

No. 197.

(Telegram.)

J. SHEEHAN, Esq., Hamilton.—Mr. Cussen's map must come to me. If the information is sufficient to make a plan of Tokoroa from it, and Hon. Native Minister sees no objection, a plan can then be sent to Court.—S. PERCY SMITH, C.S.

Auckland, 4th June, 1880.

No. 198.

(Telegram.)

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., Survey Office, Auckland.—Following copy of wire sent Hon. Native Minister: "Survey of Tokoroa Block finished by Cussen and Association. Plan ready for Court. Only awaits your final approval of its being handed into Court. Kindly instruct Mr. Percy Smith accordingly. Matter urgent, as Court may reach block to-morrow."—J. SHEEHAN.

Cambridge, 7th June, 1880.

No. 199.

(Telegram.)

J. SHEEHAN, Esq., Cambridge.—I fear your telegram is likely to mislead Hon. Native Minister. Cussen surveyed the block as Patetere, not Tokoroa. Further, the plan is not ready for Court, inasmuch as it has not yet arrived here; and there is the question of whether the plan complies with the Act sufficiently.—S. PERCY SMITH.

Auckland, 7th June, 1880.

No. 200.

(Telegram.)

SURVEYOR-GENERAL, Wellington.—Cussen has completed a rough triangulation through from near Cambridge to Taupo Road, covering Patetere Block. The boundaries of Proclamation have been marked. They follow those described in *Gazette*, 1878, page 484, as far as Paenuiorehua; from where, instead of following Mangaharekeke to Waikato, they follow a line west-south-west for ten miles, and then to commencement on Waikato River, leaving a strip about seven miles wide on bank of that river to the Natives, as agreed upon by the Hon. Native Minister. The part left out at Mangaharekeke contains about 10,000 acres. Natives would not let it be surveyed. The whole Patetere Block, therefore, contains 106,200 acres, as surveyed, including the private surveys now before Court. The balance of block, known as Tokoroa, as surveyed by Cussen, containing 51,000 acres, can now be passed through Court if the Government wish it, and an interlocutory (order) obtained. I have declined to send map to Court without permission of the Hon. Native Minister: see my letter of May 17th. Mr. Gill has, I think, a map of Patetere. Tokoroa case will be called on in Court in a day or two; so this is urgent.—S. PERCY SMITH.

Auckland, 8th June, 1880.

No. 201.

(Telegram.)

CHIEF SURVEYOR, Auckland.—I have read your telegram *re* Patetere and Tokoroa to Hon. Native Minister. In reply to it and to telegram from John Sheehan on same subject, he has minuted: "If Mr. Smith is satisfied with the plan as a survey, it can be approved for purposes of Court."—JAMES MCKERROW, Surveyor-General.

Wellington, 8th June, 1880.

No. 202.

(Telegram.)

HON. NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.—*Re* Cambridge Court. I send you following notes *re* proceedings of this Court. The proceedings of the Court have been of the most orderly description. I have never seen a quieter Court. Three cases have gone through, and I expect in the course of next ten days over 100,000 acres will have passed through the Court. Many of Manga's people are here at his express request to attend the Court and to sign their claims in the ordinary legal manner. In spite of what may have been reported in the newspapers, and perhaps may have been communicated to yourself, no interruption of any kind has taken place in the survey of either external or internal boundaries. All parties are acting peacefully, and the concession made by extending certain blocks on the Waikato boundary has removed all possibility of disturbance. Natives found to be interested by Court are behaving in straightforward manner in regard to Government here, and it is clear that whole amount will be recovered without hitch.—J. SHEEHAN.

Cambridge, 28th May, 1880.

No. 203.

(Telegram.)

THE HON. THE NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.—Knowing that you have been very busy with other work I have not troubled you with telegrams for some days. I have much pleasure in informing you that survey of Tokoroa Block and outside boundary has been finished without risk or trouble. The Court is proceeding very quietly, and getting through a large area of land. There is the usual amount of temporary discontent among the losing party in the several cases, but nevertheless everything is orderly and good-tempered to an extent which I have not seen for many years before. I had long interview with Rewi on Wednesday evening, and he expressed his entire satisfaction at what was being done. He gave me also an amount of important information as to hapus and families who have good claims to the blocks. I have great hopes now that all the land before the Court will go through.—J. SHEEHAN.

Cambridge, 5th June, 1880.

No. 204.

(Telegram.)

THE HON. THE NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.—Survey of Tokoroa Block finished by Cussen and Association. Plan ready for Court. Only awaits your formal approval of its being handed into Court. Kindly instruct Mr. Percy Smith accordingly. Matter urgent, as Court may reach block to-morrow.—J. SHEEHAN.

Cambridge, 7th June, 1880.