

No. 20.

MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

Ministers will feel much obliged if His Excellency will be pleased to inform them what His Excellency refers to when in his Memorandum of the 18th instant he says "Ministers did communicate directly with the Lieut.-General upon the 14th instant."

November 18th, 1864.

FREDK. WHITAKER.

No. 21.

MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

The Governor begs to inform Ministers in reply to their Memorandum of this day's date, that in stating that Ministers did communicate directly with the Lieut.-General upon the 14th instant, he referred to the previous note to the Lieut.-General of that day's date regarding the letters addressed by the Lieut.-General to the Governor, which Ministers informed the General they proposed to publish.

November 18th, 1864.

G. GREY.

No. 22.

MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

The note of the 14th instant to which His Excellency the Governor refers in his Memorandum of yesterday's date was not a communication from Ministers, but a private note written by Mr. Whitaker in reply to a private note from Sir Duncan Cameron asking for some information.

His Excellency no doubt could not prevent Ministers from communicating with the General, but His Excellency can withhold his permission from such communication taking place, and has done so, contrary to the wishes of both Sir Duncan Cameron and Ministers, and, as Ministers believe, very much to the detriment of the public service.

Ministers regret that His Excellency should feel it his duty to do them what they feel to be an injustice. Ministers have been authorized to make a statement relative to Tauranga, and an expression of the opinion of General Cameron has been conveyed to them by His Excellency that that statement should embrace a fact which the General wishes known. Ministers believing that the statements thus authorized will convey but half the truth, leaving out that which Ministers deem essential, have requested His Excellency to obtain from the General such an addition to that which he wishes known as will make the statement complete; but His Excellency declines to do so. Ministers will only repeat that they regret it.

Auckland, November 19th, 1864.

FREDK. WHITAKER.