

principal pakeha. He is the principal pakeha to be seen. He is the head of the Government. You understood what I meant yesterday, and you knew it could not be conceded to; but you wished me to speak out, and now I do so. (Drawing a figure on the ground.) This is my work. (Putting a stick in the ground.) This is Maungatawhiri. Therefore I say, let the pakehas who are living on this Island go back to the other side, and let me be on the opposite side. Let them have the control of that side, and let me have the management of this side. Let the chiefs of this Island have management of this side (looking at the stick). This is another word: Following out from this to the mouth of the Waikato and all the bends inland, then going along and ascending to the Iri-Rahirahi (a Hauhau settlement at Taupo.) Let the pakehas go outside this line (turning away). If any Maori wants a road to be opened I will not consent. Let him come to me; it will be for me to deal with that question. Let the Maoris come to me. This is another word: If any one wishes to survey any land he should apply to the pakehas to survey it. I will not consent; but let him first come to me, because I have the management (keeping his hands in his pockets). My last word is, if any man should wish to lease or sell now, I will not consent. This is my last word: I will not allow it. What I most desire is that you should look to me. This is my last word. Consult me; it is for me alone to decide.

IMPORTANT PROPOSAL BY SIR GEORGE GREY.

Sir George Grey said: As you are aware, and Tawhiao is aware, the demand for Waikato has been repeatedly made, but could not have been conceded; I have no power to do it. But I will tell you what I can do. Stand in your *mana* or authority, and I will assist you and the chiefs in your district, so that peace and good will may lighten the tribes in this Island. It is for you to say whether the people shall lease or sell in your own district. I will give you an allowance and some chiefs to assist you in your districts. I will give Tawhiao £500 per annum, and a lump sum to distribute in his own territory. He will have control over his own district. I will give 600 acres at Ngaruawahia, so that you may be near the grave of your ancestors; I will also erect a house at Ngaruawahia for you and your *rainga*, and I will give you part of the lands that remain unsold. These will be returned to the Waikato people as far as the west bank of the Waikato to the mouth, and in addition to this I will give allotments in the towns of Waikato, which will be for you and your people during the forthcoming years. My desire is that you should become wealthy, because these are the lands which will bring you money. In reference to roads it will be for me you and to decide. In respect to surveys, I will say this: it is for you to decide whether your lands shall be surveyed; and it is for you to say that the land shall not be surveyed. I have carefully considered these questions, and am anxious to see you living in peace in those places in Waikato that will be given back to you; that is, if you accept these proposals. With reference to the implements which you require for cultivation of land, I will make arrangements that the Government shall supply you, so that you may be able to occupy the land. These are the only things I am able to do. With reference to the allotments in the township, I should like that Tawhiao should consult with me, because I view this as an important matter.

Te Tuhi said: This matter requires consideration; leave us to reflect over it. I told you yesterday that what we asked could not be granted.

Sir George Grey: Tawhiao, you have said you will consider these matters. Perhaps it would be better to put these proposals in writing, and give them to you, so that you may carefully consider them. I wish to leave here after a memorial of my love to you. I am very anxious that these questions should now be settled, because this is the time for settling these matters, because the pakehas are increasing rapidly in this Island, and the matter will be more difficult hereafter. It is on account of my love for the Waikatos during the past years that I should like to settle this matter before I die, and leave these tribes in peace and comfort.

The Natives agreed to talk these matters over, and the meeting is now terminating.

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THE GREAT NATIVE MEETING AT HIKURANGI.

(By Telegraph. From our Special Reporter. By Special Carrier and Telegraph from Alexandra. Second Special Carrier.)

Alexandra, this day.

Sir George Grey continued: Before I die I wish to leave you and your descendants in comfort, peace, and prosperity. If you consent to go back to that part of Waikato, you and I will conduct the whole tribe, which shall be located on the east side of Waikato.

Tawhiao: I will never forsake this word. The day on which these matters are arranged is one day. Let the question be settled here at my own place. This is my Parliament.

Sir George Grey: That is my desire; that the question may be arranged now, for my and your Parliament.

Te Ngakau: It was said, it is impossible to return Waikato, and every time a new Government comes up there is a new question for discussion. Now you (Grey) are a new creation (a new Government), and that demand has been repeated. With respect to what Tawhiao has said, that all matters should be discussed this day. What you have said is clear. Let us reflect over it (turning to the people). Let us now separate.

A *korero* then commenced amongst Kingites, meanwhile Sir George Grey and Secretary were engaged putting definite proposals into writing, which Sir George Grey subsequently handed to Tawhiao with his own hands.

THE NATIVE "KORERO."

The following is a report of the discussion by the Natives amongst themselves:—

Te Ngakau: This is my word. Let us remain where we are.