

No. 29.

(Telegram.)

Kihikihi, 3rd November, 1879.

RICHARD JOHN GILL, Esq., Under-Secretary, Land Purchase, Wellington.—*Re* Hare Heimana's mission. The object of certain speculators is to prevent survey of Patetere country by Government for time being, and thus gain time to work their point. They wish to make Government have the impression that matters are in a very bad state, and by that means induce Government to throw up their purchase, leaving the field open to them. I will be careful that there is no disturbance over this survey. The Ngatiraukawas, as a whole, are most anxious to get the survey completed, in order to get the land passed through the Land Court. To bear out this statement, I would refer you to the applications made to have these lands investigated by the Land Court, and to the numerous complaints and indignation meetings of Natives because Government prevented certain blocks within the proclaimed land from being investigated by the last Court that sat at Cambridge. It is pretty well known that Europeans are at bottom of opposition. The Natives obstructing also told me such was the case. The only objection to survey up to present time has come from a certain section of Natives who have received money from these speculators, who encourage them in their obstruction. These very Natives had applications before the Land Court to have their claims to portions of proclaimed blocks investigated, and it is now strange that they should change their views if no influence is being brought to bear on them. I have met with no real opposition from the Hauhaus. Rewi Maniopoto, who is head of the Ngatiraukawa Hauhaus, is with me, and is using his influence to prevent any obstruction. He has even stated that were he well enough he would go on to the land with me, to help in the work of pushing survey through, and suppress any disturbance that might arise. The Government have the game in their own hands; and, if firm, and keep the Proclamation over the land in force, the difficulties of acquiring it will not be any more than in other purchases. In haste.—W. H. GRACE, Government Agent, Waikato.

No. 30.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 1st November, 1879.

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., District Surveyor, Auckland.—Hon. Native Minister would be obliged by your telegraphing, urgent, how the Patetere surveys are progressing, and whether you know of any Native opposition to the work being carried on; also whether the boundaries now being cut include only land under Proclamation, or whether other lands outside of the Proclamation are being surveyed with a view to private purchase, and, if so, under whose authority. Please reply at once.—RICHARD JOHN GILL.

No. 31.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 1st November, 1879.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY, Land Purchase, Wellington.—Patetere survey has not yet commenced. I am waiting for Mr. Grace's return from Tapapa. Have had four survey-parties waiting for some time, but have been obliged to send some of them to other work. I know there will be considerable opposition to survey. I have received protest against it. The Whaiti Block, adjoining Tapapa, was commenced some time since for the Native owners, but they have stopped the survey. This was for private parties. The survey was authorized by me in the usual manner, after ascertaining that the Land Purchase Department had no objection. It is outside the Proclamation. Shall be ready to attempt Patetere within a few days of hearing from Mr. Grace.—S. PERCY SMITH, Chief Surveyor.

No. 32.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 3rd November, 1879.

W. H. GRACE, Esq., Alexandra.—No. 1,880.—Following is a copy of a telegram received this day from Mr. Percy Smith in reference to the survey-work now carried on in the Patetere country :—"Auckland, 1st November.—Patetere survey has not yet commenced. I am waiting for Mr. Grace's return from Tapapa. Have had four survey-parties waiting for some time, but have been obliged to send some of them to other work. I know there will be considerable opposition to survey. I have received protest against it. The Whaiti Block, adjoining Tapapa, was commenced some time since for the Native owners, but they have stopped the survey. This was for private parties. The survey was authorized by me in the usual manner, after ascertaining that the Land Purchase Department had no objection. It is outside of the Proclamation. Shall be ready to attempt Patetere within a few days of hearing from Mr. Grace.—PERCY SMITH, Chief Surveyor." Native Minister wishes you to explain the difference of facts in this telegram and yours of Saturday. Surely, if the present survey-line forms the eastern boundary of the land as proclaimed, the District Surveyor must know it. For whom is the present survey being made? Who is paying for it? To what point has it been carried?—RICHARD JOHN GILL.

No. 33.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, Wellington, 3rd November, 1879.

S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., Auckland.—The Patetere surveys are just now the subject of much speculation here. Mr. Grace's reports and your telegram conflict. Be good enough, after seeing him, and matters are arranged, to wire full particulars for information of Native Minister.—RICHARD JOHN GILL.

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(Telegram.)

Auckland, 3rd November, 1879.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY, Land Purchase, Wellington.—Mr. Grace has returned, and I go up to meet him to-morrow.—S. PERCY SMITH.