

2 pages written 23 Mar 1869 by Sir Donald McLean to Dr Daniel Pollen

Copy Private 2/2/69.

My dear Pollen

I am much obliged for your private letters of the 15th and 18th Inst.

I was fully impressed with the danger in which the settlements of the Bay of Plenty were placed since Te Kooti moved in that direction and I urged that Popata and the Ngatiporou should be sent there before he could gain time to take up a position at Waikearemoana or form a junction with Waikato.

Popata volunteered for the service and was ready to start at once for Whakatane 60 Natives from here were willing to accompany him

The action taken by the Government is no doubt known to you and I refrain for the present from commenting upon it.

I telegraphed the principal part of your information to the Governor, I would not think of giving it to the newspapers.

I enclose copy of what was telegraphed

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to Wellington Mr Richmond replied that the
news had been already received.

I remain
Yours very truly
sig^d Donald McLean

23rd March 1869

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