

ment towards providing for the payment of these advances.

I would also further suggest, that some understanding be arrived at respecting any future demands, as I can scarcely suppose that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury will approve of a continuance of such large loans, especially as those incurred during the late war have not yet been liquidated.

I also beg to refer to the articles upon page 183 of the Commissariat Regulations, where the proper course is defined to meet the expenses of temporary levies when necessarily raised in times of war or rebellion. Were those instructions acted upon these loans would be unnecessary, and the sums only which are actually requisite would be expended; but at present there is no check or apparent limit to the expenditure, nor the appropriation of the loans to the purpose for which they were granted.

The Assistant Military Secretary,
Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt.

I am, &c.,
H. STANLEY JONES,
Deputy-Commissary-General.

Enclosure 3 in No. 3.

Government House, Auckland,

Sir,—

November 7, 1863.

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I have the honour to state, that upon conferring with my responsible advisers I am assured by them that in order to provide for the safety of the settlements in the Northern Island of New Zealand it is indispensable that they should obtain from the Treasury Chest a loan not exceeding in the whole a sum of £150,000.

They authorise me to state, that although they only at this moment require the sum of £100,000, they will not ask for any larger advance than a further sum of £50,000; that the whole sum borrowed shall be expended on strictly military objects, for the defence of Her Majesty's possessions; and that the whole amount shall be repaid in London, within six months from the date of the advance, from the proceeds of the loan which they are now obtaining the authority of the General Assembly to raise.

The Honourable Lieut.-General Cameron, C.B.,
Commanding the Troops.

I have, &c.,
G. GREY.

Enclosure 4 in No. 3.

Head Quarters, Auckland,

Sir,—

November 7, 1863.

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and in reply have to acquaint your Excellency that the Deputy-Commissary-General has been instructed to make the advance solicited from the Treasury Chest in his charge, for the purpose specified.

His Excellency the Governor,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.

No. 4.

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

(No. 1.)

Government House, Auckland, January 4, 1864.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honour to transmit the copy of a Memorandum I have received from my responsible advisers, requesting me to inform your Grace that Mr. Reader Wood, the Colonial Treasurer, is about to proceed to England for the purpose of negotiating the loan authorized by the Legislature during the late session, and on other business connected with the Colony, and that he will be prepared to furnish your Grace with any information that may be required by the Imperial Government on the subject of the proposed guarantee to the loan.

In accordance with the wishes of my responsible advisers, I have assented to Mr. Reader Wood's proceeding to England to perform these duties. I beg further to state that the Colonial Ministers are of opinion that Mr. Wood is in all respects qualified to acquaint your Grace, whenever you may require him to do so, with the views and opinions of the present Government of New Zealand on the state of this country and its requirements. For my own part I am quite satisfied that Mr. Reader Wood's large experience of New Zealand will enable him to afford your Grace much valuable information upon all questions connected with its interests.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

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