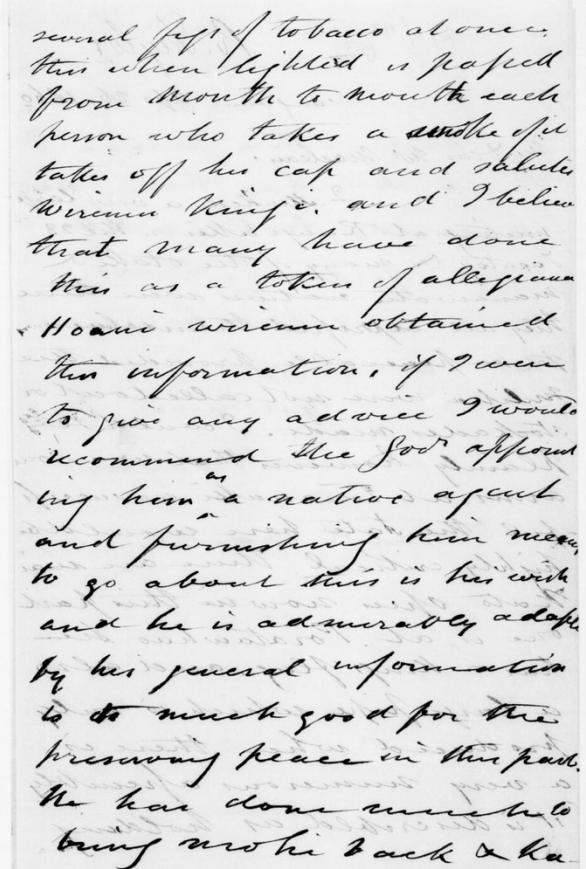


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My Dear Mr Maclean
I attended a very large
meeting at Rangitikei on the 23rd
Taranaki many of the otaki
manawatu natives were there
they all expressed themselves
to be peaceable provided the
militia were not called out or
stockades made. I could see
plainly however that our own
arms at Taranaki were suffi-
cient for the state here would be
highly critical. There are wai
katoa spears now in this part
one is at Poratawhao the
other a large flag and also
a large pipe which is
produced when there is
a very numerous assembly
it is described as holding

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several feet of tobacco at once,
then when lighted is passed
from mouth to mouth each
person who takes a ~~snatch~~ of it
takes off his cap and salutes
Wirima Kūiwi, and I believe
that many have done
this as a token of allegiance.
Hoani Wirima obtained
this information, if I were
to give any advice I would
recommend the Gov^t appoint
ing him ^{as} a native agent
and furnishing him means
to go about this is his wish
and he is admirably adapted
by his general information
to do much good for the
preserving peace in this part.
He has done much to
bring us back & ha

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