

No. 130.

The ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY to His Excellency's PRIVATE SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Head Quarters, Auckland, 3rd June, 1865.

I have had the honor to submit your communication of the 2nd instant to the Lieut.-General Commanding, and I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that the letter of the 1st instant, No. 153, 1865, was not written for the purpose of eliciting a reply, and it is the intention of the Lieut.-General to forward a copy of it, with other correspondence on the same subject, to the Secretary of State for War.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE DEAN PITT,

Major, Assistant Military Secretary.

The Private Secretary, Kawanu.

No. 131.

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Head Quarters, Auckland, 3rd June, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 2nd instant, relative to the reduction of the forces in the Colony.

I adhere to the opinion I have constantly expressed, that a gradual reduction of the force may and ought to be commenced at once, in pursuance of the instructions recently received from England; but as I cannot suppose that Her Majesty's Government, in leaving the time and manner of carrying those instructions into effect to my judgment, expected that I would act in defiance of so strong a protest from the Governor of the Colony as that which your Excellency has made in your last letter, I consider it my duty not to take any steps for the discharge of the soldiers of the 65th, or for the embarkation of that regiment for England, until you intimate to me that you consider the time come when troops may be withdrawn from the Colony without incurring the serious risks adverted to in your letter.

Your Excellency's observations regarding the force considered by me necessary to attack the Wereroa Pa hardly call for notice; but if you refer to my letter again, you will find that you have misquoted it, and that I have not stated that a large force, or a force of 2000 men, would not be required to attack the pa, but that I consider it unadvisable at the present time to assemble a large force for a formal attack on that position.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,

Lieut.-General.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c.

No. 132.

The ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY to His Excellency's PRIVATE SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Head Quarters, Auckland, 1st June, 1865.

I have the honor, by direction of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor the enclosed copies of two telegrams received from Brigadier-General Carey, dated the 31st ultimo.

I have, &c.,

GEO. DEAN PITT,

Major, Assistant Military Secretary.

The Private Secretary, Government House.

Enclosure to No. 132.

(1.) TELEGRAPH MESSAGE received at Auckland, 31st May, 1865, from Brigadier-General CAREY, Te Awamutu, to General Sir D. A. CAMERON, K.C.B., Auckland.

Please add Mr. George Graham's signature to the others attached to Thompson's covenant sent to you on Sunday.

(2.) TELEGRAPH MESSAGE received at Auckland, 31st May, 1865, from Brigadier-General CAREY, to General CAMERON, K.C.B., Auckland.

Just heard from William Thompson, dated 29th. He writes—"Tell the Governor I have stood in your presence with my 'Tia,' the emblem of peace. Let Tiu Tamihana come out of prison."

Mr. Graham is here, going to Rewi.

No. 133.

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Head Quarters, Auckland, 1st June, 1865.

With reference to your Excellency's letter of the 26th ultimo, on the subject of a communication addressed by you to the Minister of Colonial Defence, regarding the occupation of a post at Te Namu, I beg to observe that Colonel Warre could not have seen my letter of the 14th April, a copy of which you state you communicated to the Minister of Colonial Defence, as otherwise he would have mentioned it.

It will be my duty to report the case to the Secretary of State for War, as I consider it most objectionable that an officer should undertake any operation for the extension of a settlement, involving expense to the Imperial Government at the suggestion of a Colonial Minister, on the strength of some communication received by that Minister from your Excellency (which communication is afterwards not