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For the Hon^{ble} 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 Oso & other places beyond Waingona. The Ngarama are chiefly at the Waingona and Piri in charge of the Ngarama natives who have from their loyalty to culture & an I believe's faith with that they should remain there permanently. They are also willing to take the Pakator wherever they are released.

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

I think that one of the main inducements to Teikoware to attack on settlements was the fact of their tribes being resident within one frontier & understood with the settlement of the Pukaki & Waikanae. 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.

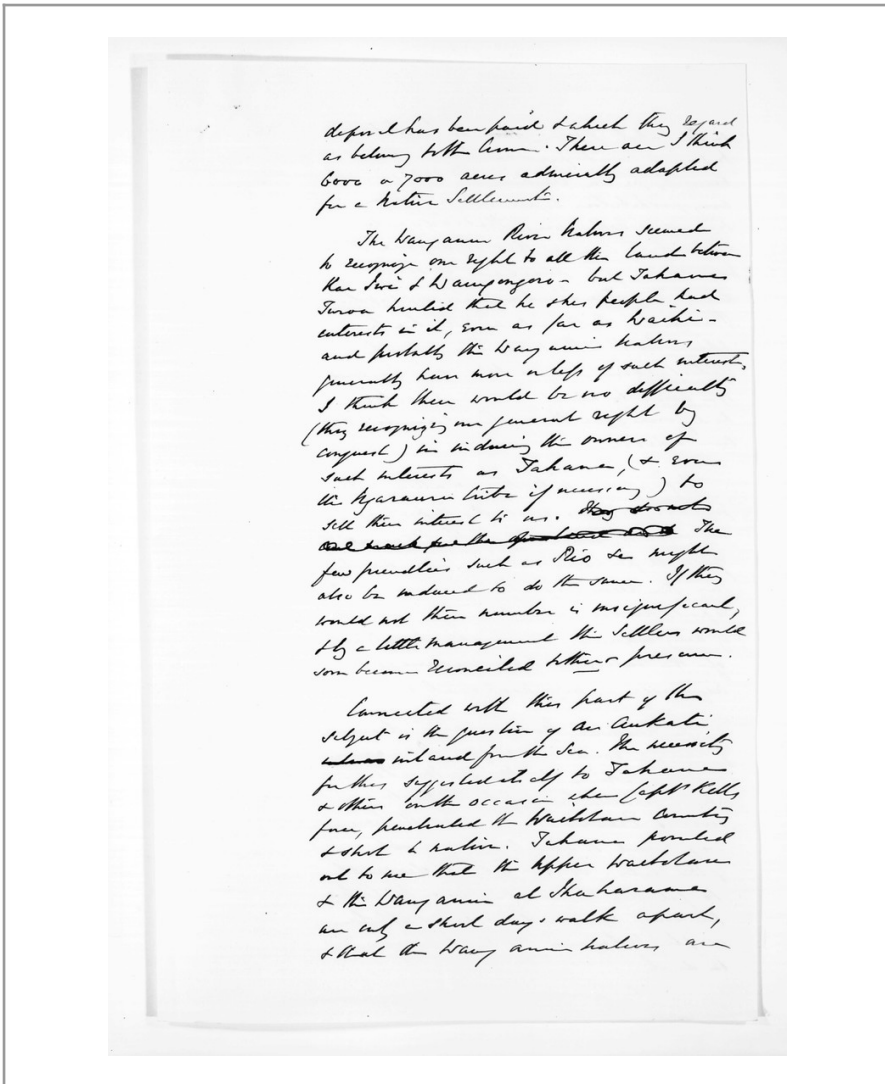
As regards my right to request to
 allow the Rebel Nation to return I think
 there can be no dispute about it.
 They have been twice in Rebellion, on
 both occasions without provocation,
 & on the last after the greatest leniency
 had been exercised towards them in
 permitting their return to the Country
 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
 & the Puketapu being pleased there
 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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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 Booth 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 matters with
in case of need as read the Report of
my visit to Raranga & the Aomarama in forgotten.
You will perhaps desire some hints
for the benefit 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 Shekarama to their Maori -
which would be a bridge with the
Dunedin & Freetown road. Booth has
explored & speaks favorably
of the route. It would be desirable
to get the Shekarama Tawa 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 ridges 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
 when 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 ^{Land} ~~Defence~~ & Native

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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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