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1840 Aug 29 Enclosure No.2 (p57-59)

We the undersigned Natives of Pah Taranake do agree to assign and yield up to Willoughby Shortland Esquire Colonial Secretary on the part of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, all our rights title and interest in certain lands situate in a Bay in the Harbour of Port Nicholson New Zealand, on which a Town has been laid out by the New Zealand Land Company. And I Willoughby Shortland Esquire do promise and agree that the dispute as to the alleged purchase of their Lands by the afore named Company, shall be submitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of New Zealand and that if such lands shall not have been fairly and equitably purchased that a fair and reasonable compensation shall be paid to them for the same. In witness whereof I the said Willoughby Shortland have hereunto set my hand and seal 29 August 1840 and witnessed by Thomas Paton.

The Agreement entered into between Willoughby Shortland and the Natives of Taranake was fully explained and understood and in our presence was signed by the natives whose names are affixed hereto – signed H. D. Smart JP, Henry Cole, Chief Constable and Richard Barrett acting as Interpreter – signed Ngaponga, Teawitu, Parai, Paipe, Poniké, Rarauke, Tewata, Pukahu, Tangihaere, Terangaiwaho, Ohiro, Taku, TeKiwau, Tetapi, Tuware.

1844 Jan 15 Consecutive Orders of Choice pertaining to unsold Rural Sections at Nelson (p15-16) - Nos 2, 15, 14, 28, 51, 65, 67, 70, 84, 104, 111, 113, 117, 127, 129, 135, 149, 150, 171, 186, 213, 216, 225, 228, 236, 257, 263, 280, 304, 315, 334, 341, 348, 359, 361, 373, 377, 380, 389, 399, 405, 407, 415, 427, 443, 455, 457, 489, 521, 530, 531, 547, 563, 574, 591, 592, 599, 600, 617, 633, 634, 640, 646, 662, 665, 669, 690, 713, 729, 734, 742, 749, 761, 762, 770, 791, 828, 836, 838, 856, 865, 867, 882, 891, 904, 928, 934, 935, 992, 997, 1015, 1031, 1032, 1048, 1069, 1080 Total 96 – alienated 4

1844 Jan 15 Allotments reserved for sale in the Colony (p17-18)

16, 20, 27, 29, 33, 37, 42, 57, 73, 74, 75, 89, 90, 95, 97, 108, 118, 122, 138, 142, 158, 165, 170, 177, 179, 180, 191, 193, 196, 202, 212, 234, 237, 238, 252, 259, 261, 262, 270, 273, 278, 279, 290, 300, 306, 307, 310, 311, 314, 333, 346, 349, 353, 358, 360, 363, 371, 379, 384, 395, 396, 401, 402, 406, 410, 411, 412, 429, 430, 440, 446, 447, 461, 464, 471, 482, 484, 485, 492, 495, 500, 501, 504, 511, 525, 527, 533, 545, 551, 552, 557, 559, 566, 568, 575, 578, 582, 584, 585, 586, 596, 597, 598, 613, 622, 627, 638, 643, 647, 651, 666, 670, 679, 681, 686, 687, 697, 698, 704, 710, 712, 714, 718, 720, 722, 728, 733, 735, 737, 739, 744, 767, 771, 781, 784, 790, 793, 795, 797, 805, 811, 821, 825, 826, 839, 840, 848, 869, 874, 875, 876, 879, 880, 883, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 896, 899, 908, 909, 913, 914, 923, 924, 939, 944, 962, 978, 981, 984, 985, 1002, 1014, 1018, 1027, 1030, 1038, 1040, 1055, 1065, 1066, 1070, 1075, 1076, 1079, 1081, 1089, 1093, 1100

Total 192 – sold in the colony 8

1844 Jan 22 John N. Beit, Nelson NZ Company's agent for the Natives of Germany and partner of the firm John Beit & Sons (p1-10, 19-28)

