

## **Native outrage upon settlers at the Hutt**

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Wellington 01 March 1846 Police Magistrate Henry St Hill writing to the Superintendent

Sir, I do myself the honour to report that the individuals in the margin (George Whiteman, David McEwen and Arthur Hayward) have this moment (10 p.m.) represented to me that the Ngatirangatohi Natives who are now a state of tumult, have this day during the absence of these persons from their homes – being engaged as Labourers at the Camp in the Valley of the Hutt – ransacked their Houses of every article they possessed, and their wives and children have been compelled to seek safety in flight.

The wife of Thomas Reid, a settler above the Camp in the same valley, has also made complaint to me that the same Natives have wantonly and maliciously destroyed several of her Husbands Pigs, in the course of yesterday.

I have requested these individuals to attend before me tomorrow, as their despositions would I think, be divested of legal effect were I to take them this evening (Sunday).

I have the honour to be Sir Your Most Obedient servant, Henry St Hill, P.M.

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