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Auckland,
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My dear Mr. McLean

The "Star" goes to convey
to you the latest intelligence
from Waikato. Public
opinion here, seems unanimous
that the means endeavoured
to be employed by Mr
Firth to procure a cessation
of hostilities are unpolitic.
& that it is to be
regretted that his acting as
a go-between between
yourself & Kōwhiri should
be countenanced. The
town - as a matter of com-

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is in a state of
 mild excitement, mainly
 owing to the report circulated
 by Firth or Backland's
 friends or correspondent.
 I have it from the very
 best authority, that
 Kooti's motion in "going
 in" are influenced by
 the action of the King's natives,
 who have decided on
 at the conclusion to
 remain neutral & discontinue
 in every way their
 hostile intentions - the
 letter (my authority state)
 has some 70 natives will
 quit, & will not remain
 quiet, while Kooti is
 tired of his present mode
 of life. I could not
 remark at great length
 upon this subject,
 while you will clearly
 understand, upon receiving
 for better information than
 I can add.

Yours faithfully,
 Walter H. Pilliet

It is generally remarked
 just now (rightly or wrongly)
 that the time has
 arrived when an aggressive
 & decisive blow might be
 struck at Kooti, as
 he has failed to exhibit
 the practical sympathies of
 either the Kingite, or
 the Otago natives.