1844 Jan 25 T. C. Harrington (p29-32)

1844 Jan 29 Minutes of the Conference held at Major Richmond's – present His Excellency the Governor, Colonel Wakefield, Commissioner Spain, Major Richmond, Messrs Hamilton, Clarke, Forsaith – Dr Evans later called (p40-56)

1844 Feb 3 Rauparaha and Rangiaiaata – translation of letter by Thomas Forsaith

1844 Feb 5 Rauparaha and Rangiahaeata, Pehuere – letter in Maori (p92)

1844 Feb 7 George Clarke Jnr, Protector of Aborigines, Wellington to William Wakefield (p61-2)
 Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 31st ultimo accompanied by a plan and statement shewing the amount of Surveyed Land within the limits of the New Zealand Company's first purchase. The uncertainty which exists as to the precise situation of the eastern and western boundaries, and a desire not to embarrass the negotiation by including within these limits any land to which the Natives of Porirua may lay claim induced me to make the subsequent proposition which I have personally communicated to you and which I have not the honor to put on record viz: that under the present negotiation the New Zealand Company shall compensate the Natives who lay claim to the Districts specified in the enclosed schedule excepting Native Reserves, Pahs, Cultivations and Burial Grounds. The amount which I have decided upon as necessary to compensate the unsatisfied Native Claimants and which I beg to submit to your consideration is £1500.

Schedule referred to in the accompanying letter shewing the probable extent of land for which it is proposed to compensate the Native Claimants. (p63)

District	No of Sections surveyed on Plan	No of Sections chosen on Plan	No of Sections left unchosen	No of Sections reserved	No of Native Reserves	No of Native Reserves reserved
Watts Peninsula	18	18				
Evans Bay	6	6				
Town District	9	9			2	
Ohiro	18	18			4	
Karore	25	25				
Kaiwarawara	9	9				
Kaiwarawara Upper	7	7				
Terawiti	5	5		3		
Oterongo				6		
Ohaua				9		
Makara	40	40			4	
Otaria	71	67	4	15	5	2
Kinapora	26	26			3	
Harbour	67	28	39		3	
Horokiwi Road	34	20	14		1	
Lower Hutt	80	80		3	8	
Upper Hutt	100	63	37	6		
Lowry Bay	9	6	3	3	2	
Pakuratahi &c				50		
Wainuiomata &c				50		
Block reserved for Natives Kaiwara					5	
Total No of Sections	524	427	97	145	37	2
Total No of Acres	52400	42700	9700	14500	3700	200
Sown in Acres	990	990			110	
Totals	53390	43690	9700	14500	3810	200

1844 Feb 8 William Wakefield to George Clarke Jnr (p64-65)

Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date in reply to mine of the 31st ultimo enclosing a Schedule of Land for which it is proposed to compensate the Native Claimants exclusively of the Native Reserves, Pahs, Cultivations and Burial Grounds contained therein. At the same time you propose to my consideration the sum of £1500 as necessary to compensate the unsatisfied native claimants in the District referred to in the Schedule. Being in entire ignorance whether or not Mr Commissioner Spain has reported that any portion of the above mentioned lands have been alienated by the Natives I am not in a condition to form an estimate of the further payment reasonably due to them by the New Zealand Company but being desirous to enable you to satisfy all the Native Claimants to these lands and to avoid the delay of a reference to the Commissioner I am at once prepared to provide the sum you have named (£1500) as necessary for the purpose.

Schedule shewing the proportions of the £1500 actually paid, and in some instances offered to be paid and refused by Mr Clarke to the different Tribes or Families in the Port Nicholson District. (p67-68)

Names of the Pahs	Number of Natives	Sums Proposed	Sums Paid
Te Aro	150	£300	£300
Kumutoto	30	£200	£200
Pipitea	150	£200	£200
Tiakiwai	30	£30	£30
Pakuae	12	£10	£10
Kaiwarawara	100	£40	£40
Ngauranga	30	£30	
Petoni	100	£30	
Kaiwatu [sic] (Waiwetu)	50	£100	£100
Waiariki	20	£20	£20
Oteronga	20	£20	£20
Ohaua	20	£20	£20
Teikamaru	10	£10	£10
Rauparaha, Rangiaiaata & Natives of the Hutt	200	£300	
Totals	1122	£1310	£950

