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When **William Jenkins** and Thomas Brunner visited Wairau Pa in December 1854 for preliminary discussions regarding the Waipounamu Purchases, they noted:

We went to the pa and found all the Natives present, and were at once informed by them that Rawiri (Puaha) had been there a few months ago, and distinctly told them that he had not sold the reserve in the Wairau nor yet several of the bays in Port Underwood, among which were Otawira (Robin Hood's Bay), and Ngakuta, the old mission station. Rawiri also said to them that he intended to settle at Wairau shortly..." [From Compendium of Official Documents Relating to Native Affairs in the South Island. Alexander Mackay, compiler. Government Printer 1873.]

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23 Dec 1854 **Jenkins** and Brunner arrived at Te Awaiti believing that Atiawa chiefs would be there for the Waipounamu Purchase preliminaries, but were told that the chiefs would meet them at Waikawa in a couple of days. In the meantime, Brunner and **Jenkins** '... stayed at Te Awaiti and spent a "merry Christmas". Abundance of good fare was provided by all hands, and a general welcome was found for both white man and Maori.' Serious discussions began on Boxing Day when Brunner and **Jenkins** encountered considerable opposition from at least one faction led by Whikikau. After hard bargaining, Native Occupation Reserves were established on Arapaoa Island. Those with a seaward boundary to Tory Channel were at Whekenui (617 acres for sixteen original owners), at Ngaruru (518 acres for 38 original owners) and at Te Iro (283 acres for 12 original owners), all Atiawa...

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In early January 1855, after three days of vigorous exchanges at Oamaru between Brunner and **Jenkins** and Atiawa chiefs, it was eventually agreed that three Occupation Reserves would be established along this shore of Arapaoa Island - at Oamaru, Mokopeke and Tapapakereru...

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Brunner and **Jenkins** clarified locations for many Native Reserves in Totaranui, although McLean was eventually forced to agree to larger reserves than he intended in order to prevent Atiawa from returning to Taranaki...