

FURTHER PAPERS

RELATING TO

THE MILITARY DEFENCE

OF

NEW ZEALAND.

(In continuation of A.—No. 6.)

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY

AUCKLAND.

1863.

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No. 1.

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

Government House,
Auckland, 22nd August, 1863.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to enclose copies of the letters named in the margin, showing the circumstances under which, in compliance with the terms of your Grace's Despatches, No. 96, of September 23rd, 1862, and No. 1, January 10th, 1863, I felt justified in requesting the Lieutenant-General to authorise monthly advances, as a loan to the Colonial Government, from the Treasury Chest for Military purposes, under urgent and unforeseen circumstances.

2. These advances will amount to £12,000 per month, and the loan will be re-paid as soon as the General Assembly has provided the necessary funds. The General Assembly will meet in October next.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

No. 103.

MILITARY.

Sir G. Grey to Lieut.-
General Cameron, C.B.
13th August, 1863.

Lieut.-General Cameron
to Sir G. Grey.
16th August, 1863.

Enclosure 1 to No. 1.

GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B.

Government House,
Auckland, August 13th, 1863.

SIR,—

I beg to refer you to the enclosed copies of Despatches from the Secretary of State, authorising advances to the local Government from the Treasury Chest for Military purposes under urgent and unforeseen circumstances. I have also the honor to enclose the copy of a Memorandum I have received from my Responsible Advisers, showing that an extraordinary Military Expenditure, of about £12,000 a-month, is now being incurred by the Colonial Government, on account of Military Defence for the protection of the Northern Island from attack by the Natives, and that the Colonial Government will not much longer have the means of paying these unforeseen expenses, until the General Assembly, which is to meet in October next, have provided funds for the purpose.

I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will, in accordance with the terms of the instructions of the Secretary of State, authorise the payment from the Treasury Chest of advances for the extraordinary expenses for Military purposes to which I have above alluded, until the General Assembly has had time to provide the necessary funds, when such advances will be forthwith re-paid.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

Lieutenant-General Cameron, C.B., Commanding the Forces, &c.

No. 96, Sept. 23, 1862.
Vide A. No. 6, p. 10.
No. 1, Jan. 10, 1863.
Vide A. No. 6, p. 12.
Memo. from Colonial
Treasurer.
10th August, 1863.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

An extraordinary expenditure, estimated at the rate of about £12,000 per month, is now being incurred by the Colonial Government, on account of Military defence, for the protection of the settled districts of the Northern Island from attack by the Natives.

Specific provision for this purpose has not been made by the House of Representatives. The emergency which called for preparations on so large a scale was unforeseen, and so sudden that no time was afforded for summoning the General Assembly. Ministers, for the public safety have, up to this time, met this expenditure from any funds in the Treasury. These are now, however, fast becoming exhausted.

The Assembly has been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on the 19th October next, and it is submitted that His Excellency the Governor be requested to move the General to authorise the issue of money as an advance from the Commissariat, to meet the expenses in question, until the Government can propose to the Legislature to make the necessary provision, which they will do at an early period of the Session.

After the correspondence that has taken place on this subject with the Imperial Government, it is a matter of regret that circumstances should have arisen to compel this application, which has not been made until it became necessary, to save the Treasury from financial difficulty.

Treasury, Auckland, 10th August, 1863.

READER WOOD.

Enclosure 2 to No. 1.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., TO GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

Head Quarters,
Queen's Redoubt, August 16th, 1863.

August 13th, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with its Enclosures from the Secretary of State, authorising advances to the local Government from the Treasury Chest for Military purposes, under urgent and unforeseen circumstances, and to inform your Excellency that I have authorised the payment by the Commissariat of £12,000 a-month to meet the present expenditure incurred in protecting the settled districts of the Northern Island, until the General Government, as explained in the Memorandum of Ministers, is able to provide the necessary funds.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieutenant-General.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

No. 2.

No. 91.

MILITIA AND VOLUNTEERS.

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

Government House,
Auckland, 1st August, 1863.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to enclose for Your Grace's information a Return of the Militia, Volunteers, and Local Forces of this part of the Province of Auckland, for the month of July.

2. The inhabitants of this part of the Country have come forward with the best spirit to meet the present great emergency, and we have now in all about 3,000 men under arms, and performing active service.

3. In this number are included a force of 265 men, regularly enrolled for continuous service under Colonel Pitt, which we are increasing as rapidly as we can, besides a mounted force of 100 men. Both these bodies of men will act under the General's orders, in any part of this Island exactly in the same manner as regular troops.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

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

Enclosure to No. 2.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MILITIA AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE PROVINCE OF
AUCKLAND (ALL ARMED), 27TH JULY, 1863.

STATION.	MILITIA AND VOLUNTEERS.	PITT'S MILITIA.	CAVALRY.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
Auckland	1,283		25	1,308	Flag Staff, North Shore.
Remuera	60			60	30 Volunteers included, also 95 be- longing to the Defence Corps. From this number 10 per cent. may fairly be deducted for sick and absentees.
Onehunga	277			277	
Otahuhu	144	35	90	269	
Howick... ..	190			190	
Panmure	70			70	
Wairoa... ..	100	25		125	
Papakura	107	25		132	
Burton's	175	25	20	220	
Keri-keri		50		50	
Mauku and Waiuku ...	50			50	
Drury		105	30	135	
Manukau Mills	45			45	
	2,501	265	165	2,931	

H. C. BALNEAVIS, Lieut.-Colonel,
Dep. Adjt.-General of Militia and Volunteers.

Militia and Volunteer Office,
Auckland, 27th July, 1863.

No. 3.

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

Downing Street, 26th July 1863.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 19th February last, No 18, recommending that some distinction should be conferred upon Major Charles St. John Herbert, of the New Zealand Militia.

The Statutes of the Order of the Bath preclude the conferring upon Major Herbert the distinction of Companion in the Military Division of the Third Class of the Order, but I have much pleasure in informing you that his name will be submitted to Her Majesty for that distinction in the Civil Division of the Order for his distinguished services during the late Native war.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

NEWCASTLE.

NEW ZEALAND.

No. 77.

MILITIA AND VO-
LUNTEERS.

No. 4.

NEW ZEALAND. COPY OF DESPATCH FROM HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G., TO GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE
No. 87. GREY, K.C.B.
NAVAL. Downing Street,
V. A. No. 6, P. 4, 1863. August 24th, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 57, of the 1st of June, in which, adverting to a letter received by you from the Senior Naval Officer at Sydney, you urge the necessity of making New Zealand the Head-Quarters of the Naval Station during the present disturbed state of the Colony.

I have to inform you in reply that in consequence of your previous representations the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty informed me as far back as the 29th of April last, that they were prepared to comply with your wishes in the matter, and that Commodore Sir William Wiseman, who was then about to proceed from England to carry on the duties of Senior Officer of Her Majesty's Ships on the Australian Station, would be directed to make New Zealand his Head-Quarters while affairs continue in their present unsettled state, unless unforeseen circumstances should make his presence necessary elsewhere.

I much regret that owing to a misapprehension this communication was not made to you by the next mail after the receipt of the letter from the Board of Admiralty, though I trust that as Sir W. Wiseman was to proceed so shortly to his command but little delay will in fact have arisen in your becoming aware of the orders which had been given.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

NEWCASTLE.
