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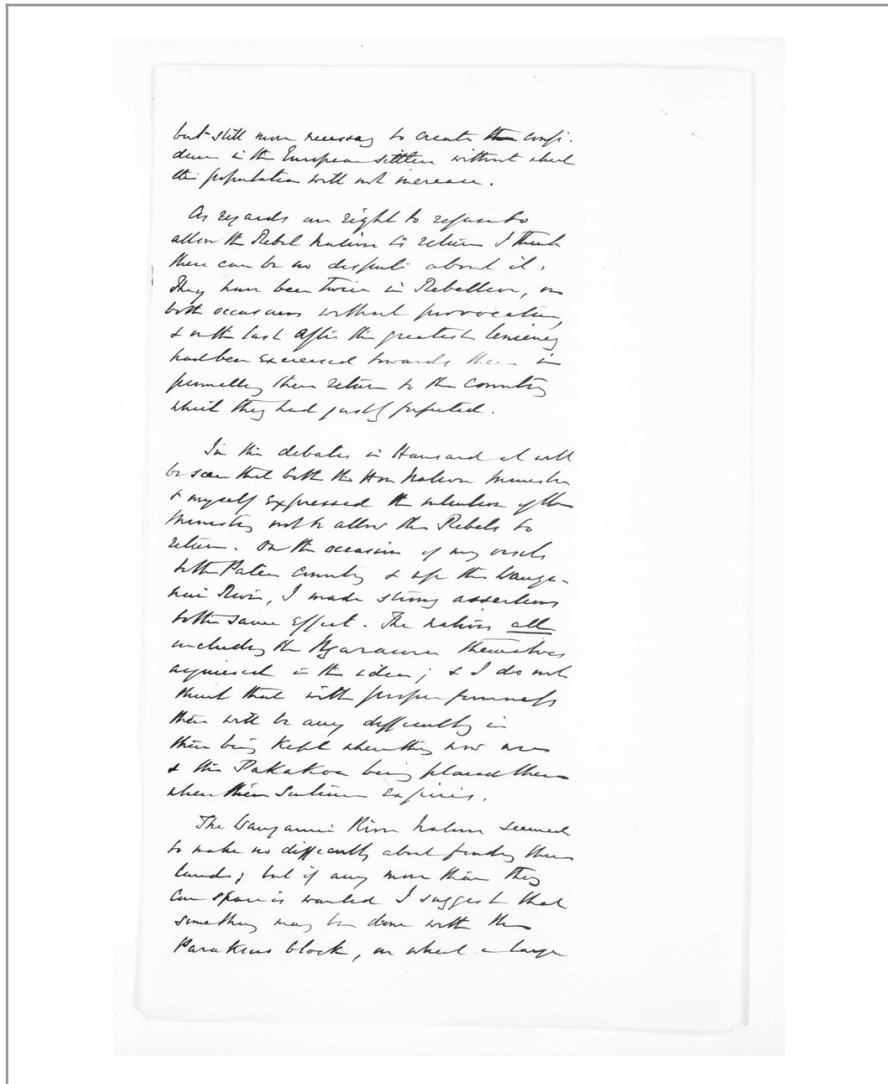
Nearly all the Pakator & Ngarama natives are mixed up in the late disturbances on the West Coast. Of the former the bulk are at Dunedin - a few at Otago & other places beyond Waikato. The Ngarama are chiefly at the Waikato and in charge of the Māori natives who have gone from their lands to cultivate & are I believe quite willing that they should remain there permanently. They are also willing to let the Pakator know they are released.

A few of the Ngarama were out in the rebellion - for instance Haki Peko & his relations. They have been at Pukaki and are there still where they are - besides their to be seen. Their number is I believe very small.

I think that one of the main inducements to Tekeonore to attack on settlements was the fact of their tribes being resident within one frontier & understood with the settlement of the Pāhā & Waikato. But further I do not believe he would have done it. I think it would be a very great mistake again to place those settlements in the same position. Any fair means should be used to prevent those tribes from returning. I consider this essential not only to the actual safety of the districts while the population continues sparse,

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depend has been paid & which they regard  
 as being for the land. There are I think  
 6000 or 7000 acres admirably adapted  
 for a native settlement.

