

## No. 10.

Copy of a LETTER from CHARLES BROWN, Esq., Superintendent of Taranaki, to the Honorable the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Auckland, 26th October, 1864.

Understanding that the subject of my letter of the 24th instant has been reconsidered, and that the Ministers cannot arrive at any other decision than was previously arrived at, beyond the postponement to the end of the month, of the Taranaki Militia and Volunteers being struck off pay and rations, I have the honor to apply for pecuniary assistance, in the shape of a guarantee to the Bank of New Zealand, to the extent of say Five Thousand (£5,000) Pounds, to enable me to expend from time to time such portions of the amount in the employment of labor as may be approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council, until such time as the General Assembly may have otherwise provided for the difficulties that will arise from a large portion of the population having no remunerative or safe employment for their labor under present circumstances.

At the same time that the blockhouses on the acquired lands of the Province, hitherto held by the Militia and Volunteers, be handed over to the Provincial Government as places of refuge and defence for the men, in the vicinity of the employment that will be afforded to them.

Many of the country roads have, from want of use and attention, been considerably damaged in the period, now exceeding four years, in which they have been comparatively abandoned; culverts have fallen in, the water courses have ploughed up the roads, trees have fallen across them, bridges suffer from decay; and in the restoration of these, and works of this character, a necessary and profitable expenditure of the means I apply for can take place.

The blockhouses will also enable those who have made some progress in the restoration of their properties in the vicinity of the blockhouses, to reside near and contribute to protect them, with a place of refuge for themselves, which will not be the case if they are garrisoned by troops or military settlers.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

CHAS. BROWN,  
Superintendent of Taranaki.

## Enclosure to No. 10.

MINUTE by MINISTER FOR COLONIAL DEFENCE on foregoing.

1. It has been arranged with the Superintendent of Taranaki that the Government shall guarantee the re-payment of an advance by the Bank of New Zealand to the Superintendent of Taranaki of £5,000, the money to be employed in public works in the Province, on which the Militia now struck off pay shall be employed—it being understood that the bush on the road to Mataitawa shall be cut down as a part of the works to be done.

2. As far as the Colonial Government can, they express their agreement to the proposal made by the Superintendent for handing over the blockhouses vacated by Militia to the Provincial Government.

3. The Government will send by the steamer, on the 8th, a Commissioner to report upon the "Supplementary" and "Military" claims made by the Taranaki settlers still outstanding, with a view to get information for the House of Representatives, shortly to meet; their action to be held as not binding the Government or the House in any manner to recognise or pay those claims.

October 26th, 1864.

T. RUSSELL.

## No. 11.

Copy of a LETTER from CHARLES BROWN, Esq., to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 3rd November, 1864.

I have the honor to transmit copy of a Resolution passed by the Provincial Council on the 22nd ultimo, also a letter and resolution, the result of a public meeting, on the subject of the militia and volunteers being struck off pay and rations, and which documents I submitted for perusal to the members of the General Government on the 26th of last month, but which I omitted to leave.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

CHARLES BROWN, Superintendent.

## Enclosure 1 to No. 11.

EXTRACT from Minute of Council.—New Plymouth, 22nd October, 1864.

*Resolved*, That a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent requesting him to urge on the General Government the great hardships which will be inflicted upon the settlers of this Province, who are being suddenly dismissed from the militia, while it is dangerous to life to attempt to cultivate their farms; and while the sum which was voted by the Assembly to assist them in re-occupying their farms is still unpaid.

WM. M. CROMPTON, Speaker.

## Enclosure 2 to No. 11.

EXTRACT from Minutes of a Public Meeting.—New Plymouth, 22nd October, 1864.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to express the thanks of the community to Colonel Warre for retaining in the Province the outposts, the bushrangers, and mounted men, as, had this not been done, the outposts could not have been visited or in any way assisted.

WM. M. CROMPTON, Chairman.

## Enclosure 3 to No. 11.

EXTRACT from Minutes of a Public Meeting.—New Plymouth, 22nd October, 1864.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three persons be appointed by this meeting to draw up a letter to his Honor the Superintendent, expressing the injustice and impolicy of summarily discharging the militia, and that the land is still unsafe to occupy the land, and without any provision