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Oct. 17th 1865

Sir

In consequence of the letter written by me to the rebels in the Kohepana Pa two chiefs of some note returned with the messenger (Te Auripo) and after some conversation I sent them back telling them they must immediately surrender and come in to our camp or they would be attacked and either taken prisoner or shot.

I have the honor to be, Sir

etc.

THOS. McDONNELL

To Major Stapp

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Oct. 18th 1865

Sir

On the return of the two Chiefs to the Kchipana they informed the Tribe of what had been said to them as described in my report of the 17th inst and this morning the messenger (Te Auripo) returned with information that the Rebels had started to march for this Camp for the purpose of surrendering themselves I went out to meet them and brought them into Camp where they took the oath of allegiance which I have the honor to enclose.

THOS. McDONNELL M.C.

Et Major Staff

Comdg. Opotiki

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Opotiki Oct 18th 1865

Sir

Having heard that there were several men in the Kohipana who had not taken the oath of allegiance I proceeded there this evening taking twenty Rank and File of the N.C. and found the information correct there were not less than 200 men women & children in the Pa and I was welcomed by them in the most friendly manner & obtained a promise from them that they would surrender at once.

The two pas are very strong deeply Rifle pitted and strongly palisaded and could not have been taken without heavy loss of life there were several wounded men in the pa hit in the action of the 11th Sept they acknowledge to heavy loss on that day.

(Sgd) THOS. McDONNELL

Major F.C.

To Major Stapp

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