The Waikanae River natives seem to  
 to recognize our right to all the land between  
 the river & the mountains - but Tuhama  
 Turoa doubts that he & other people had  
 interests in it, even as far as Waikanae  
 and probably the Waikanae natives  
 generally have more or less of such interests.  
 I think there would be no difficulty  
 (they recognize our general right by  
 conquest) in inducing the owners of  
 such interests as Tuhama, ( & even  
 the Ngarauna tribe if necessary ) to  
 sell their interests to us. ~~They would~~  
~~not be much for the price offered.~~ The  
 few families such as Pao's in might  
 also be induced to do the same. If this  
 would not their number is insignificant,  
 & by a little management the settlers would  
 soon become reconciled to their presence.

Connected with this part of the  
 subject is the question of the land  
~~which~~ ~~would~~ ~~be~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~sea.~~ The necessity  
 for this suggested itself to Tuhama  
 & others on the occasion when Capt. Hill,  
 once, purchased the Waikanae country  
 & shot a native. Tuhama pointed  
 out to me that the Upper Waikanae  
 & the Waikanae at the Kararua  
 are only a short day's walk apart,  
 & that the Waikanae natives are

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in the habit of going ~~to~~ to Kaitotara  
to get a hunt-pipe to show the  
necessity for an Amkate - not for  
any probability of good but only for  
security of both sides. But also and  
could be taken of this to define the  
boundaries of a purchase of the  
district. The Mookarama people  
Pava & proposed an Amkate  
which Mr Borth said was most  
satisfactory for all used - beyond  
the point to which our Expedition  
had gone. He knows the Country &  
can advise.

Refer your note then matters with  
in case of need as read the Report of  
my visit to Raranga & the Mookarama in forgotten.  
You will perhaps desire some hints  
for the benefit of that people. The  
Reports however are scanty & do not  
by any means express the heartiness  
of the Nations & their readiness to  
acquiesce in my proposals.

The Raranga Nations are desirous  
of having a road made from Raranga  
to Mookarama to their Market -  
which would be a help with the  
Dunedin & Freetown road. Borth has  
explored & speaks favorably  
of the route. It would be desirable  
to get the Mookarama Tava to take  
the work in hand. There will be  
ample balance of the £ 30000  
to do it.

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Topoi seems to have behaved  
 exceedingly well, & to have acted  
 with much humility in reference to  
 Kimp, also was I under some illusion  
 to play just fiddle. The more I hear  
 of Topoi's possible relations to the two  
 parties the more desirable it seems to  
 me that he should be made our  
 staunch friend. Would it not be  
 well to make him a Major? Do not  
 give him any lower rank than  
 Kimp. It would probably  
 be well to have him down here  
 during part of the Session. He is  
 very little Europeanized as yet -  
 I rather found of talking about the  
 difference between himself & Kimp  
 in that respect. He should have one  
 of the swords also.

Great satisfaction was expressed  
 & evidently felt when I was at the  
 River at the reconstruction of the  
 two sides of the bridge - the opening  
 of the gate to do. This will be a  
 boon for you to work with. I would  
 suggest letting the upper River people  
 into consultation with the lower  
 whenever practicable.

In any dealings with Reserves or  
 other lands in confiscated blocks, please  
 bear in mind how they have been  
 hatched upon by Grants to Rebels,  
 Grants to Friends, Grants to  
 Builders, Settlers, Reserves to the  
 Secular in the <sup>Land</sup> ~~Defence~~ & ~~Nature~~

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Office, you in no way intelligible  
which when subject to the plan,  
our very little might. I hope that  
Mr Pharoque with the aid of  
Mr Wray & Messrs Wood, will soon  
get to the bottom of the subject to  
enable the Govt not only to see what  
land is at its disposal, but to  
bring it into the market for sale.  
The expenses of settling the Disputed  
& of the official departments mentioned  
in it, must come principally from  
this source.

William Fox

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