

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, to Mr. G. T. WILKINSON.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 7th February, 1884.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, with which you forward a letter received from Mr. Andrew Kay, of Orakau, with regard to the selection of a piece of land for occupation by Te Kooti and his people, together with other correspondence on the same subject.

In reply, I am directed by the Native Minister to state that he thinks you should see Mr. Kay on the subject. Mr. Bryce is not aware that he has anything to add to his original instructions on the matter. He considers it desirable that Te Kooti should have land to settle on, and that, if fifty acres could be procured at a moderate price at Orakau, it would be a suitable thing to purchase it and allow him to settle upon it. As regards Te Kooti's statement that half of Mr. Kay's farm was to be procured, it is probable that the word "half" was used in the Maori sense, namely, a part.

The correspondence enclosed in your letter is returned herewith, as requested.

I have, &c.,

T. W. LEWIS,

Under-Secretary.

G. T. Wilkinson, Esq., Native Agent, Alexandra, Waikato.

TE KOOTI to the Hon. Mr. BRYCE.

(Translation.)

Kihikihi, 5th February, 1884.

GREETING. Friend, I am waiting your decision upon the subject of our conversation. If you think the piece of land is too large, give me fifty acres. I am very anxious to live at that place.

Mr. Bryce.

TE KOOTI TE TURUKI.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, to TE KOOTI.

(Translation.)

Wellington, 16th February, 1884.

GREETING. Mr. Bryce has seen your letter of the 5th February, in which you make inquiries respecting the land for you; and this is to inform you that Mr. Bryce has directed Mr. Wilkinson to try and arrange the matter, and he hopes that he will succeed.

Te Kooti.

From your friend,

TE RUIHI (T. W. LEWIS).

Mr. G. T. WILKINSON to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department.

(Telegram.)

Alexandra, 8th February, 1884.

Re land for Te Kooti and people: Mr. Andrew Kay, of Orakau, called to see me this afternoon, and says that, if Government care to buy the 261-acre section known as Ngamoko No. 2, he will sell it for £2 10s. per acre. The other portions of his farm are under cultivation, and cannot be sold for less than £5 per acre, and upwards.

The Under-Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

G. T. WILKINSON,

Government Native Agent.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, to the REGISTRAR of DEEDS, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 9th February, 1884.

PLEASE telegraph, for information of Hon. Native Minister, the transactions registered against Ngamoko No. 2, 655, North Waikato, 261 acres, granted to Hakiriwhi and others on 31st March, 1870, A73, folio 13507. Who is present owner?

The Registrar of Deeds, Auckland.

T. W. LEWIS,

Under-Secretary.

The DEPUTY LAND COMMISSIONER, Auckland, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 11th February, 1884.

No dealings registered against Ngamoko No. 2, 655. A grant in this office unregistered.

The Under-Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

THOS. KISSLING,

Deputy Land Commissioner.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, to Mr. G. T. WILKINSON.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 9th February, 1884.

Re land for Te Kooti: Do you consider the land, Ngamoko No. 2, offered by Mr. Kay, worth the money asked?

George T. Wilkinson, Esq., Alexandra.

T. W. LEWIS,

Under-Secretary.

Mr. G. T. WILKINSON to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department.

(Telegram.)

Alexandra, 9th February, 1884.

Re land for Te Kooti: I have not seen it; understand part of it is swamp, which, if not too much, would not be a disadvantage. It is not bounded by Puniu River, but the Mangahoe Stream. A right-of-road for a short distance through part of the farm would have to be given, which Mr. Kay promises along the confiscated line. I can go and see it, if you like, or could send a valuator. Te Kooti has returned.

The Under-Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

G. T. WILKINSON,

Government Native Agent.