

I do not fear much difficulty -  
 therefore as regards her case -  
 The oil spring clause had  
 to be modified - as it stands  
 neither party can work the  
 oil, if divorced, until terms  
 are made - This was the  
 best deal I could do with them.

I am now trying to negotiate  
 with natives who are up here for  
 Savanna etc - but am being  
 incapacitated by illness which  
 the doctor says has been brought  
 on through the venous system  
 being over-taxed - no one knows  
 the way I have had lately at

Opotiki, or the unexpected  
 in which I was offered - I am able  
 to see an official report as soon as I am able,  
 and will write promptly again. Yours,  
 J. W. G. G. G.

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Auckland

3rd June 1874

Dear Sir,

When I returned, after  
 seeing you, to Opotiki I  
 found the natives had changed  
 their minds a little - This  
 was due, I believe, to a  
 European influence that has  
 all along existed to  
 oppose me as an agent of

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I was almost afraid of

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one time that every thing would have gone wrong, and even offered to select only twenty thousand acres, but the natives declined, saying that if they allowed me to pick out the best they would be unable to negotiate the remainder -

They insisted on cutting off two or three miles, from the top of Harrison and Matthews's run, and would not consent unless they bound themselves not to sell to other persons during term of lease - On the second day they

and memoranda of the two agreements, for the two blocks, were drawn and signed in duplicate - The blocks are called Grotu, and Waitokohu onatawai - The agreements are pretty full covering three sides of each written foolscap, and are signed by ten of the twelve parties - one writing me being about at Suranga - the other pretends to be writing - Day pretends, because she has already accepted and given a receipt for £20 of the £50 coming to her on 4th of the lease

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from Pahangamutu, he and they have made some progress - I don't think any of the Arawa will

hurt the King - nor do I think they will help him -

The King's agents have been enlarging here on the amount of money sent by foot to Pahangamutu, and urging the natives in their parts to make themselves felt in order that they may obtain money in like manner

was not aware they had been there -

Some very well informed chiefs of Arawa learnings say that Waikato will fight, and will be beaten -

The King does not appear to and messengers in the same way to the Arawa. That bite are said to be keeping aloof from Waikato -

The King party spare no pains to win the Arawa.