

line as far as their land runs; then let the two next hapus, who own the adjoining land on either side of the external boundary, continue the cutting of the line, and so on to the end of the boundary. After this has been done, then let the pakeha erect his compass, and let the two hapus owning the land on each side of the line drag the chain. If this plan is adopted, the matter will be settled satisfactorily, as all persons owning the land will take part in the cutting of the lines and the survey. Let the pakeha only be paid by both hapus, but the Maoris employed must not be paid. The land of the Ngatirangiwehi commences at Opoutihi and extends as far as the Kaharoa-Tapapa Road, a distance of probably fourteen miles or more. The Ngatirangiwehi would have to pay half the cost of the survey of this to the pakeha, and the hapu owning the land on the opposite side would have to pay him the other half; but no payment must be made to any of the Natives employed, nor must the pakeha make any payment to them, as they will be taken from the hapus owning the land under survey, and will have, as a matter of course, an interest in the land. When the survey reaches Kokako, the Ngatirangiwehi will continue to take part in the cutting of the line beyond it (as they have other lands abutting the external boundary), consequently will have to pay their proportion of the cost of survey. If this course is adopted in regard to our boundary, no trouble will spring up—no trouble will come near either land or man, such as has arisen in all other parts of the country among Natives.

—From your loving and faithful friend,
W. MARSH TE RANGIKAHEKE.

No. 6.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 4th October, 1879.

S. PERCY SMITH, Surveys, Auckland.—*Re* Patetere lands and your memorandum on Marsh's letter. Have had very satisfactory meeting here to-day with Maoris concerned. They are most anxious to have survey Patetere lands commenced, so as to have no mistakes. Have arranged to meet all parties interested at Tapapa on Thursday next, after which survey ought to go on. Creagh's matter is satisfactorily arranged so far, and there is no fear of disturbance through it if carefully managed.—L. M. GRACE, Government Native Agent, Waikato.

No. 7.

(Telegram.)

Alexandra, 6th October, 1879.

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., Deputy-Inspector, Auckland.—Take little notice of Wi Maihi's claims to Patetere. Have telegraphed him to be present at meeting at Tapapa on Friday next.—L. M. GRACE, Government Agent.

No. 8.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 4th October, 1879.

R. J. GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase Department, Wellington.—*Re* Patetere lands. Have had very satisfactory meeting this morning with principal chiefs concerned, and made arrangements to meet whole of Ngatiraukawa and all Te Arawa interested on Thursday next at Tapapa. Meeting here, convened at request of Maoris, lasted three hours, and terminated most favourably for Government. If Mr. Percy Smith is instructed to have men ready, survey can go on at once after Thursday next. There is plenty of opposition on part of private Europeans, and the present request for survey to be arranged and carried out comes from the Maoris themselves. I would respectfully suggest that the opportunity be not neglected. Have telegraphed result of meeting to Mr. Smith.—L. M. GRACE, Government Agent.

No. 9.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 10th October, 1879.

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., District Surveyor, Auckland.—Have you issued instructions yet *re* survey of Patetere lands? If not, when will the work be commenced?—RICHARD JOHN GILL, Under-Secretary.

No. 10.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 11th October, 1879.

RICHARD JOHN GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase Department, Wellington.—I have never been asked to undertake Patetere survey. As soon as Mr. Grace is ready will go up and meet him, and arrange about it.—S. PERCY SMITH.

No. 11.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 11th October, 1879.

R. J. GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase Department, Wellington.—*Re* Patetere lands. Self and brother just returned. Had a most successful meeting with Maoris *re* survey; all opposition withdrawn, and Mr. Creagh has started to cut eastern boundary. We start to-day for Aotearoa, in King country, where the cutting of western and southern boundaries is to be finally settled; and have communicated with Mr. Percy Smith to have surveyors in readiness to start work on our return. Will forward you report of whole proceedings on return from Aotearoa.—W. H. GRACE.

No. 12.

(Telegram.)

Cambridge, 13th October, 1879.

S. P. SMITH, Esq., Deputy Inspector of Surveys, Auckland.—My brother and self returned yesterday from Tapapa. Had a most successful meeting with Maoris *re* survey, which resulted in all opposition to same being withdrawn. Mr. Creagh has started to cut line between his blocks and the Government block. In cutting this line Mr. Creagh is to adhere to boundaries as set out in Proclamation in *Gazette* of April, 1878. This line, when cut, will therefore, as far as it goes, form portion of eastern boundary of Government block, and will save Government trouble and expense. We start to-day for Aotearoa,