

Journal of Daily Events – Native Department Auckland

From Monday 28th July to Saturday 2nd August 1856
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Monday, 28th July

Taraia applied for an advance of one half year's pension, which has been paid to him - £12.
Various Native cases referred to the Office for advice.
Sent report from Mr Halse (Taranaki) to His Excellency.

Tuesday, 29th July

Sent copy of last week's Journal to His Excellency.
General Office work. No Natives of any importance visited the Office this day.
Mr McLean absent.
Letters received:
Wiremu te Mamangi – as to restitution of his property seized by Ngatitamatera
Te Warene Kiwi – as to Mill at Whaingaroa
T. Russell, Solicitor – urging final determination in re W. Marsh
Resident Magistrate, Whangarei – as to native aggressions at that place
Taitua and others – acknowledging allegiance to the Governor
Rapana te Waka – same effect
Watene Raumati – the like
Te Ao – suggesting the appointment of himself as Native Advocate

Wednesday, July 30th

Te Puru's case – Attending this Maori who urged a claim against the Government for £20 under the following circumstances. Nine years ago he gave a Gunsmith two guns for repair. Before they were returned the Gunsmith was distrained upon and these guns taken. The Native urged that as his guns were wrongfully taken by the Magistrates (by "Magistrates" he would mean "the Authorities") for another man's debts, the Magistrates should recompense him. Told him there was no remedy: that the European had left the country. He was much dissatisfied, and said he could not understand such laws.

W. Marsh – Attending Mr Russell, settling his business, receiving transfer of mortgage security.

Mem: Deposited the deeds in the iron safe of the Colonial Secretary's Office for safety.
Upokotarewa and others v. Lndon – Attending plaintiffs, who complained of delay in the payment: explained that the defendant had promised to pay, but had no ready money. They are impatient; and said they would call again in six weeks.

Te Mamanga and others – Hemi, one of the Tarewa, some time ago bought a vessel to Auckland for repairs. A European repaired it, and received from them a promise of payment by the next cargo of wheat. Immediately afterwards the powder robbery took place, and Hemi dare not come to town. The vessel has now come up under the charge of Mamangi and others, and the European makes a claim on them for his debt. They say that they can not pay, and also that Hemi (who is in the pa at Manaia) is the person liable.

Mr Davis' journey to Onehunga to procure attendance of Rev Mr Buddle before Native Offenders Bill Committee. Engaged considerable time in getting witness &c for this Committee.

Engaged in the forenoon on a committee on a claim of Mr Chilman's of Taranaki to a piece of five acres of swamp land, occupied by a native of the name of Witana.

Wednesday, July 30th (continued)

Had an interview with some Tauranga or Bay of Plenty natives about some land they wish to sell to the Government. Received a letter and plan of the land from them.

Mr White returned from Waiuku on Monday last; not being able, owing to the weather, to go on with external boundaries of the blocks at Waiuku, the natives being indisposed to work in winter.

General office work.

Report from Mr Halse, Taranaki copied for His Excellency's information; clerks entering old deeds.

Taraia made application for food which was refused.

Thursday, July 31st

The Tauranga natives came back again to enquire when the block of land offered by them yesterday would be purchased. Replied that it was uncertain.

Taraia urged a claim to Taranaki land previously sold to the Government. Informed him that his claim could not be admitted.

Received intelligence of a dispute about cattle trespass at Waipa; which occasioned some bad feeling on the part of the Natives. Europeans leaving the Waipa; the Natives being quite indisposed to sell them any land or encourage their settling there.

Haimona, a chief of the Ngatiwhatua has come to town to see His Excellency. Reports that the Natives are quiet at Kaipara.

General office work.

Wrote to Mr Kemp in reference to dispute at Oruru; sending him copy of Mr Johnson's report.

Friday, 1st August

Received letters from Resident Magistrate at Poverty Bay, in reference to the payment for the Adah. Also a letter asking for £10 disbursements made by him in the shape of presents to Natives.

Received a number of letters from Sir George Grey for Native Chiefs Piri Kawau, the Governor's Interpreter, returned from the Cape of Good Hope.

Very few natives at the Office.

Saturday, 2nd August

Received an application from Taraia for some food, being detained in town by bad weather without anything to eat.

Report from Mr Halse, Taranaki stating that a skirmish took place between the Ngatiruanui, and Arama Karaka's party in which it is stated that 20 of the Ngatiruanui were killed and several wounded; of the Ninia party four killed and six wounded. W. Kingi of Waitara taken prisoner and again released.

[Signed] Donald McLean, C Comr