

THE NATIVE INSURRECTION.

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2. From this letter your Grace will find that they intend to surrender Ngaruawahia to us without opposition, and that they will leave standing there the King's flagstaff, the first raised in New Zealand, in order that the Queen's flag may be hoisted on it.

3. I understand from Te Wheoro's letter that the Ngatimaniapoto tribe, fearing that the Queen's flag would fly from the King's flagstaff, wished to cut it down before they abandoned the place, and hence that they do not contemplate an absolute submission to us ; but that, on the other hand, the king's own family and tribe, in order that they may make their submission complete, are determined to leave the flagstaff standing, that the Queen's flag may fly from it.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

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

No. 13.

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

(No. 182.)

Government House, Auckland, December 9, 1863.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I detained the English mail for 24 hours, in the hope of being able to communicate to you that General Cameron was in possession of Ngaruawahia.

2. I have now the gratification of enclosing copies of telegrams I have just received from General Cameron and Commodore Sir William Wiseman, from which your Grace will with pleasure learn that the colonial steamer 'Pioneer,' under Sir William Wiseman, conveyed the General and 500 men to Ngaruawahia about four o'clock p.m. yesterday, and that they took possession of the place without opposition.

3. There can, I think, be no doubt that the neck of this unhappy rebellion is now broken, and that there is now no probability of the insurrection becoming general.

4. I regret, however, that this most satisfactory intelligence is clouded by a report which I received yesterday of the death of Colonel Austen of the 14th Regiment, in consequence of the wounds he received in the action at Rangiriri on the 20th ultimo. He was a most amiable man, and an excellent officer and most gallant soldier. His gallantry was conspicuous in the action at Koheroa on the 17th July last, when he was also unfortunately wounded. He formerly served in the same regiment as myself, and this naturally makes me feel more strongly the value of the services he has rendered to this country, and deeper sorrow for the loss of a most remarkably amiable, active, and gallant man.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

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

Enclosure in No. 13.

COPIES OF TELEGRAMS RECEIVED FROM LIEUT.-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., AND COMMODORE SIR WILLIAM WISEMAN, BART.

FROM GENERAL CAMERON, NGARUAWAHIA, TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, AUCKLAND.

7.30 p.m., December 8, 1863.

The Queen's flag is flying at Ngaruawahia. A division of 500 men under my command were conveyed up the river in the 'Pioneer,' and landed at Ngaruawahia about 4 p.m., without opposition or seeing any natives.

FROM SIR W. WISEMAN, 'PIONEER,' OFF NGARUAWAHIA, WAIKATO, TO THE GOVERNOR, AUCKLAND.

7.30 p.m., December 8, 1863.

Should you wish to send to Nelson to catch the mail, with news of the occupation of this place, use Her Majesty's steamer 'Harrier,' senior naval officer giving orders for her to go there and back to Manukau as soon as possible, and 'Esk' lending her 40 men and proportion of officers.

No. 14.

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

(No. 2)

Government House, Auckland, January 4, 1864.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honour to transmit, for your Grace's information, a copy of a Despatch I have received from Lieut.-General Cameron, C.B., reporting that he had occupied Ngaruawahia, the residence of the so-called Maori king, and the spot where a New Zealand king was first proclaimed in June 1858, and his flag hoisted.