

settlers to be sent to Tauranga, to hold one of the Posts there, with a view to their ultimate location at that place.

To prevent further misapprehension, I will state that whenever it is recommended for your consideration that military settlers should be sent to any station, the intention is that they should be employed at that post in the same manner as other troops are, that they should always be available for military service, but that the Officer in command should be authorised to employ them when not required for military duties, in preparing land for occupation, in order to facilitate their future settlement.

I enclose for your information returns shewing the total effective strength of the local forces in the Northern Island to be 11,031 men.

I have, &c., &c., &c..

G. GREY.

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Enclosure 2 to No. 5.

Government House, 13th September, 1864.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I am very much obliged to you for the orders you have given for the march of a detachment of 50 men to proceed to the Manukau Heads and protect the Pilot Station if the escaped prisoners attempt to cross there. If they make the attempt, they will be very much surprised to find that their move has been anticipated by such speedy action on your part.

Very truly yours,

G. GREY.

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Enclosure 3 to No. 5.

Government House, 14th September, 1864.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The Government agree with you in thinking that it will be a good thing to extend the telegraph to Onehunga and to the Manukau Heads, and they will agree to purchase the necessary stores and defray all the expenses attending the establishment of the line, if you will furnish the labour required to construct it and the staff to work it.

Will you therefore kindly furnish the estimate of the expense as you propose.

Very truly yours,

G. GREY.

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Enclosure 4 to No. 5.

Government House, 15th September, 1864.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I send for your perusal a very interesting Report I have just received from Mr. Mackay. Will you return it when you have done with it.

Very truly yours,

G. GREY.

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Enclosure 5 to No. 5.

Government House, 28th September, 1864.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

The "Prince Alfred" is now loaded for Waikato; on her return the Government say they will place her at your disposal for a few trips.

Very truly yours,

G. GREY.

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No. 6.

MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

The Governor observes in the Ministerial Memorandum of this day's date the following passage—

"Nor has His Excellency permitted his Responsible Advisers to see the despatches received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State by the last mail, ten days ago."

Ministers will pardon the Governor for saying that he does not think that the passage he has quoted accurately describes what has taken place.

He has given positive orders in his office that the Ministers should be supplied with any information they wanted, and that they should have the despatches of the Secretary, or the Governor whenever they sent for them.

The Governor having enquired in his office, is assured that Ministers have never asked for the despatches, or sent to his office for them. He forwards two memoranda on this subject. He has been himself very ill, and greatly occupied with affairs of importance, and the question never presented itself to his mind whether Ministers had or had not sent for the despatches. He can assure them that he had no wish or thought of keeping them from Ministers, and has, directly he has known they wish to see them, ordered them to be forwarded to them.

G. GREY.

September 30th, 1864.