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Dear Sir

I was talking to
Le Hira about his agreement
with O'Connor he said O
Connor had promised them
them a plentiful supply of arms
& ammunition if they or he (Le
Hira) would hand ^{Ohinemuri} his lands over
to him Le Hira said that was
the reason that he had given his
consent to his talk & that since
O'Connor had broken his
word we had not given them

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to bring them in I told
 him that were to be brought
 kindly & gently back & that
 nothing was to be taken from
 them, to this he agreed
 I was told by Te Kapa
 yesterday that when Te Kira
 was at Tautakau he sent for
 Te Kapa & Te Kapa told Te Kira
 that he had been offered
 1000 £ by the diggers if he would
 open Wairiki which he declined
 Te Kira said nothing then but
 when he returned to Ohinemuri
 he (Te Kira) told some of his friends
 that if Te Kapa had have given
 him the 1000 £, he would have
 cleared out or left Ohinemuri
 with his family & would have
 gone to the country
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