1844 Feb 9 T. C. Harrington, Secretary, New Zealand House, Broad Street Buildings (p33)

Sir, I am directed to inform you, that in compliance with the wishes of a member of the New Edinburgh Colonists, whose engagements do not expire until after Whitsunday next, the Directors of the New Zealand Company have agreed to postpone the sailing of the expedition until after that period, and I am further instructed to acquaint you that the Directors have resolved that the Ballot for priority of Choice shall not take place until Tuesday, the 23rd day of April next. In a few days I shall communicate to you more particularly the details connected with the above.

The above letter was sent to the following parties: Alexander Buchanan, Rev L. H. St George, Robert Rattray, J. S. Ranken, Joseph Gillam, William Williamson, W. G. & J. Rawson, F. Schultze, John Lumsdane, John Allan, Forbes Falconer, James Ross, Samuel L. Bensusan, John Gemmell, Gilbert Burns, William Young, Matthew Wingrave, W. H. Burnand, John Shaw, Robert Benson, George Jones, George Rennie, William W. Cargill.

1844 Feb 14 Extract from the minutes of the Committee of Management of the New Zealand Company (p34)

1844 Feb 29 Clarke – Friends, Rauparaha and Rangihæta, I have received your letter concerning my work of paying for the land. It is quite right Friends that I have given the payment to the Natives of Port Nicholson, and Rauparaha remember well my words that you heard from me part of the payment for Port Nicholson I shall give to you and part to the Natives here. I will not forget that promise let not your hearts be dark. I shall continue to think of you and do you listen to Pomare he will tell you particulars.

1844 Mar 1 William Spain to Robert Fitzroy (p88-90) re meeting with Te Rauparaha

1844 Mar 1 Letter William Spain to Rauparaha in Maori (p94) followed by translation (p95)

1844 Mar 7 Extract from the minutes of the Committee of Management of the New Zealand Company (p36)

1844 Mar 8 Account of Court held before Commissioner Spain this day (p96-107) – present: George Clarke Jnr, Mr Forsaith, Baron Alsdorf, Messrs Hewlings, David Scott, William Rea and other Europeans, Rauparaha, Rangiaiaata, Puaha and about 200 Natives.

1844 Mar 15 Thomas S. Forsaith to Robert Fitz Roy (p78-87)

On Friday the 15th of March 1844 Mr Commissioner Spain accompanied by the Principal Agent of the Company, Mr Protector Clarke and Forsaith, set out for Ngauranga, Petoni, and Waiwetu, for the purpose of paying over to the Natives of these respective places the amount of compensation that had been awarded to them. The Commissioners having the day before dispatched Mr Clarke to arrange the preliminaries, and obviate as far as possible any difficulties that might arise. On arriving at Ngauranga the Natives declined entering into any negotiations on this subject, stating that their own interests were combined with those of E. Puni, at Petoni, according to whose decision they should act. Mr Spain, through Mr Forsaith, requested them to accompany him to Petoni, which they readily agreed to do.

On arriving at Petoni, where a considerable number of Natives were assembled, Mr Spain commenced the business by informing Epuni that he had come to pay him the sum of £30, which Mr Clarke had set apart for him, that he was not to consider it as a payment for his land it having been proved by his own evidence in Mr Spain's Court, that he had before sold his land and received payment, with which he was satisfied, from Colonel Wakefield but that Mr Clarke whose particular province it was to settle the proportions of payment that each Tribe or family was to receive, not wishing to forget him and his people, had decided that he should receive the present sum, not as a further payment for the land, but as a present, he being unwilling to excite any unpleasant feeling by excluding him entirely from a participation in the compensation that had been decided upon for the Port Nicholson District. Mr Clarke there displayed the money before the Natives assembled.

