

2 pages written 21 Sep 1847 by Cort Henry Schnackenberg in Mokau to Sir Donald McLean

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Dear Sir

I sent you a note from the Waikato about a fortnight ago, containing an order upon your friend Mr. Whitely, which I hope has been delivered to you.

In my last, I think, I mentioned that Waitana had been to Auckland. He went in pursuance of a letter from the "Native Secretary", but when he got there, Mr. Symonds informed him that the Surgeon was past repair, and that he would see what he could get for him as payment for his price. Our old friend Hini happened to be at Auckland too, and he accompanied Mr. Waitana to the N. S. Office, and also to Government House. His Excellency had sent Mr. Mirangi to fetch him from the Sheeshero's place. They appear to have been highly pleased with the Governor's kindness, and present of a bag of sugar and flour.

On their return they visited Tauranga, where in a hour or two they sprang up and declared, "Hau ana takeru patiti kia tau-patapataka te tangata o Haere ana ki Wanganui ki te patiti i te pahaka &c."

Our people here are very quiet and industrious at present. I am, sure, you will be pleased to see again more white men you come to visit Mokau. The natives are under an impression, that there will be another tau-patiti, and this among other motives stimulates them to work.

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