

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, Wellington, to R. S. BUSH, Esq., R.M., Maketu.
 (Telegram.) Wellington, 9th September, 1889.
 PLEASE convey to relatives suitable expressions of regret at the death of old Paora te Amohau.
 Note what you say about purchase.
 R. S. Bush, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Maketu. T. W. LEWIS, Under-Secretary.

IENI TAPIHANA, Rotorua, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, Wellington.
 (Translation of telegram.) Rotorua, 12th September, 1889.
 I HAVE been instructed by all the Ngatiwhakaue to apply for one hundred pounds, to be charged
 against the Rotorua Township. If there are no rent moneys available, they are willing to sell the
 township. In my opinion this would be a good time to purchase if the Government desire to
 acquire it.
 Mr. T. W. Lewis, Wellington. IENI TAPIHANA (for all the Ngatiwhakaue).

IENI TAPIHANA, Rotorua, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, Wellington.
 (Translation of telegram.) Rotorua, 16th September, 1889.
 NGATIWHAKAUE are waiting for a communication from the Hon. the Native Minister. Large bodies
 of people will arrive to-day.
 T. W. Lewis, Esq., Wellington. IENI TAPIHANA and all Ngatiwhakaue.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Native Department, Wellington, to IENI TAPIHANA, Rotorua.
 (Translation of telegram.) Wellington, 19th September, 1889.
 In a week or two from this date I will visit Rotorua, and perhaps the Native Minister also.
 Ieni Taphana, Rotorua. T. W. LEWIS, Under-Secretary.

S. D. TAIWHANGA, Esq., M.H.R., Wellington, and H. HOWORTH, Esq., Solicitor, Wellington, to
 the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,— Wellington, 20th September, 1889.
 Referring to our interview with you yesterday on the subject of the purchase of the thermal
 springs in Rotorua District, we beg to submit the following prices for the purchase of the four
 principal springs: Rotorua, with 3,200 acres, £15,000; Wakarewarewa, with 500 acres, £5,000; Tiki-
 tere, with 1,000 acres, £10,000; Wai-o-tapu, with 1,000 acres, £10,000: total, £40,000.

With respect to the past management of Rotorua and the differences arising under the agree-
 ments dated respectively the 25th November, 1880, and the 26th February, 1883, we beg to propose
 that they should be submitted to the arbitrament of some disinterested person to be mutually agreed
 upon.

With respect to the purchase-money, it is the intention of the owners to make an equal distri-
 bution to all who claim to be paid on that footing, but, if a different distribution is desired by any
 section of the owners, the matter is to be left to them and the Native Committee to determine.
 And, with respect to the Rotorua Township, Judge Clarke's award shall not be followed, but, in like
 manner, an equal distribution shall be made to all who desire to receive their shares on that footing,
 with liberty to the rest to determine otherwise amongst themselves, with the sanction of the Native
 Committee: and, if there are any dissentients to the proposed sale, their shares must be the subject
 of partition. And Native settlements, if any, at the springs to be reserved.

We have, &c.,

S. D. TAIWHANGA,
 HENRY HOWORTH,

The Hon. the Native Minister.

(For the Rotorua hapus.)

The Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington, to S. D. TAIWHANGA, Esq., M.H.R., Wellington,
 and H. HOWORTH, Esq., Solicitor, Wellington.

GENTLEMEN,— Native Office, Wellington, 20th September, 1889.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant on the
 subject of the purchase of the thermal springs in the Rotorua District, and to inform you, in reply,
 that the Government is unable to consider your proposals until it has communicated with the
 Native owners.

I have, &c.,

E. MITCHELSON.

S. D. Taiwhanga, Esq., M.H.R., and H. Howorth, Esq., Solicitor, Wellington.

S. D. TAIWHANGA, Esq., M.H.R., Wellington, and H. HOWORTH, Esq., Solicitor, Wellington, to
 the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,— Wellington, 23rd September, 1889.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant in reply to ours of that date. We beg
 to point out that, the Native owners having placed the matter entirely in our hands for settlement,
 we fail to appreciate your motive in communicating with them direct, and would respectfully ask
 you to reconsider the expediency of conducting the negotiations through us.

We are, &c.,

S. D. TAIWHANGA.
 HENRY HOWORTH.

The Hon. the Native Minister.