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Opatiki
February 5th 1874.

My dear Sir,

In accordance with your wishes I beg
leave to forward you the following resume of
Opatiki Affairs.

I have just returned from inspecting
the Native Schools in the Bay of Plenty and Lake
Districts. This I am aware should have been
done in December but the sitting of the Land Court
prevented it. It was my intention to have pro-
ceeded to Ruatāhuna via Mangapohatu
immediately on my return, but I find that the
Ruatāhuna meeting is put off. I am told
that Heremā Te Pūmā and Hētāraka Te Wakaunua
have gone to Napier on your invitation. I
intend to visit Mangapohatu as soon as I hear
Hētāraka is back to endeavour to settle a dispute
between him and Iutikauahau about the order of
Service.

The Honourable Donald McLean

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service - You are aware that Ruika Rapoti arranged for an orderly service at Manungapowhata the money to be paid to Renata Te Pūrewa - Since Renata died the money has been paid by me to Heteraka, at first with the general approval of the natives; the Ngatikusi however now state that Heteraka applies the money to his own purposes and does not pay the orderlies properly and they wish Tutekahu to receive it in future - I think what the Ngatikusi want is for the whole of them who work to act as orderlies in turn - I have just had a visit from Tipikau and Te Whareroa of Manungapowhata (their first visit to Opotiki) - They came as far as Tawharemanuka to an Uhunga for Te Ariari and old chief of the Unuiwa lately dead, and then came on to see me about the orderly question -

I have just received word that the Whanauapanui have nearly finished their contract on the East Coast road - I hope to be able next week to go down with the Public Works officer to the East Cape to see the natives about the extension of the road -

I informed you by telegraph that Mi Kura his wife, Tiopira, Pareka and another had visited Te Kuiti - They did not tell me they

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were going, although Ithira tells me he was
under the impression that they had done so -
I am rejoiced however that Iopira communicated
with Mr. Clarke on the subject - Their avowed
object was to take Mr. Ithira's wife to visit her
relatives -

I regret to have to inform you that the
Stanga a Makiki whom you ordered to return
to Loree have not yet done so -

I beg to tender you my thanks for the
travelling allowance you have been good enough
to grant me in reply to my application and
to remain, Yours very respectfully

Robert W. Mabeau

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