

No. 157.

(Telegram.)

Wanganui, 8th May, 1880.

F. D. FENTON, Esq., Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Auckland.—On the part of the Government, I beg to state my desire that the Native title to land within the Patetere Block may be as completely investigated, at the next sitting of the Native Land Court at Cambridge, as possible. Is this notice sufficiently formal?—JOHN BRYCE.

No. 158.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 8th May, 1880.

HON. MR. BRYCE, Wanganui.—Yes.—F. D. FENTON.

No. 159.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 21st May, 1880.

HON. MR. BRYCE, Wellington.—Paora te Karetai has informed the Court at Cambridge that blood is likely to be shed if the survey of Te Whaiti (Dilworth and Howard) is confirmed. Conferring with Deputy Inspector hereon, he says his surveyors are not doing anything there.—F. D. FENTON, Chief Judge.

No. 160.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 21st May, 1880.

JAMES DILWORTH, Esq., Auckland.—No. 484.—Paora te Karetai has informed the Court at Cambridge that blood is likely to be shed if the survey of Te Whaiti is continued. Be good enough to telegraph, for information of Native Minister, if this land is being surveyed by yourself and Mr. Howard at the present time.—RICHD. JOHN GILL.

No. 161.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 22nd May, 1880.

RICHD. JOHN GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase Department, Wellington.—Howard and Dilworth's survey was finished some time ago without any trouble whatever. The statement made by Paora te Karetai was in consequence of a survey being made by Mr. Cook for W. C. L. Williams within the land surveyed for Howard and Dilworth. For the Native Minister's satisfaction, we believe no disturbance need now be apprehended.—J. DILWORTH.

No. 162.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 21st May, 1880.

MAJOR MAIR, Cambridge.—No. 485.—Is Te Whaiti Block being surveyed uninterruptedly? What does Paora te Karetai mean—that blood is likely to be shed if the survey is continued? What surveyor is at work, and who is he working for?—RICHD. JOHN GILL.

No. 163.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 24th May, 1880.

R. J. GILL, Esq., Wellington.—Found your telegram, No. 485, at Alexandra on return from Raglan Saturday night. Native names are not very clear. The only survey which has been interfered with is a subdivision of Creagh's survey. Te Penetana and others employed Cook to cut out a portion of Te Whaiti Block. Ngatitirangi object. Paora te Karetai, *alias* Kereti, is the leader of this party—the sellers to Dilworth and Howard—and they are annoyed at being entirely excluded from the two blocks which have gone through the Court. I have not heard of any serious opposition. It is reported to-day that Cook is now engaged upon another subdivision at Tapapa, and Hoera's people, Ngatitukorehe, threatening violence to the Maoris implicated if he is not removed.—W. G. MAIR.

No. 164.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 26th May, 1880.

C. E. COOKE, Esq., surveyor (care of W. C. Williams, Cambridge).—It is reported that you are running great risk of bloodshed in continuing survey of blocks you were authorized to survey. Be good enough, therefore, to desist at the least opposition or warning, and communicate with me.—S. PERCY SMITH.

No. 165.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 20th April, 1880.

HON. MR. BRYCE, Native Minister.—I assume that it is still the wish of the Government that the Patetere proclaimed block should be defined by this department, and that all private surveys within that block will stand over. Do you wish the District Surveyor (Mr. Cussen) to carry out the survey of the proclaimed block independently or concurrently with the private surveys abutting on the same?—W. C. KENSINGTON (for C. S. and D. I. S.).

No. 166.

Auckland, 20th April, 1880.

MR. KENSINGTON, Survey Office, Auckland.—Yes; you are quite right in assuming that the Patetere proclaimed block should be defined by the Survey Department with the limitation named in my memo., and that private surveys within the block must stand over till the external boundaries are ready for the Court. You will use your discretion as to works concurrent with private surveys.—JOHN BRYCE.