Epuni replied with great calmness I shall not accept your payment. I do not want it. I never asked for a second payment for the land. I have already sold it and received payment, and I could not think of taking a sum so small, as it would not be at all adequate to our numbers if divided. If I were to take it, it would only lead to quarrels amongst ourselves. As you have determined to make a second payment for the land, why do you make it so unequal. You gave the Natives of Pipitea and Kumutoto £200 each. Why did you give so large a payment to the Pipitea Claimants. I have equal right with them. If you had decided to give a very small sum I should have been perfectly satisfied, provided we all received the same but I will never consent to receive a sum so disproportionate to that paid to others.

Mr Spain, through Mr Forsaith, again urged upon him the fact that he was not entitled to receive anything; that by his own acknowledgement he had been paid for his land; that this sum was to be received entirely as a mark of favour and good will but that if he was determined to reject it, he should not force it upon his acceptance, but requested him particularly to understand that the land would be awarded to the Europeans whether he accepted the present offer or not.

Epuni replied I know I have sold the land. I never asked you for a second payment and I will not accept of any sum less than that given to others whose claim is no better than my own. Colonel Wakefield then addressed E Puni, and said he wished him to take it as a token of his respect and friendship. "You know I have always been your friend, and you have always behaved with the greatest propriety towards me, and I shall be sorry if you reject the sum now offered to you."

Epuni replied I know you have always been my friend, and I have always liked you very well and when I want any Tobacco, or other presents I will come to you for it. Colonel Wakefield said "Have I ever denied you any of your reasonable requests." Epuni replied "No." Colonel Wakefield then answered "Therefore I wish you to take the sum now offered. I advise you as a friend to do so." Epuni said "I do not wish to grieve any of you but I will not take your money."

Many arguments were used by Messrs Spain, Clarke and Forsaith but Epuni still firmly, but respectfully, declined taking any less sum than that given to other Natives. Mr Spain said "Well if you are so determined I must bid you farewell and the money will be paid into the Bank until the Government has determined how it shall be expended for your advantage.

Mr Commissioner Spain and the Gentlemen accompanying him then took their leave and proceeded to Waiwetu. Arrived at Waiwetu Mr Clarke asked the Natives their determination respecting the offers he had made them on the preceding day, saying that in accordance with their own request he had now brought the money that they might see it. He then displayed the money before them. For some time they remained silent, until an elderly man in a very animated speech rejected the offer, urging as a reason why they had a right to expect a much larger sum, the fact of their not having received anything from Colonel Wakefield. Several others followed on the same strain.

Wiremu Kingi, the principal young Chief of the place then spoke. He said the sum was too small, they could not accept it. He wished to know whether any Reserves would be made for them, saying that the Reserves allotted them by the Company were wholly unfit for their use being Swampy or covered with water, he wished to know whether these Reserves would be changed. Mr Spain replied certainly if on examination it is found that these Reserves are ineligible for your use, others will be substituted for them in another place, but where, I cannot say – it will be specially provided for by the Government that you have a sufficiency of land to cultivate your food.

Several of the Women then joined in crying out against the sum offered, and with great earnestness advised them not to take it, unless the sums which had been allotted to the Natives of Ngauranga and Petoni and which had been refused by them respectively were added to the amount. This proposition was eagerly seconded by the rest who cried out "Give it us all give it us all and we will be satisfied."

Mr Clarke rose and addressed them. He reminded them of the length of time he had been striving to obtain justice for them that he had done so and now offered them a fair and equitable compensation, and that the amount now offered would not be increased, though they should continue to strive about it. That he should not return to them again, or make any further offer, but tell the Europeans that he had done all that justice demanded, and that they might now take their lands.

This had no effect in stopping their demands for more money, and one old man seized one of the Bags and was conveying it away to his house, but was brought back and made to return it by Mr Spain.

