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CENSUS OF THE MAORI POPULATION, 1881

(PAPERS RELATING TO THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

No. 1.

CIRCULAR to OFFICERS in NATIVE DISTRICTS.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 9th February, 1881.

I am directed by Mr. Rolleston to inform you that you have been appointed an enumerator for the purpose of taking a census of the Maori and half-caste population in the district noted in the margin.

It is considered desirable that the Maori census district for which you are responsible should be as large as possible; but you will be authorized to employ such assistance as may be absolutely necessary, and you are requested to forward a statement to this office of the paid assistance you will require and an estimate of the probable expenditure.

You are also authorized to request the co-operation of any officers in the Government service whose aid or information would be of value to your work.

Mr. Rolleston desires that you will use your best endeavours to make the census as accurate as possible, and with this view, you will place yourself in communication with the gentlemen who have been appointed enumerators in other districts (a list of whom I enclose), in order to avoid the omission of any Natives or their being numbered in more than one return.

I append a form of return to which I am to request you will be good enough to adhere, furnishing all the information required under the different heads.

Your return should also be accompanied with a report on the increase or decrease within your district since the last census was taken, remarking also upon the general state of health of the Natives and any disease or epidemic which may have visited them, and supplying any other information bearing upon the statistics of the Maori population which may be of interest.

The European census will be taken on the night of the 3rd of April, and it is desirable that the Maori population should be taken as residing on the following day. The returns should be forwarded to this office, if possible, not later than the end of April.

I enclose a list of the principal tribes in New Zealand, to assist you in filling up the first column of your return.

I have, &c.,

T W LEWIS,

Under-Secretary.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

LIST of ENUMERATORS for the MAORI CENSUS, 1881.

James S. Clendon, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Whangarei; North of Auckland.

Major Mair, Resident Magistrate, Native Agent, Auckland; Auckland, Waiuku, Waikato, and Raglan.

Robert Parris, Esq., Native Office, New Plymouth; Taranaki and Mokau.

James Booth, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Wanganui; Wanganui and Waitotara.

Robert Ward, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Marton; Rangitikei and Otaki.

W J Butler, Esq., Native Office, Wellington; Wellington, Hutt, and Porirua.

E. S. Maunsell, Esq., Native Agent, Greytown; Wairarapa.

Captain Preece, Resident Magistrate, Native Agent, Napier; Napier and Wairoa.

Captain Porter, Land Purchase Officer, Gisborne; Gisborne and East Coast.

Major Scannell, Resident Magistrate, Taupo; Taupo.

R. S. Bush, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Opotiki; Opotiki and Urewera.

H. W. Brabant, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Tauranga; Bay of Plenty, Rotorua.

G. T. Wilkinson, Esq., Native Agent, Thames; Thames and Cape Colville.

Alexander Mackay, Esq., Commissioner Native Reserves, Nelson; Middle Island.

S. Deighton, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Chatham Islands; Chatham Islands.