

which the Natives had been warned would be undertaken against them, without proper roads for the purpose were constructed ; that it was essential to bring large bodies of Natives to act with us, so that it might be decidedly seen that, in the prevailing disturbances, the good and loyal of all races were united in common efforts to put down the turbulent, so that it was not a war of races.

11. A consideration of these points will, I think, show that the construction by the troops and Natives, of the roads necessary to enable a military force to move and be supplied with safety, was a wise and necessary measure, and that in getting the Colony to pay the working pay of the officers and men employed on such roads, and all extra expenses beyond ordinary pay and allowances incurred in their construction, I accomplished all that could have been reasonably expected of me.

12. In the same manner, on the subject of employing, as Commissioners in Native Districts, officers who still received Imperial pay and allowances, I have been quite misunderstood by your Grace.

13. I have already explained in another despatch, No. 101, of the 10th October, that my main object in this was to train officers for any disturbances that might take place, by giving them a knowledge of the country, of the Native language, and of the Natives, on all which subjects they were generally uninformed. So little did the Colony desire in this respect to profit by Imperial money, that, although it might have gained a small annual sum on each salary, which I pointed out to my responsible advisers, I could only prevail on them, amongst all the Commissioners they appointed, to employ one military man, and since I have had a new ministry, I have induced them to employ another military officer.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

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### No. 3.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF  
NEWCASTLE, K.G.

Government House, Auckland,  
27th November, 1862.

No. 117.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's Despatch, No. 78, of the 26th of August last, conveying to me a further severe reprimand in consequence of some letters addressed by Lieutenant-General Cameron to the War Department.

2. I have the honor to request that your Grace may see fit to permit me to be furnished with copies of those letters, and that you will support an officer serving directly under your Grace, by insisting upon my being for the future supplied with copies of any letters sent to the Secretary of State for War, which may in any way reflect upon the proceedings of myself or of my responsible advisers.

3. In my Despatch No. 81, of the 24th of July last, I furnished such a report upon the system of local defence for this colony as your Grace has now called for. I know nothing that I can add to that report, or anything more that I can do for the good of Her Majesty's service here, than I have done. I have acted to the best of my judgment and ability ; I have preserved Her Majesty's possessions in peace and renewed prosperity, which now seems daily increasing. Great reductions have been made in the expenditure, which had been carried on here when I arrived ; and I can only regret that it should still be thought necessary by Her Majesty's Government, to censure myself and those acting under me, so severely, and so frequently. I can only hope that the train of events, which have taken place since those Despatches were written by Her Majesty's Government, may in some degree have modified their opinions regarding my Government.

4. I am sure that the true measures to be taken in this country, are, to encourage the settlement of a large European population in it, to aid in every manner in opening it up by roads, in the development of its resources, and the union of the several races inhabiting it ; making the existing disturbances not a question of race, but of the turbulent against the loyal and well disposed of all races. Any attempt to force the European population to take up arms generally against such a race as the Natives are, will drive the greater part of the European population out of the country ; will set the whole of one race against the whole of the other race, and bring on an immediate war of which the end cannot be foreseen. By the measures now in progress, things are likely to settle down certainly and surely. I trust, therefore, that Her Majesty's Government, will still upon consideration, see reason to think that I could not have acted better than I have done, under all circumstances, for the good of the Queen's service.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

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