

PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE REORGANIZATION OF THE WANGANUI MILITIA.

No. 1.

MR. STAFFORD TO OFFICER COMMANDING MILITIA, WANGANUI.

Militia Branch,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 7th May, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Government are desirous of enrolling, and classifying under the Militia Act of 1860, all men liable to serve in the Wanganui Militia.

On the receipt of this letter you will consequently be good enough to dismiss from duty (with the exception of the permanent paid Militia Staff sanctioned by the Legislature) the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and men of the Wanganui Militia under your command, reporting your having done so to this office, and also to the Commissariat Department from whom the force in question receive their pay.

I have, &c.,
E. W. STAFFORD.

The Officer Commanding Wanganui Militia,
District Wanganui.

No. 2.

THE OFFICER COMMANDING MILITIA, WANGANUI, TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Wanganui, 12th May, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th May, No. 155, and beg to inform you that I have commenced enrolling and classifying the men liable to serve in the Militia of this District, in accordance with the provisions of the last Militia Act.

The directions contained in your letter No. 155, relative to dismissing the Militia under my command from duty, shall be complied with as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,
I. R. COOPER,
Major Commanding
Wanganui Militia and Volunteers.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
Militia Branch, Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland.

No. 3.

THE OFFICER COMMANDING MILITIA, WANGANUI, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Wanganui, 16th May, 1861.

SIR,—

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter No. 155, I have the honor to inform you that I have this day discharged from duty the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the Militia enrolled under the old Act, and that 54 men of the number, of all ranks exclusive of Officers, have volunteered, and were re-attested under the new Act, and I have reason to believe that in a few days several others will join the force.

I conceive that the present aspect of affairs here does not warrant any reduction of the Militia Force; it should rather be increased. The Natives up the river are nearly to a man of the King's party and will, I believe, act on the moment as directed by the King. Their communication with Waikato