

1. We are an influential branch of the Ngatimanawa, and have a claim to that block, but were not admitted.

2. Other tribes have seen our parents living permanently on that block up to the present time.

3. After the decision of the Court which sat at Cambridge had been given by Captain Symonds on the 10th May, 1880, the memorial of ownership was issued to forty-three persons, and the money, £251, was given secretly by the company to four persons, and in our opinion it is not in accordance with law.

4. Therefore it is that we appeal to you to grant us a rehearing, so as to bring our large claims to this block before the Court.

5. There is also another lot of names which have been put in secretly, and whose claims to that block have not been heard by the Court, and we strongly object to these proceedings.

6. If this application of ours is not given effect to, these hapus will go and live on that block as our parents did. Ended. From Ngatimanawa; that is,

KEREI TE RANGIHIROA and Others.

No. 14.

(Telegram.)

[TRANSLATION.]

To Hon. Mr. BRYCE, Wellington.

Cambridge, 4th October, 1880.

Friend,—We wish to refund the money advanced by the Government upon our land at Patetere, which is a large amount. Please reply

AREKATERA TE WERA, and all Ngatiraukawa.

No. 15.

SIR,—

Wellington, 28th October, 1880.

I have the honor to address you in reference to a block of land situated in the Waikato District, known as Patetere Block. This block was some time since duly proclaimed as under negotiation by the Crown.

I have been instructed by a number of the leading chiefs, representative men of the tribes to which the land belongs, to act on their behalf for the purpose of completing negotiations which have for some time past been going on between them and the Government with a view to the revocation of the Proclamation and the settlement of the claims of the Government upon an equitable basis.

I have now to submit the following on the behalf of my clients. They are now prepared to extinguish the claims of the Government on the block either in money or land. Should the Government decide to accept money, they are prepared to pay the necessary amount at once. If, however, the Government prefers to take land in lieu of money, they are prepared to meet the wishes of the Government in this respect on the following terms:—

1. The Government may select land for this purpose either within the blocks which have gone through the Court (110,000 acres), or on the remainder of the block which has not yet been dealt with by the Court (137,000 acres)
2. They are quite willing that the land should be taken either in one or two blocks, as the Government may think fit.
3. The land to be taken to be of fair average quality of the block, and quality and position to be approved of by the Government.
4. The area to be taken in acres to be equal in value to the amount of the Government advances.
5. The land to be given to the Government under this proposal to be handed over to the Government in open Court at the next sitting of the Native Land Court, which shall be held for the purpose of dealing with the Patetere Block.
6. Neglect, failure, or refusal on the part of my clients will be considered by them to be sufficient grounds for the Government to reimpose the Proclamation now existing, or to take any other steps the Government may think necessary for protection of Crown's interest.

Under these circumstances I hope you will not consider them unreasonable in asking that the Proclamation now existing should be removed. They are willing that notification of its removal should be so arranged as not to take effect until a period of from eight to ten days after the opening of next Court, so that they will have reasonable time within which to give effect to the arrangement now proposed. They allege, amongst other reasons in favour of the removal of the Proclamation, that the effect upon their people of its removal being notified will be to induce them readily to do everything required to keep faith with the Government.

They are also anxious that, if the Government accede to this request, the very fullest publicity may be given to the notification of the intention of the Government to remove the Proclamation. They would like to have it notified in newspapers circulating in Auckland, Waikato, Tauranga, Foxton, Palmerston, Rangitikei, and Wanganui, for these are the places in which Ngatiraukawa resides; and they also wish that the Europeans of the Island should become fully aware of the fact that the Government has removed the Proclamation.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

MARTIN CHAPMAN

No. 16.

SIR,—

Wellington, 3rd November, 1880.

Referring to my communication of last week on the subject of the Patetere Block, I have now the honor to enclose herewith copies, in English and Maori, of two telegrams received by me from my clients.