

If the answers are not satisfactory, I shall send specific terms, and if they are not accepted shall leave the General to adopt such measures as he may think proper.

I may add that I have the less reason to regret this delay, as the Troops only reached Auckland on the 30th April, and a heavy rain set in on the 1st instant, which will fill the swamps and make the Waikato very impracticable in the winter: added to which the 70th regiment has not yet arrived from India.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c, &c., &c.

I have, &c.,

T. GORE BROWNE.

Enclosure 1 in No. 9.

LIEUT.-GENERAL CAMERON, C. B., TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Head-Quarters,
Camp, Waitara, 15th April, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter, dated the 13th inst., and its enclosures. I fully concur in the opinion expressed in your Excellency's Memorandum, and in that of your Responsible Advisers, that the Native Insurrection has been chiefly fomented and supported by the Waikato tribe, and it is with them that the important question of the Queen's Supremacy has to be settled. On this account, at the first meeting of the Executive Council which I attended after my arrival in the Colony, I strongly recommended that they should be called to account without loss of time for their participation in the rebellion, and that they should not be allowed more than a few days to give in their submission. I represented that if this were done, and preparations at the same time made for an expedition into their country, I considered that if they refused to come to terms there would be sufficient time before the commencement of the heavy rains to move into, and occupy, their country; and that I believed that the force then in New Zealand was of sufficient strength to carry out such an operation with success.

These views being opposed by yourself and every member of the Executive Council, I willingly adopted the plan of a descent upon the Ngatiruanui coast, because I could see no better way in which Her Majesty's troops could be employed, and not with any idea that such an operation, however successful, could be productive of any decisive result.

Much valuable time has already been lost in dilatory negotiations, and as your Excellency has informed me that those in which you are about to enter with the Waikato are likely to occupy about six weeks, there is little hope, if they refuse to submit, of our being able to enter their country before next spring.

I will carry out your Excellency's wishes in moving all the troops that can be spared from this quarter to Auckland, as soon as I can procure the requisite transport; and I will lose no time in making arrangements for the security of New Plymouth and the surrounding district.

I shall feel obliged by your Excellency's informing me whether you wish any force to be located, as at the outset of hostilities, at the Tataraimaka Block.

I shall also be obliged by your decision as to whether this Province is to continue any longer under Martial Law, now that hostilities have for some time ceased, and so far as I can judge are not likely to be soon resumed.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Major-General.

His Excellency
Colonel T. Gore Browne, C. B.,
&c., &c.

Enclosure 2 in No. 9.

THE GOVERNOR TO LIEUT.-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B.

New Plymouth,
15th April, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, and in reply I have to inform you that I do not wish any force to be located at the Tataraimaka Block.

The question of the continuation of Martial Law has been carefully considered, and the conclusion arrived at is that it is not expedient at the present moment to revoke the Proclamation by which it was established.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-General Cameron, C.B.
&c., &c., &c.,

T. GORE BROWNE.