

1880.

NEW ZEALAND.

PENSION TO CHIEF MANUHIRI, OF WAIKATO.

(CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING.)

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 16th July, 1880.

"That there be laid upon the table of this House copies of any correspondence that has passed between the Government and any of its officers, or between the Government and any aboriginal natives, having reference to the pension of the Chief Manuhiri, of the Waikato District."—(Mr. Whitaker.)

Mr. H. T. KEMP, Civil Commissioner, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 18th June, 1878.

THE following, received this day by Paul Tuhaere from the chief Manuhiri, is respectfully referred for Sir George Grey's information. Paul has replied by saying that the matter is in your hands, and refers to some provision in the shape of a pension or allowance in his old age: (Translation.) "Hauwai, June.—PAUL,—Salutations to you. This is a matter about which I wish to speak to you: The word of Sir George Grey. He mentioned the matter twice, but I could not quite understand him. Perhaps it was because there were so many of us present. But Tuwhakakuru told me that you suggested that I should write to you [for an explanation]. For this reason I write to you [now]. That is all, friend. From MANUHIRI, to Paora Tuhaere, Okahu."

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

H. T. KEMP, Civil Commissioner.

Sir G. GREY to the Chief MANUHIRI.

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND,—

Wellington, 18th June, 1878.

I have seen your letter to Paora Tuhaere. Bishop Selwyn is dead. Sir William Martin is old, and far from you. I, too, am old, and cannot live long, but I am near you. It is now my duty to take care of you. I will hasten, and in a few days will see that provision is made to enable you to pass the few years left to you in comfort. God is good to me, to place me in a position in which I have the pleasure before I die of doing a just (*tika*) and kind act for you.

To Manuhiri, care of Major Te Wheoro, Alexandra.

G. GREY.

Sir G. GREY to the Chief MANUHIRI.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 19th June, 1878.

No. 1,197.—My dear old friend,—Myself and the Ministers have met to consider your letter, and Paul Tuhaere's words. We have talked over your affairs. You are too old to attend the Legislative Council. Your rank, your authority, and your knowledge of affairs would otherwise have entitled you to a seat in that Council. The amount paid to each member of it is £210 a year; but, although you are too aged to travel backwards and forwards to the Council, the amount of £210 a year shall be paid you for your life—£52 10s. each three months, beginning on the 1st July next. This money has nothing to do with anything you may derive from your own property.

To Manuhiri, care of Major Te Wheoro.

G. GREY.

Mr. H. T. CLARKE, Under-Secretary, to Mr. H. T. KEMP, Civil Commissioner.

Government Buildings, 19th June, 1878.

No. 1,198.—The Hon. the Premier has sent a telegram to Manuhiri. The following is a copy: "My dear old friend,—Myself and the Ministers have met to consider your letter, and Paul Tuhaere's words. We have talked over your affairs. You are too old to attend the Legislative Council. Your rank, your authority, and your knowledge of affairs would otherwise have entitled you to a seat in the Council. The amount paid to each member of it is £210 a year; but, although you are too aged to travel backwards and forwards to the Council, the amount of £210 a year shall be paid you for your life—£52 10s. each three months, beginning on the 1st July next. This money has nothing to do with anything you may derive from your own property.—G. GREY."

H. T. Kemp, Esq., Civil Commissioner, Auckland.

HENRY T. CLARKE,
Under-Secretary.