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Pahia. July 15. 1847.

My Dear Sirs,

I wrote last on the 1st instant, forwarding to you the Reports, Returns, and Accounts of the N.D. and returns of Bills drawn on you.

We much regret not having heard from you by these late arrivals - your last communication received was September 30/46, particularly as the despatch of Earl Grey has been received - the fearful consequences of which are indeed alarming. Every secrecy is observed by the Local Government upon the subject, and the Settlers are afraid to speak a word lest the indignation of the Natives should break forth upon them. The proceedings at the South are truly distressing - Every inducement is held out to set the Natives in opposition to each other, the friendly natives hitherto having accomplished everything which has been done in a military point of view in opposition to the disaffected Chiefs - as will be seen by the newspapers - in severing the bush and apprehending what prisoners have been taken with the exception of Rauparaha, who was taken by the Troops when asleep and acting as an ally of the Troops. I have endeavoured to ascertain the cause of his apprehension and have been unable to discover it. No reason has been given. I only wonder he is yet alive. He is now released from Prison, though not with his people, having been brought up to Auckland. I am grieved beyond the power of expression at the attempted violation of the Treaty, and must never again plead the honour and integrity of Her Majesty's Government - This appears to be lost or never to have been possessed. Great dishonour is cast upon Her Majesty's name in the sight of the Aborigines of this country, to whom alone they look, as the Treaty was alone made in Her Majesty's name. I have pledged my

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existence to the Chiefs as to the good faith of my Country and the sacredness of the Treaty, and am prepared for consequences. In this day who can be trusted - whose word can be relied upon. I now see the motive of His Excellency in his treatment of the Protectors and the Missionaries, it is small indeed. His conduct towards us has been providentially ordered - all see his desire towards us, by which must be explained to the Natives to our benefit that our views and desires respecting them are opposite. The Bishop has favoured me with the draft of a Petition upon the present question. As it is yet private I am not at liberty to enclose a copy to you with my reply. I am thankful His Lordship appears aware of the danger and of the importance of himself in this cause.

I have this day drawn on you in favour of Mr. Hanley on account of various orders of members of the H.D. a set of Bills for £110, also £8. 7. 6d. in favour of the Protestant Association - cash paid here to the credit of the C.M.S. I shall feel obliged by your paying to Dixon & Company any balance he may have against me, also to Mrs. Heathcote any sum she may require. I shall exercise every care to keep my accounts within bounds, which you will find to be the case - I shall thank you to send me four books of Blank Bills.

And remain,

My Dear Sirs,

Yours very faithfully,

HENRY WILLIAMS.

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