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For the Hon<sup>ble</sup> D. M. Lean.

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 Māhara 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 released. 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 people. I believe of the Pukaki & 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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but still more necessary to create the capital  
 down in the European settlement without which  
 the population will not increase.

As regards my right to request  
 allow the Rebel Nation to return I think  
 there can be no dispute about it.  
 They have been twice in Rebellion, on  
 both occasions without provocation,  
 & on the last after the greatest leniency  
 had been exercised towards them in  
 permitting their return to the Country  
 which they had justly forfeited.

In the debate in House and I will  
 be sure that both the Hon. Member  
 & myself expressed the intention of the  
 Ministers not to allow the Rebels to  
 return. On the occasion of my visit  
 to the Puketapu Country & up the Waikato  
 River, I made strong assertions  
 to the same effect. The Rebels, all  
 including the Ngārangūwhānui  
 required in the Eden; & I do not  
 think there will be any difficulty in  
 their being kept obedient now more  
 & the Puketapu being pleased than  
 when their Southern inquiries.

The Waikato King has seemed  
 to make no difficulty about finding them  
 lands; but if any more than this  
 can be done I suggest that  
 something may be done with the  
 Parekū blocks, on which a large

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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 of the land.~~ The  
 few families such as Pao's 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 & from the  
necessity for an anchor - not for  
any probability of good but only for  
security of both sides. But also and  
could be taken of this to define the  
boundary of a purchase of the  
district. The Shekaraman people  
Pava & proposed an anchor  
which Mr Borth said was not  
satisfactory for the work - by and  
the point to which our expedition  
had gone. He knows the country &  
can advise.

Refer your note then matter with  
in case you could send the Report of  
my visit to Raranga & the Aomaraman in forgotten.  
You will perhaps desire some hints  
for the account of that party. 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 Shekaraman 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 Shekaraman 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  
 Soldiers, 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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