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THE following letter, with its enclosure, from the Resident Magistrate at Wanganui, is published for general information.

FRED. A. WELD.

Resident Magistrate's Court,
 Wanganui, 25th Feb., 1865, 9 P.M.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for the information of the Government, that an important victory has been achieved by our native allies at Jerusalem, over the rebels. Enclosed is a translated copy of a despatch which I have received from the native assessors, and have furnished the Commanding Officer here with a copy of same. Report states that all the pahs were taken, and 25 of the enemy killed and only two wounded on our side; the chief Mamaku escaped, the rest being taken prisoners, viz., Pehi, Pehi's son, Tahana, Hare of Taupo, and Manihera.

I regret to state that John Williams, who I reported yesterday as being badly wounded, died this morning, he is to be buried on Tuesday next, when every attention will be paid out of respect to the deceased. I have further to state that the General has crossed the Patea with 900 men, and is likely to encounter some opposition. A detachment of the 68th, 250 strong, marched to the front this morning under Col. Morant. As there is no opportunity at present by steam I send this by a mounted messenger.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. S. DURIE, R.M.

The Hon. the Attorney General.

[Enclosure.]

Iruharama, February 25, 1865.

TO MAJOR DURIE, TO MR. WATT, TO MR. WATERS, AND TO ALL THE EUROPEAN GENTLEMEN,—

On the 24th of this month, General Mete Kingi gave orders to the soldiers to commence the fight, and the chief Kawana, Paipai, Katene Kuihi, Aperaniko, Toma, and Pama got up and consented to give battle, these were the chiefs that assaulted two pahs, and took them, killing three, viz., Heremia, Heta, and another, name unknown; the chief that was slain was Te Tawhero, son of Topine Te Mamaku.

The 400 all then arose to do battle in the space of one hour and the enemy fled into the bush, the survivors remaining in the large pah which we surrounded. Pehi's wife came out with a white flag, and the firing of the soldiers was ordered to cease, when they made over to us, namely, Pehi, Topia, Tahana. Do you write to the General and convey this intelligence to Colonel Logan.

From your friend from

HONI KINGI
 METE KINGI
 APERANIKO
 HAIMONA
 TOMA

A true Translation.

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