

to combine and attack  
 Rotorua and Tauranga -  
 Rewi is above Maungatapu  
 in the Ngaiterangi country,  
 notwithstanding Te Araroa's  
 report recently forwarded -  
 we really do not know what  
 Rewi is about -

I have not reconquered the  
 redoubt at Rangiriri yet,  
 as I think it would be pre-  
 mature to do so, and I do not  
 agree with me - I do not  
 think a hostile movement  
 possible while Rewi is trying  
 to negotiate with the Maori.

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My dear Dr. Pollen

Mr. Samuel Clarke who is  
 now in Auckland was one of  
 Mr. John's party that went to the  
 Bay. He informs me that the  
 day they left Galatea they saw  
 the track of a native who  
 must have avoided them -  
 but reached the Fort the same  
 day where he told his tale -  
 which story Mr. Clarke obtained  
 from the man when he returned  
 to Galatea from that disastrous  
 journey -

The natives' name is Malene.  
 He is one of the *Chigatomanawa*  
 taken prisoner by Te Kooti at  
 Motimato in March last,  
 and he made his escape from  
 Ahikerem on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Before he absconded  
 he saw a large war party  
 pass through Ahikerem  
 en route to Taupo - It  
 was commanded by a  
 man named Karamana  
 (Cramer) - Malene represented  
 this man as being more of  
 a Raingatea than Te Kooti,  
 and able to furnish <sup>correct</sup> ~~with~~  
 details of the <sup>only</sup> ~~part~~  
 death - Copies are supplied only for  
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There was also a great  
 priest - and leader with them  
 named Hohaia, ~~Thupa~~ -

As Malene did not see  
 Te Kooti with the tana he asked,  
 where he was? and was told  
 they had left Te Kooti at  
 Waitare, but Malene thought  
 they tried to conceal his death.

Malene says he tana went  
 to Taupo under Karamana,  
 without Te Kooti.

He also heard their pro-  
 gramme of proceedings - viz -  
 To stay at Taupo and win  
 over the natives of that place;  
 then to go to the King and win  
 him over, this done they were