Mr Spain then said through Mr Forsaith "I shall now leave you; but before I do so I will make you my final offer. The sum now offered will not be increased, it has been decided by Mr Clarke, who was specially appointed to this duty, and approved by the Governor. I as your friend advise you to take it, if you refuse I shall offer you nothing further, but award the land to the Europeans, and hand the money over to the Government, to be laid out for your benefit. I wish you to remember what you formerly said, that you would leave the question of compensation for your lands entirely with me, and abide by my decision. I am very much surprised at your present conduct, contrary to your former professions. I shall now bid you farewell.

On preparing to leave, Wiremu Kingi requested us not to be in haste, that if they would be sure of having certain lands reserved which he named they would take the payment. Some conversation was then held on the question of these Reserves the Natives anxious to obtain a definite promise that these Lands which they named should be reserved. They were informed that this could not be, the Lands in question had been sold to Europeans but the Commissioner assured them that the Surveyor should mark out a sufficient quantity of eligible land for them; but he could not at present say precisely where. One Native advised the refusal of the money unless the promise of these Reserves was conceded, but all the others decided on taking the money, and begged Mr Spain not to mind what he said. The Deed was then produced, read, and the usual questions put by the Commissioner to the Protector, after which it was signed, and the money delivered over to them.

The Meeting then broke up and the Commissioner in company with the Gentlemen who attended him, with the exception of Mr Clarke, who remained to divide the money, and prevent quarrelling, returned to Wellington.

1844 Mar 17 Commissioner Spain to George Clarke Jnr

1844 Mar 21 Thomas Forsaith to Robert Fitzroy (p108-120)

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with Mr Commissioner Spain's instructions I accompanied him to the "Hutt" to ascertain the truth of the report that Taringa Kuri and his people were cutting a line to define the limits of what they considered to be the Company's purchase, differing materially from that defined by Mr Clarke, in his arrangements with the principal Agent of the Company for compensating the Claimants of the Port Nicholson District, and at the request of Mr Spain, who was obliged to leave Wellington this morning early for Otaki, on duty, I beg leave to report the result of our visit.

On our arrival we found that the Natives had commenced at a short distance beyond the residence of Mr Swainson, cutting a line on the north eastern bank of the River, some thirty or forty yards broad, and extending nearly a mile in length. We proceeded down the line until we came upon the party still at work. On enquiring for Taringa Kuri we were informed that he had returned to his residence, we accordingly retraced our steps and followed him to the Pah, accompanied by several of the Natives who were exceedingly anxious to ascertain the object of our visit. One of them in particular a person apparently of some authority, but whose name I could not ascertain assuming a very unwarrantable and disrespectful tone said "If you are come to make any remarks about our cutting this line you may as well return at once, for we will listen to nothing you have got to say on that subject.

We have quite made up our minds on the course we intend to pursue nor will we be deterred from it by you, by the Governor, or by the Queen herself. I replied that he was offering us a very gratuitous insult, that our object was to see Taringakuri, the Chief of the party, that as he without reason spoke so disrespectfully of the Governor, Mr Spain and myself I should decline holding any further conversation with him.

We proceeded to the Pah, where we found Taringakuri and a few of the Natives, who on hearing of our arrival had returned from their work. Mr Spain requested me to ask Taringakuri what was the object of their present undertaking. He replied "I am cutting a line according to the directions of Rauparaha, to divide between the lands of the Europeans, and our own." Mr Spain answered "But you know this is very wrong, this is not the line agreed upon by Mr Clark, and explained by him to Rauparaha, at Waikanai, and I am very grieved you should act in this way, and plainly proves you are not peaceably inclined, it is very wrong and will not be allowed. Taringakuri replied "Tis we are peaceably inclined, it is you who are not peaceably disposed towards us. You heard at Porirua as well as I, that Rauparaha and Rangihaeata would not agree to those boundaries, and all I have to say is that if you are determined to insist upon those boundaries you had better return to the Land of your birth. Why do you follow us from place to place to take away our land? Mr Spain said "Taringakuri, you know that you are speaking untruth. We do not want to take away your Land. This Land is not yours, you have often told me that you had no claim to it, that you were sent by Rauparaha, to hold possession until his claim was satisfied. This Land has been already sold and I have a Deed in my office bearing Rauparaha's own signature, acknowledging the receipt of some payment, but as I have been deputed by the Queen to investigate these purchases I have decided that Rauparaha shall receive an additional payment in compensation."

