

I understand you have already seen the originals, but I shall be happy again to place them at your disposal, if necessary
The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

MARTIN CHAPMAN.

Enclosure 1 in No. 16.

(Telegram.)

[TRANSLATION.]

MARTIN CHAPMAN, Esq., Wellington.

Cambridge, 12th October, 1880.

Friend,—Salutations to you. We are anxious to return the moneys of the Government now lying upon our land, called Patetere. Let you be an agent for us. Herewith is a fee of £5.

HARE TEIMANA,
TE REI PAEHUA,
AREKATERA TE WERA,
And all Ngatiraukawa.

Enclosure 2 in No. 16.

(Telegram.)

[TRANSLATION.]

CHAPMAN, Solicitor (Te Hapimana, Roia, Poneke).

Cambridge, 12th October, 1880.

Friend,—Go you to Bryce, (tell him) we will now pay the moneys of the Government which have been advanced on Patetere. Reply

MAIHI TE NGARU,
PARETE TE MOREHU,
TE REI PAEHUA,
HARE TEIMANA,
AREKATERA TE WERA,
And all Ngatiraukawa.

No. 17

[TRANSLATION.]

Friend Mr. BRYCE,—

Cambridge, 14th November, 1880.

Salutations to you and your colleagues. This is to ask you what your intentions are regarding the Patetere lands, which the Government had a lien upon, because I did not sell to you, the Government, but to private individuals; and part of the money for my share is withheld on account of the money advanced by the Government. I ask you therefore to write to them stating that I did not sell to you, the Government, formerly, as I was too young. Do you therefore write to them, as there is no reason for the withholding a part of the amount due to me. Please reply

From your loving friend,

ERU RAKAUPEKA.

No. 18.

(Telegram.)

To RICHARD JOHN GILL, Esq., Native Department, Auckland.

Wanganui, 14th November, 1880.

Instruct Percy Smith, *re* Patetere, that Government desires one or two blocks selected, which can be easily defined, of a quantity sufficient to cover its advances, regard being had to the value of neighbourhood. Land selected to be of good average quality, and in such a position that it can be defined by the Court. Please show or send a copy of this telegram to Ministers in Auckland. There is no difficulty whatever about my promise, for I never promised to take Proclamation off till Government advances were repaid; and it was always understood that advances could be paid either in money or land, at my option. When Government gets its advances back in land, in manner proposed, the Proclamation *ipso facto* will be removed, and my promise to Natives kept.

JOHN BRYCE.

No. 19.

(Telegram.)

To S. PERCY SMITH, Esq., Chief Surveyor, Ohinemutu (to be forwarded on, if left).

Auckland, 26th November, 1880.

Hon. Native Minister requests you will be good enough, while at Rotorua, to visit Patetere, and select, in one or two blocks, which can be easily defined, land sufficient to cover the advances made by Government ten thousand seven hundred and thirty-two pounds (£10,732), regard being had to the neighbourhood. The land selected to be of good average quality, and in such a position that it can be defined by the Court.

RICHD. JOHN GILL.

No. 20.

[Extract from *New Zealand Gazette* of 25th November, 1880.]

Notifying that Application has been made to Native Land Court to determine the Interests of Her Majesty in certain Native Lands.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Native Land Act Amendment Act, 1877," I have caused application to be made to the Native Land Court to ascertain and determine