

is it required that they should do so, as the determination arrived at by His Excellency on the one side, and by Ministers on the other, renders such unnecessary.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

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MEMORANDUM BY MR. STAFFORD.

October 13th, 1857.

From the information conveyed by this letter (letter from Resident Magistrate at Napier), and received from other sources, the presence of some Troops at Napier appears to be imperatively required, to prevent a similar state of affairs to that which preceded the location of Troops at New Plymouth; much excitement and irritation, likely to produce a bad feeling between the European and Native Races, will be avoided if Troops could be stationed at Napier at once. There is a Military Reserve for Barracks there, which the Colonel Commanding Royal Engineer has reported as being well adapted for the location of Troops; the "Wonga Wonga" steamer, which runs between Wellington and Napier, will afford the means of conveyance. His Excellency's Ministers therefore strongly advise that at least two companies of Her Majesty's Troops be stationed at Napier, with as little delay as possible.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE GOVERNOR.

October 14th, 1857.

The Governor has consulted with the Commander of the Forces on the subject of sending a detachment of Troops to Hawke's Bay. He agrees with that Officer in thinking it not advisable to detach a smaller number than Two Hundred men, with their Officers, to so great a distance, until some defensible buildings have been erected.

The Governor is, however, prepared to instruct the Commander of the Forces to detach Two Hundred men from Wellington, and encamp them at Port Napier during the summer months; provided Ministers are able to assure him that, the buildings required for the accommodation and protection of at least one hundred men shall be erected, without expense to Her Majesty's Government, at Port Napier, before the commencement of the rains.

If Ministers are prepared to give this assurance, orders will be sent to Wellington by the mail which will be forwarded by the "Acadian" on Saturday next.

Ministers should observe that the reply now expected from the Secretary of State, relative to the maintenance and repair of Barracks, will have no reference to this subject, as despatches from the Duke of Newcastle addressed to the Governor in 1853, declared that Her Majesty's Government would not in future incur any expense for additional buildings in New Zealand, and those despatches have been several times referred to since that date.

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

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MEMORANDUM BY MR. STAFFORD.

October 16th, 1857.

With reference to the Governor's Memorandum relative to the stationing of Troops at Napier, His Excellency's Ministers are unable to give an assurance that buildings capable of accommodating at least one hundred men would be erected at Napier without expense to the Imperial Government before the commencement of the rains.

They have, in their previous minutes on the subject of providing Barracks for the Troops in New Zealand, shown that no funds have been provided for this purpose, while the whole Revenue of the Colony has been otherwise appropriated by the authority of Law.

Their Minute of the 6th May last, in which the question of the ability of the Colony to maintain existing, and construct new, Barracks for Troops, was entered into at length, expressed their unanimous and decided opinion on this subject; and they cannot but hope that a consideration of the present circumstances of the Colony, will convince the Imperial Authorities, that New Zealand should not at present be required to make provision for those objects.

With respect to the last paragraph of His Excellency's Memorandum, it is submitted that the Despatches alluded to, from the Duke of Newcastle, refer to defences for Harbors and Towns against foreign aggression, and not to the question of accommodation for Troops, which latter subject is referred to in Mr. Labouchere's Despatches of the 21st October and 27th December, 1856, and was the subject of the Minute of the 6th of May.

As a reply to that Minute may be expected in a few weeks, it is advised that the Troops, whose presence is deemed necessary at Napier, should be stationed there at once; subject to removal, if neither the Imperial Authorities, nor the Colony, will provide for their permanent accommodation at that place.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE GOVERNOR.

Government House,  
16th October, 1857.

After consulting with the Military Authorities, the Governor regrets that he must decline to send