

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

Enclosure in No. 33.

ADDRESS OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL NOW IN SESSION.

To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., &c., &c., &c., Governor of New Zealand.

Canterbury, March, 1860.

May it please Your Excellency,—

The Members of the Provincial Council of Canterbury assembled in Council, desire to express their deep sympathy in the trying circumstances surrounding Your Excellency by reason of the violence and insubordination of a portion of the Maori population of the North Island.

While they express their thankfulness to the Almighty for having cast their lot in a portion of the Colony, in which they are spared the infliction of the personal consequences of a like revolt, they feel that their Provincial prosperity depends in a great measure upon the maintenance of peace and good order in the Colony at large.

Entirely confiding in Your Excellency's judgment and in your determination to uphold the authority of the Crown, the Members of this Council desire to assure Your Excellency of the willingness to co-operate with you to the utmost of their ability in the assertion of that authority, and to bear their share of the burthen, which under unlooked for and adverse results may possibly fall upon their fellow Colonists in the North; and while they do not doubt that many of the young men of this Province are ready to place themselves at Your Excellency's disposal in case of need, they believe that some portion of the difficulty you experience may be removed by a proposal on the part of this Province to afford an asylum to those of the out-settlers in the Province of Taranaki who, driven from their homes, may be exposed to inconveniences and sufferings in consequence of being forced into the Town for shelter, and which its limited accommodation is not capable of affording to them.

Should these troubles increase, the Council offer in the name of the Settlers of Canterbury the protection of their Province, and they are ready to provide an immediate asylum for those women and children who may be cast upon Your Excellency's care.

In conclusion, this Council earnestly trust that the efforts which Your Excellency has so laudably made in the extension of Civil institutions suited to the wants of the Native population may ere long be appreciated by them, and that the present resistance to your authority may speedily give place to the conviction that under your rule the British Crown desires to form one People under one law, of the Colonists and the Native tribes.

By order of the Provincial Council,
(Signed) CHARLES BOWEN,
Speaker.

No. 34.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO SUPERINTENDENT OF CANTERBURY.

Government House, 21st April, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 30th March, covering an Address from the Provincial Council of Canterbury signed by the Speaker, Mr. Charles Bowen.

In reply, I beg you to convey to the Speaker and Members of the Provincial Council my grateful thanks for their expression of confidence in my judgment and determination to uphold the authority of the Crown, and their willingness to co-operate with me.

I join the Council in earnestly trusting that the Aboriginal population may speedily be convinced that Her Majesty's Government desire only to form one People under one law, and assure you that no exertion will be spared by me to carry this purpose into effect.

I will by the first opportunity convey to the Superintendent of Taranaki the generous offer of the Council to afford an asylum for those women and children who may be in want of it, and I venture now to assure you of their grateful acknowledgments, to which I beg also to add my own.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

His Honor the Superintendent,
Canterbury.

No. 35.

ADDRESS OF INHABITANTS OF WANGANUI.

To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

Wanganui, April 19th, 1860.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Wanganui and District, desire to express our warm approval of the policy pursued by Your Excellency in the Native disturbances existing in Taranaki. We