

No. 10.
MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

In reply to His Excellency's Memorandum of this day's date, the enclosed Returns giving the information asked for, are forwarded for His Excellency's information.

October 13th, 1864.

T. RUSSELL.

Enclosure 1 to No. 10.

Return, shewing the strength of the Militia and Volunteers at Taranaki, exclusive of the Military Settlers:—

CORPS.				Field Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Adjutants.	Surgeons.	Sergt. Major and Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Adjutants.	Surgeons.	Sergt. Major and Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.			
Militia	1st Class	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	3	6	5	...	198	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			2nd Class	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	5	6	1	119	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			3rd Class	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	3	8	4	1	108	...	2	4	5	...	1	8	19	15	2	425
Volunteers, Cavalry				...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	2	3	1	51	...	1	1	1	...	...	2	3	1	51
Volunteers, Rifles				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Volunteers, Bushrangers				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	2	104	...	1	2	2	2	...	...	10	10	5	195	
TOTALS				1	5	7	8	...	1	8	31	28	8	671	1	5	7	8	...	1	8	31	28	8	671

Militia and Volunteer Office,
Auckland, 13th October, 1864.

H. C. BALNEAVIS, Lieut.-Colonel,
Dep.-Ad.-General of Militia and Volunteers.

N.B. Lieut.-Colonel Lepper has assumed the command since the date of the Returns from which these numbers are taken.

Enclosure 2 to No. 10.

Return, shewing the present strength of the Colonial Defence Force in the Provinces of Auckland, Wellington, and Hawke's Bay:—

PROVINCE.	Com-mandants.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Staff.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Trum-peters.	Troopers.	Horses.
Auckland ...	1	2	5	1	5	3	...	66	79
Wellington ...	1	4	3	5	5	7	4	141	164
Hawke's Bay	1	2	3	1	5	7	2	97	109
TOTAL ...	3	8	11	7	15	17	6	304	352

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Auckland, 13th October, 1864.

H. C. BALNEAVIS, Lieut.-Colonel,
Dep.-Adj. General of Militia and Volunteers.

No. 11.
MEMORANDUM by MINISTERS.

Referring to Minister's Memorandum of 12th instant, relative to the reduction of war expenditure, Ministers respectfully request His Excellency's answer to-day, as the mail for the South closes at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, October 17th, 1864.

T. RUSSELL.

No. 12.
MEMORANDUM by the GOVERNOR.

In reply to the Ministerial Memorandum of the 12th instant, showing the reductions the Government propose to make in the existing war expenditure, the Governor begs to state that it is with great regret that he hears it is intended to reduce the Defence Force at the present moment, as they are a most useful force upon our frontiers, and the existing crisis the Governor regards as one of considerable danger.

With regard to the reductions proposed in the Taranaki Militia, the Governor supposes that although they are struck off pay and allowances, they will be forthcoming for the defence of the town in the event of the absence of the troops, otherwise there will be a proportionably smaller number of men available for any service outside the town.

The Governor also presumes that the Militia and Volunteers will be mustered under arms periodically at Taranaki as here.

October 17th, 1864.

G. GREY.