

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Justice Department, to the SHERIFF, Napier.

SIR,—

13th August, 1880.

I have the honor, by direction of Mr. Rolleston, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, reporting your proceedings in connection with your attempt to place Mr. Harding in possession of the land held by the Natives.

I have, &c.,

The Sheriff, Napier.

R. G. FOUNTAIN, Under-Secretary.

Mr. G. A. PREECE, R.M., Napier, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

4.30 p.m., 29th July, 1880.

Just received telegram; was away holding meeting *re* Sutton's case. I will make inquiry if there is anything fresh from Waipawa. If the report alludes to disturbance last week, the house is within Harding's fence, and within thirty yards of where the Natives stopped him fencing. I have heard that Natives threaten to turn off another tenant of Mr. Harding, who is living some distance off. The fact of Sheriff taking possession and afterwards withdrawing has made Natives bounce more than they did previously; also they are to a certain extent led by the Wairarapa Native prophet "Paroa Potangaroa," with whom they have communicated.

The Native Minister, Wellington.

G. A. PREECE, Resident Magistrate.

Mr. G. A. PREECE to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, Wellington.

SIR,—

Native Office, Napier, 30th July, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, No. 2114, and in reply I beg to state that I have furnished Mr. Harding with a copy of the Hon. the Native Minister's memorandum, according to the instructions received.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary, Native Office, Wellington.

G. A. PREECE, R.M.

Mr. G. A. PREECE, R.M., Napier, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

2nd August, 1880.

The interference with ploughing took place inside Mr. Harding's fence, close to place where Natives stopped Mr. Harding fencing. A portion of the fence erected by Mr. Russell was on the piece where ploughing stopped. It is alleged by Natives to be inside De Pelichet's old line.

GEORGE A. PREECE, R.M.

Captain G. A. PREECE, Napier, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

6th August, 1880.

*Re* Waipawa dispute. Papers state that Mr. Nutt has commenced ploughing land without being opposed. I find that he has been ploughing on upper side of railway, not on ground where he was stopped. Natives have been putting up flags, and putting in pegs on Harding's ground, and have told Mr. R. Harding that they will turn him off his homestead. I do not think they mean to carry out the threat. I purpose visiting Waipawa on Monday.

GEORGE A. PREECE, R.M.

Captain G. A. PREECE, Napier, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

11th August, 1880.

NOTHING further from Waipawa. I have not been up there yet, owing to having to give evidence here in arms-selling case. Will get up on Friday.

GEORGE A. PREECE, R.M.

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