

The tabular information now furnished by you does not appear to justify your interference on the ground taken by you. A district from which fully two-thirds of the adult males have gone to join the rebels, and are actually fighting with the Queen's troops, leaving only their old men and a few others, barely sufficient, in all probability, to reap their crops, is as much a rebel district, to all intents and purposes, as Waikato itself, and in this instance is the more emphatically so, in consequence of the close relationship of William Thompson with the Tauranga Natives. If the fact that one-third of the adult males are left behind, while two-thirds have gone to the war, were held to be a reason for not invading their territory, when strategical reasons demand it, the Government would find it very difficult to undertake any operations for the suppression of the existing rebellion; for, with the exception of Central Waikato, there is probably no part of the country occupied by Natives engaged in fighting the troops, in which considerable numbers have not been left behind to look after the kaingas, and to grow food for those who fight.

In advising His Excellency to give the instructions which he did to Colonel Carey, Ministers acted on a mass of information collected from various sources, and substantially identical with that now furnished by you, which does not materially differ from that you gave to them when in Auckland. You have since not communicated anything material to them which they were not aware of when Colonel Carey received his instructions. If the course pursued by you, in interposing the weight of your official influence between that officer and his instructions, were allowed to pass without the disapproval of Government, Ministers could never feel certain that their instructions would be executed in any case where a local officer might think proper to criticise the expediency of their orders, and take upon himself to urge their suspension by another officer, specially charged with their execution.

In conclusion, I am directed to express the regret of the Government, that after giving the most favourable consideration to your letter under notice, it cannot approve of the course pursued by you on this occasion.

I have, &c.,  
EDWARD SHORTLAND.  
Native Secretary.

### No. 15.

#### MEMORANDUM by Mr. RUSSELL as to Blockade of Tauranga.

His Excellency is respectfully advised to instruct Captain Jenkins to maintain a strict blockade of the Tauranga Harbour. The Government will immediately prohibit supplies leaving Auckland for Tauranga,—and, as soon as possible, will communicate with the other Southern ports; but Capt. Jenkins should be authorised to prohibit the landing at Tauranga of stores and supplies of any kind, except for the use of the Troops.

T. RUSSELL.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Auckland, 31st March, 1864.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORANDA ON ADDRESS FROM ABORIGINES PROTECTION SOCIETY.

#### No. 1.

COPY OF LETTER from SECRETARY of Aborigines Protection Society to SIR G. GREY, K.C.B.

Aborigines' Protection Society,  
34, Newington Crescent, S., London,  
26th January, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward you an Address, which, as you will perceive is very numerous and influentially signed. I do not enclose the autographs of the memorialists as each signature was attached to a separate copy of the Address, and they would form a too bulky parcel to send by the Marseilles Mail.

We have taken the liberty of publishing the letter before its transmission to your Excellency, in order that there might be some expression of public opinion on the subject.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
F. W. CHESSON.  
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