

absent. When he left them, the natives who had left the Kawau were said to be at a place four miles inland from Waikauri, where they landed. He directed Mr. White and Te Oriori to proceed to them; if they had left that place, and they thought they could see them, to go after them with that object, and to advise the natives to return to Kawau forthwith, as their leaving that place in the manner they had done would create a most unfavourable impression regarding the native race, and might injure their countrymen generally in the eyes of the world.

The Governor would very much wish to be made acquainted with any information that has been received regarding Mr. White and Te Oriori.

Government House, 17th September, 1864.

G. GREY.

### No. 3.

MEMORANDUM of MINISTERS respecting the Absence of Mr. WHITE and TE ORIORI.

Ministers regret to state that they have received no information regarding Mr. White and Te Oriori since His Excellency was pleased to inform them, after his return from Kawau in the "Miranda," that he had directed that they should be brought to Auckland in Her Majesty's Ship "Falcon" as soon as they had fulfilled the mission with which His Excellency had entrusted them. Ministers presumed that His Excellency was aware that Her Majesty's ship "Falcon" was still absent.

It was the want of any subsequent information that induced Ministers to apply to His Excellency.  
17th September, 1864.

WILLIAM FOX.

### No. 4.

MEMORANDUM of MINISTERS respecting the Return of the European Officers from Kawau.

Previous to the escape of the prisoners from Kawau, Mr. White had informed the Ministers that there was no further occasion for the services of the hulk, and arrangements were being made for her being brought back to Auckland, which were interrupted by that event. Ministers are going to send for it now, and would be glad to know whether His Excellency would wish Mr. White, Dr. Sam, and the other European officers who have been in charge of the prisoners should take this opportunity of returning to Auckland, or whether His Excellency has any further occasion for their services at Kawau.

Auckland, 28th September, 1864.

WILLIAM FOX.

### No. 5.

MEMORANDUM of HIS EXCELLENCY regarding Mr. White and other officers at the Kawau.

The Governor has no occasion for the services of the persons named in the Colonial Secretary's Memorandum of this day's date, but he would, in his own mind, doubt the prudence of withdrawing Mr. White, and any other persons he may require, at the present moment from the vicinity of the place where the prisoners are. He thinks that some channel of communication should for the present be kept open with them. With this view, Her Majesty's Ship "Falcon" was left there, and will come back to Auckland on the 30th instant, to bring any intelligence regarding the prisoners which may have been acquired.

Government House, Auckland, 28th September, 1864.

G. GREY.

### No. 6.

MEMORANDUM of MINISTERS respecting Government Officials lately in charge of Native Prisoners.

The Colonial Secretary will be very much obliged if His Excellency will inform him whether he has any further occasion for the services of Mr. White, Dr. Sam, and other persons lately in charge of the prisoners at Kawau. These persons are in the pay of the Colonial Government, and the Colonial Secretary is desirous of retrenching what appears to be an unproductive expenditure.

Auckland, 13th October, 1864.

WILLIAM FOX.

### No. 7.

MEMORANDUM regarding the Removal of the Government Officers from Kawau.

The Governor trusts that Ministers will act in such manner as they think best regarding the removal from Kawau, or the contrary, of Mr. White and the other officers of the Colonial Government who are now there.

October 14th, 1864.

G. GREY.

### No. 8.

Copy of a LETTER from Mr. W. N. SEARANCE to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Whangarei Heads, September 27, 1864.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Walton requested me, being himself compelled to leave for the Wairoa, to take charge of the enclosed letters, in order that they might be forwarded to