9, a.m., 30th June, 1860. The two white flags being hoisted at the Pah, I directed ours to be again hoisted, and so continued all day.

I have, &c.,

To the Major of Brigade, &c., &c., &c., Taranaki.

THOMAS NELSON, Major, 40th Regiment, Commanding Camp, Waitara.

### No. 21.

#### MAJOR NELSON TO MAJOR OF BRIGADE.

Camp, Waitara, 2nd July, 1860.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Colonel Commanding the Forces, that there was only one flag hoisted at the Waikato Pah this morning; which appeared to be their fighting flag;—this was on a short pole. The haulyards of their Flagstaff having been apparently carried away.

At about 4-past 1 o'clock, p.m., this day, the flag was lowered, and continued so at sunset.

The flag at this Camp has been hoisted as usual.

I have, &c.,

The Major of Brigade, &c., &с., &c., Taranaki.

THOMAS NELSON; Major, 40th Regiment, Commanding Camp, Waitara.

# No. 22.

#### CAPTAIN RICHARDS TO MAJOR NELSON.

Camp, Waitara, July 3rd, 1860.

I have the honor to report to you that I delivered the letters entrusted by you to me on the 28th ultimo, for transmission to Colonel Gold, Commanding the Forces at Taranaki, on that day. All questions relative to the disposition of the Forces under your command at the attack on the

Waikato Pah on the 27th, were answered by me during my interview with Colonel Gold.

During my stay at Taranaki, I waited on Colonel Gold on several occasions for the purpose of receiving orders, or suggestions from him, for your guidance, but could not obtain any further information beyond the fact of the "Airedale" having been despatched to Auckland for some guns of a heavier metal than those at the present time in his possession. I returned to this station on the 2nd July, 1860.

I have, &c.,

Major Nelson, Commanding Forces, Camp, Waitara. T. B. RICHARDS, Captain, 40th Regiment.

# No. 23.

COLONEL GOLD TO THE GOVERNOR.

New Plymouth, 30th June, 1860.

I have the honor to forward for the information of your Excellency the enclosed copy of a correspondence on the subject of the recent engagement at the Waitara, together with the List of casualties sustained on that occasion.

I have, &c.,

His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand.

C. E. GOLD, Colonel Commanding the Forces.