

with a very remarkable success, and is paving the way towards that complete civilization and consolidation of the Native race with the English Colonists which Her Majesty's Government, not less than the local Government, desire to see effected. And whilst Her Majesty's Government feel themselves constrained to justify to Parliament the large expense which every year is incurred for the maintenance of a Military force in New Zealand for the defence of the Colony, and for the better control and regulation of the Native race, they must retain in their hands the administration of those affairs which at any moment may involve the employment of those troops and the consequences of an expensive conflict. So long as the Colony for this purpose enjoys the advantage of Military and Naval protection, Her Majesty's Government cannot consent to yield a point which in their opinion is so intimately connected with the security of the Colony, the justice due to Native claims, and the issues of Peace or War itself.

Convinced, therefore, that the proposed Act is calculated to effect hazardous alterations in a system, the working of which does not at present appear open to any practical objection, I have been unable to recommend that this Act should be confirmed by Her Majesty, and it will accordingly remain inoperative.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CARNARVON,
In the absence of Sir E. B. Lytton,

Governor Gore Browne, C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.