefs to Ngaruawahia to meet the Governor, should he visit the Waikato; and that he would like to be advised of his coming one month before, to enable him to make preparations.

At Mercer, the Natives again spoke to me about a school they wished to be erected on Te Wheoro's land. Te Wheoro agrees that his people shall give £25 per annum towards the payment of a teacher; that he himself will give five or ten acres of land for the purpose.

Auckland, 2nd April, 1874.

E. T. BRISSENDEN.

No. 28.

Mr. BRISSENDEN to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

(N.L.P.B., No. 2.)

SIR,—

Helensville, Kaipara, 8th April, 1874.

Mr. McLean, before leaving for Australia, wishing me to be prompt in my transactions in the purchase of Native lands in the North, removed all obstructions in the way of other agents from my path. I am to secure the blocks of land Colonel McDonnell had in hand; Mr. Kemp to complete only the purchase of the three blocks he is now negotiating.

Having so far made things easy for me, Mr. McLean told me that on his return he expected to find I had made large purchases of Native lands. To further enable me to do this without delay, Mr. McLean assured me that all necessary moneys would be forthcoming as I required them for payment of Native owners. I had only to notify you.

I shall not trouble you with applications until I have engagements to meet. Therefore I hope my requisitions will meet with that prompt attention from you that Mr. McLean has led me to expect they will.

I may here mention that I am negotiating for several large blocks of land: that of the Tutamoe, about 40,000, is nearly complete.

Will you kindly frank my letters, and forward me an order to procure necessary stationery from Government stores?

H. T. Clarke, Esq., Under Secretary, Native Department.

I have, &c.,

E. T. BRISSENDEN.

No. 29.

Mr. H. T. CLARKE to Mr. BRISSENDEN.

Native Office (Land Purchase Branch), Wellington,
16th April, 1874.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No. N.L.P.B. 2), of the 8th inst., and in reply have to inform you that your requisitions for money will meet with the attention you request.

I have, &c.,

H. T. CLARKE,

Under Secretary.

E. T. Brissenden, Esq., Kaipara.

No. 30.

Mr. BRISSENDEN to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Office.

(N.L.P.B., No. 1.)

SIR,—

Helensville, Kaipara, 8th April, 1874.

I have the honor to state that I have arranged for the purchase of 10,000 acres, the prime portion of the Pahue Block, near Omaha; am now starting the survey for the subdivision. The land has been passed through the Court: all that remains to be done is to subdivide for the three grantees. I shall require to be in a position to pay the vendors £1,000 in a fortnight. I shall be in Auckland in ten days' time, and shall feel obliged by your placing the above amount to my credit in the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland, at the earliest possible moment.

I have, &c.,

E. T. BRISSENDEN.

H. T. Clarke, Esq., Under Secretary,
Native Department, Wellington.

No. 31.

MEMORANDUM for the Hon. Sir D. McLEAN.

MR. BRISSENDEN's memorandum read by your direction. Respectfully recommend that Mr. Brissenden be instructed not to open up negotiations for any blocks already initiated by myself.

Approved—

D. McLEAN.

H. T. KEMP.

Mr. Brissenden informed.—14th April, 1874.

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