The payment which is just and liberal has been offered but refused. I have therefore done all in my power to bring your disputes with the Europeans to an end, but if you will act in defiance of the advice of all your friends, you must abide by the consequences, but be assured that the boundary line you are now cutting will not be sanctioned by the Governor; and I now request that you will desist, and carry the line no further, at least until you hear from me again. I am writing a letter to Rauparaha and upon receiving the answer, I will see you again, till then I request you will discontinue cutting this boundary.

Taringakuri replied "No, I shall not discontinue my work, when I have finished on this side the River, I shall cross over and carry it on till it meets Hiko's boundary." I said "But you are aware there are several peaceable families residing above the line you are cutting." Taringakuri answered "Yes, I am aware of it. I do not intend to disturb them at present." When the boundary is finished, I shall remove them to this side of it." I answered "I am very much afraid that your heart is not at all inclined to put an end to this long existing dispute. You have now an opportunity of doing so without compromising your own interests, or surrendering any of your just rights. An equitable and liberal payment has been offered to you for land which by your own confession is not your own "Kainga Tapu" and to which you have no individual right. Let me then as your friend advise you not to proceed in your present course, and by all means to refrain from molesting the Europeans, or depend upon it you will get into trouble.

The man who had before spoken so rudely to us here got up and motioned us away, saying "Get you home, we will not listen to you." Taringakuri requested him to be silent, and continued "you are all alike, you only want to get possession of our Lands. You are not our friends. You, Mr Spain were one of the first to go on board the *Victoria*, and seek vengeance for the fight at Waimau, and you Mr Forsaith did not punish Harvey the man who charged an innocent native with an attempt to commit a criminal assault upon his wife, besides biting, kicking and setting his dog upon him."

Mr Spain said "Taringakuri you are falsely accusing me, and misrepresenting my motives. You know that my object in going on board the *Victoria* was peaceable, did I not go unarmed and alone amongst the Natives with my Interpreter, to investigate that sad affair; did I not take charge of one of the wounded men, and bring him over to Wellington that he might receive Surgical aid. You know that you are uttering wicked falsehoods in thus accusing me.

I then said "You are also doing me great injustice you know that I took every pains in establishing the innocence of the accused man; and after he was acquitted. I told you to meet me the next morning in order to lodge a complaint with the Magistrate against Harvey for his brutal conduct towards Tohi. I went to the police office and waited in vain for your appearance, and returning I met some of your party, who told me you had not come into Town. I then requested them to tell you that I had been waiting for you, and that having other business, I was compelled to return home. I directed them to bring the complainant into Town, as quickly as possible, and on his arrival to let me know, telling them where I lived, and that I would immediately leave my other business and go with him to the Magistrate, but you never sent for me, and on making inquiry I afterwards found that you had shaken hands with and forgiven Harvey."

What grounds therefore have you for charging me or Mr Spain with being your Enemies? What interest have we in the Lands of this District? Have we any estates here that might induce us from self interest to be partial in our proceedings? You know we have not. Mr Spain has always been your friend, and I came here expressly for the purpose of trying all in my power to establish a good understanding between you and the Europeans.

The Natives of the North part of the Island have known me many years, and I never was treated with such incivility before. I am not angry, but grieved, because I see you do not know your real friends."

Mr Spain said "I must now go. It is useless for me to stay any longer, as you not only refuse to listen to my advice, but impugn my motives, but pray pay attention to my parting assurance, that the line you are now cutting will not be acknowledged by the Governor."

