

Opotiki

October 2nd 1875.

My dear Sir,

I write in order that I may not seem remiss in fulfilling your instructions to that effect; there is however but little to bring under your notice at present of matters in this district. Affairs in the Mewera country have been unusually quiet, though at the same time satisfactory. I have received a letter from Herem, in which he states that the tribe have agreed that all questions as to Wai-karemoana lands shall be settled at the Land Court to be held before Judge Poyan at Napier.

I anticipate shortly to have to bring before you further applications from

the Hon.
 Sir Donald McLean
 or
 Wellington.

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this district for schools, as the natives both at Soree and Maracumi are collecting money for that purpose.

It will probably interest you to know that Hori Karaka of the Arawa stationed at Ohuira has been with others very actively canvassing the district in the interest of Brita Hikairo (either now or lately of his Factor's office) who he states is a candidate to represent this (Hauri) district at the general Election.

I have of course been asked by many to give my opinion on the Candidate which I have refrained from doing as well for other reasons as for the one that I do not know him - I expressed to Hori however my disapproval of his mode of canvassing - He urged the Whakatane and others to vote for Brita because the latter he says is in favor of Confiscated lands being given back to the natives - Hori himself not caring for the matter but thinking it an argument likely to weigh with that tribe, which view

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I believe he was right. -

I remain

Yours very respectfully,

Herbert W. Deane

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