

Enclosure to No. 33.

Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt,
July 13th, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, at daybreak yesterday morning, I crossed the Maungatawhiri, with the Head Quarters of the 2nd Battalion 14th, and a detachment of the 12th Regiment, amounting together to 380 men. It was necessary to descend the stream for about half a mile from the termination of the new road; and the left bank, where we crossed was so steep that the troops had great difficulty in ascending it. They are now encamped on the Koheroa, about 500 yards from the river; and a redoubt will be constructed immediately which will command the navigation of the river, and secure the communication between the Queen's Redoubt and the Stockade on the Waikato.

The troops were conveyed down the river in the cutter of H. M. S. "Harrier," and a few other boats, manned by a party of men from the "Harrier." Captain Sullivan, R.N., was kind enough to superintend the embarkation and landing of the troops. The boats above mentioned, and Captain Sullivan's gig, were brought overland the day previous—those of the "Harrier" from Drury, and the others from Auckland, and were carried from the Queen's Redoubt down to the river during the night. The whole of these arrangements were under Captain Sullivan's immediate direction and supervision.

I have also to inform Your Excellency that Colonel Wyatt marched from Drury with 300 men of the 65th Regiment yesterday afternoon, and reached Tuakau this morning. On their approach, the Natives abandoned the settlement, and retired in boats across the river.

The detachment is now encamped on a height overlooking the Waikato, and commanding its navigation; and a redoubt for 150 men will be constructed there.

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D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
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