

No. 8.

MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

In reply to the Ministerial memorandum of this day's date, giving the grounds which induced Ministers on the 11th instant to advise the Governor to assemble the General Assembly at Wellington, the Governor would state:—

Firstly.—On the grounds personal to himself for not calling the Assembly together at Christchurch, that he has been offered accommodation there if he requires it.

Secondly.—In reference to the contemplated military operations at Wanganui and Taranaki, the Governor would state that on the 10th instant he wrote a memorandum to Ministers, showing that in his view it was very probable that all other considerations would have to be for a time neglected to meet the great peril which they warn him overhangs this portion of New Zealand; and until he knows in what form this danger is likely to develop itself, no further military movements will be made except on the advice of Ministers, but the troops will be held ready to meet any emergency that may arise.

Government House, Auckland, 14th October, 1864.

G. GREY.

No. 9.

MEMORANDUM of the GOVERNOR.

The Governor would have preferred that in compliance with his request, Ministers could have themselves replied to the petition of the inhabitants of Auckland regarding the next place of meeting of the General Assembly; but as they see no reason to alter the views they have expressed to the Governor on this subject, he has, in compliance with their advice, caused the answer they recommended to be returned to the petitioners.

October 14th, 1864.

G. GREY.

MINUTE.—In order to save time Ministers sent a verbal message to the Private Secretary, stating that they had replied to the petitioners.

October 14th, 1864.

F. WHITAKER.

MINUTE.—The Private Secretary has inadvertently omitted to forward with His Excellency's Memorandum on the subject the letter forwarding the petition regarding the convocation of General Assembly.

October 14th 1864.

SPENCER M. MEDDLEY, A. P. Sec.

No. 10.

Correspondence on the subject of a PETITION of Inhabitants of Auckland as to the place of meeting of General Assembly.

SIR,—

Auckland, October 13, 1864.

We have the honor to place in your hands a petition, addressed by one thousand five hundred and thirty-nine inhabitants of the City of Auckland and the surrounding districts, to His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B., praying His Excellency, for reasons therein set forth, that the ensuing Session of the General Assembly may be convened at Auckland; and we have to request that you will have the goodness to lay the petition before the Governor without delay.

We are, &c.,

C. F. FISHER,
C. A. HARRIS,
DAVID SHEEHAN,
HUGH COOLAHAN.

The Hon. Frederick Whitaker, &c. &c.

MINUTE.—The petition is transmitted to His Excellency, in conformity with the wishes of the petitioners.

October 13th, 1864.

FREDK. WHITAKER.

MINUTE.—The Governor requests that Ministers will advise him as to the reply he should return to this petition.

October 13th, 1864.

G. GREY.

MINUTE.—Ministers advise that His Excellency should reply, acknowledging the receipt, and informing the petitioners that their petition shall be carefully considered.

October 14th, 1864.

FREDK. WHITAKER.

MINUTE.—The Governor begs that Ministers will return the reply they propose to this Memorial, and that when they have considered it they will advise him what further action he should take.

October 14th, 1864.

G. GREY.

MINUTE.—Ministers see no reason to alter the views they have already expressed to His Excellency on this subject.

October 14th, 1864.

FREDK. WHITAKER.

[PETITION.]

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, &c., &c.
The Petition of the Undersigned humbly sheweth—

That your Petitioners have heard with much concern that it has been proposed that the approaching session of the General Assembly shall be held elsewhere than in Auckland.