Taringakuri said "Do not go yet, I am wrong to accuse you and Mr Forsaith, but we are peaceably inclined. We shall cut the boundary, commencing as Rauparaha requested, at Rotokakahi. You heard him insist on that as the boundary as well as myself. If we quarrel it will be your fault and as you are now going I will accompany you to point out the precise spot which Rauparaha named and you will see that I am cutting the line considerably this side of the spot he mentioned.

Mr Spain said "Do not imagine that we are seeking cause of quarrel, you are doing so by rejecting and treating with contempt the just and liberal terms offered you by Government and once more I beg of you to desist and warn you against the consequences, which will ensue if you persist in your present line of conduct. You have always proved my words to be true and I now tell you, you are doing very wrong, and rendering yourself liable to be punished, and if you persist you will get into trouble.

Taringakuri replied "You have heard our determination and I will abide by it, whatever be the consequences; as to the Governor I have nothing to say to him, nor do I wish to hear anything about him."

We then returned accompanied by Taringakuri, who pointed out a Creek which he said was Rotokakahi, the Boundary fixed by Rauparaha, calling our attention specially to the fact, that he had kept his line some distance within this point."

Finding him determinately opposed to all we could say, but thinking he might be more likely to listen to advice if away from the influence of those about him, we requested him at parting to come into Town, and converse with us again on the subject at Mr Spain's office. To this proposal he did not object although I do not anticipate seeing him here.

1844 Apr 2 Extract from the minutes of the Committee of Management of the New Zealand Company (p37)

1844 Apr 8 Robert Thomas C. Yates, Commissioner of Land Claims Office, Wellington to George Clarke Jnr – Sir, I am directed by the Commissioner to remind you that at the Meeting on the 15th ultimo with the Natives of the Pa Waiwetu, promises were made to them, on their receiving the amount of compensation awarded them, that certain Reserves of Land for their use and benefit should be set apart, and pointed out to them by a Surveyor. The Commissioner, therefore, thinks it highly desirable that you should lose no time in seeing Mr Brees, the Company's Principal Surveyor, on this subject, with a view to satisfying yourself as to the capabilities of the Reserves to be thus allotted to the Natives of Waiwetu; and at the same time that you should make arrangements with that Gentleman for accompanying him, or any Surveyor he may appoint to the Waiwetu for the purpose of pointing out yourself to the Natives of that place, the portions of land reserved for their use and occupation, which would prevent the occurrence of doubts or disputes in future.

1844 Apr 15 Commissioner Spain to George Clarke Jnr (p72-73) – Sir, Not having seen or heard from you for eleven days, although of course hourly expecting to do so, I will thank you to report to me what arrangements you have made, or are likely to accomplish with the following Pah's or places in this District viz Ngauranga, Petone, Ohariu, Rauparaha, Rangihaeata and the Natives of the Hutt. It is my present intention to start for Manawatu, Wanganui and Taranaki on Thursday next, and I have to request you will inform me what arrangements you have made with Colonel Wakefield for paying the unsatisfied claims in those Districts, and how you propose taking with the money necessary for that purpose. Requesting your prompt attention hereto.

1844 Apr 15 George Clarke Jnr to Commissioner Spain (p73-75)... I have the honor to inform you that I visited the Natives of the two former places last week, but received no further communication from them relative to the subject of compensation. I have obtained no reply to a letter addressed to the absent claimants of the Ohariu District by Taringa Kuri and myself immediately after we had completed our negotiations with the Natives of Kaiwarawara. With reference to the Hutt I have to express my regret that I have observed no alteration in the views entertained by Rauparaha and Rangihaeata when we left them at Porirua. I am therefore unable to hold out any immediate prospect of satisfactorily completing arrangements for that district...

1844 Apr 16 Commissioner Spain to George Clarke Jnr (p75-77)... From reports that have reached me of the favourable change that has taken place in the opinions of Te Rauparaha and Rangihaeata, as to the settlement of the Hutt question, I should strongly recommend you to take the £300 already offered to them, as I think it more than probable they will consent to accept that sum. For convenience take this money had better be carried in Bank Notes; and the Natives can be told if they prefer silver, they can change the notes for it at Port Nicholson...