

## No. 15.

## MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

Adverting to the Ministerial Memorandum of the 17th inst, regarding Sir D. Cameron's private letters on the subject of the expedition to Tauranga, Sir D. Cameron has authorized the Governor to inform Ministers, that they can of course, if they think proper, state to the General Assembly that the General was strongly in favour of the Tauranga expedition on military grounds, and because it appeared from reports forwarded to him by the Governor that large numbers of Natives belonging to that district were joining the rebels in his front. But the General thinks that Ministers ought also to state that when he heard the Governor was not favourable to the expedition, he requested of the Governor that the troops might not be embarked, or that if they had sailed, they might be recalled.

October 27th, 1864.

G. GREY.

## No. 16.

## MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

In reference to His Excellency's Memorandum of the 27th of October, Ministers would feel much obliged if His Excellency would be pleased to ask General Cameron what were the grounds for his making the request that the troops of the Tauranga expedition might not be embarked, or that, if they had sailed, they might be recalled. Ministers are under the impression that General Cameron's views have never changed as to the propriety and advantage of the expedition, and that he was anxious that it should proceed, but that he was unwilling to take the responsibility unless the Governor would concur.

Ministers, in order to make their explanation clear, would have to state this impression, but are unwilling to do so if it would convey a false impression.

2nd November, 1864.

FREDK. WHITAKER.

## No. 17.

## MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

The Governor having considered the Ministerial Memorandum of the 2nd inst., in which his Responsible Advisers request him to ask Sir D. Cameron certain questions, begs to state that he feels a great reluctance to propose these questions to Sir D. Cameron. It forms no part of the Governor's duty to conduct such a Correspondence between his Ministers and the Lieutenant-General, and he fears that embarrassments might arise from his thus travelling out of the strict line of his duty. He hopes, therefore, that his Responsible Advisers will excuse him from entering into a correspondence of this nature.

November 11th, 1864.

G. GREY.

## No. 18.

## MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

Ministers regret the Governor's decision—that he will not conduct a correspondence between them and the Lieut.-General in reference to some important facts which they wish to establish. Ministers feel assured that His Excellency will at all events admit the unfortunate position in which they are thus placed. His Excellency will not permit Ministers to communicate directly with the Lieut.-General, and His Excellency will not obtain from the Lieut.-General the information they desire in reference to an important public matter in which the General Assembly and the Colony are interested, and upon which the Legislature will require explanations.

The question is the more important in this case, when the practical result of His Excellency's determination is to prevent the publication of facts which the Ministers consider it just should be known.

FREDK. WHITAKER.

Auckland, 17th November, 1864.

## No. 19.

## MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

In reply to the Ministerial Memorandum of yesterday's date, in which Ministers state that the Governor will not permit them to communicate directly with the Lieut.-General, the Governor would remark that his Responsible Advisers are well aware that the Governor has no power either to permit them, or refuse to permit them to communicate directly with the Lieut.-General; on the contrary Ministers did communicate directly with the Lieut.-General upon the 14th inst.

Regarding the duties especially confided to the Governor and the Lieut.-General, it is necessary that they should conduct their own correspondence; and in order that the public service may proceed harmoniously and well, the Governor thinks it right not to travel out of his own particular line of duty, in reference to the Lieut.-General; and it is for this reason that he declined to ask the Lieut.-General to inform Ministers on the subjects they allude to in their Memorandum of the 2nd inst.

It is very possible that the views of Sir D. Cameron might differ from those of Ministers, and that he might answer that it formed no part of his duty to furnish explanations to the Colonial Legislature, as to the propriety and advantage of an expedition to Tauranga for such objects as were contemplated by Ministers, or whether he was anxious it should proceed, but that he was unwilling to take the responsibility unless the Governor would concur.

Indeed the Governor could not with propriety discuss at least the last point with the Lieutenant-General, and upon the whole he is satisfied that he ought not to be made the medium of conducting a correspondence of this nature. He regrets therefore that he does not feel it to be his duty to comply with the request of Ministers.

November 18th, 1864.

G. GREY.