

meetings with some of the chiefs were held by Captain Hobson, when the treaty (of which I have forwarded you a copy) was signed by a few chiefs. Subsequently Captain Hobson and suite visited Hokianga and the Thames, and obtained a few signatures at either place; hitherto these are the only proceedings which have taken place relative to the cession of any rights, by the chiefs of New Zealand, to the British crown.

Referring to the above, the other apparent measures taken by Captain Hobson to establish the British authority here are, the holding a court of sessions at Kororarika, which is in active operation, having a strong police force under its control; the formation of a General Post for New Zealand, and the appointment of various government officers for New Zealand, by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales.

It is, however, to be remarked, that no laws relative to the mode or form of government intended to be pursued in this colony, have as yet been published.

I have the honour to be, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES R. CLENDON,
U. S. Consul.

PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, Queen of England, with her affectionate remembrance to the chiefs and tribes of New Zealand, desires to point out to them their chieftainships in these lands; and that they may keep in peace and live in comfort, thinks it right to send an English chief to advise with the natives of New Zealand, that they may accept the government of the Queen over all their land and islands. Because there will be thousands of the Queen's subjects to reside in the lands, and they are coming.

The Queen is desirous of establishing a government, that all the evils now upon the natives from the English living in idleness and lawlessness may be removed.

Now the Queen is pleased to send me, William Hobson, Captain, Royal Navy, as governor of all the islands of New Zealand, which will at another time be given to the Queen.

The Queen says to the collection of the tribes of New Zealand, and all other tribes of New Zealand, these are the laws that we have spoken of.

First. That the chiefs at the assembly, and those that were not at