

## No. 10.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

No. 16.

SIR,— Government House, Auckland, 7th January, 1865.

My Responsible Advisers, being anxious to raise a Colonial Force of about 1,500 men to enable them to recommend a reduction in Her Majesty's troops now serving in this Colony, have requested me to transmit for your consideration the enclosed letter, in which they beg to be permitted to enlist from the Queen's Regiments now serving in this Colony, a number not exceeding fifteen hundred of limited service men, who may be induced to enter into the Colonial service by offers of an increased rate of pay, a shorter time of service, and grants of land.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. GREY.

Mr. Mantell to Sir G. Grey, 7th Jan., 1865.

## Enclosure to No. 10.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 7th January, 1865.

I have respectfully to request that your Excellency will be pleased to represent to the Home Government the desire of the Colonial Government to form a Colonial Defence Force, and to enlist for that service from the regiments now in the Colony a number not exceeding fifteen hundred (1,500) limited service men, who may be induced to enter into the Colonial Service by offers of an increased rate of pay, a shorter term of service, and grants of land.

The object of the Colonial Government in the formation of this force is to relieve Her Majesty's troops from their present service in the Colony at the earliest possible period.

I have, &amp;c.,

WALTER MANTELL,

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

(for the Colonial Secretary.)

## No 11.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

No. 21.

SIR,— Government House, Auckland, 6th February, 1865.

I have the honor at the request of the executor of the late James Armitage, Esq., to transmit the copy of a letter addressed to you, regarding damages inflicted on the late Mr. Armitage's property. 2. Mr. Armitage fell in Her Majesty's service, and I trust that the claims urged on his behalf may receive such consideration as may be found possible.

Mr. Crawford to Sir G. Grey, 19th Jan., 1865.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. GREY.

## Enclosure 1 to No. 11.

J. H. CRAWFORD, Esq., to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,— Auckland, New Zealand, 19th January, 1865.

I have the honor to enclose the copy of a petition to the House of Commons by the executor of the late James Armitage, Esq., and a letter intended to cover the same to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State; and I beg that your Excellency will have the goodness to forward them to the Secretary of State by the first opportunity, with or without comment as your Excellency may think fit.

I have, &amp;c.,

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

JAS. H. CRAWFORD.

## Enclosure 2 to No. 11.

J. H. CRAWFORD, Esq. to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

SIR,— Auckland, New Zealand, 18th January, 1865.

I have the honor to forward to you a copy of a petition which will be presented to the House of Commons from the executor of James Armitage, Esq., late of Milnesbridge House, in Yorkshire, who was killed by the insurgent Maoris, in New Zealand, in September, 1863, and whose house and farm were destroyed by soldiers belonging to Her Majesty's army serving in New Zealand a few months afterwards.

As I feel certain that you will on inquiry find the facts stated respecting this sad case to be true, I venture to hope that the prayer of the petitioner will meet with no opposition from you or Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &amp;c.,

JAS. H. CRAWFORD,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

Solicitor for Mr. Armitage's Executor.

## No. 12.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

No. 22.

SIR,— Government House, Auckland, 6th February, 1865.

I have the honor to transmit for your information the copy of a report received from Colonel Greer, C.B., commanding the troops at Tauranga.

Colonel Greer to D. Q. M. G., 29th Jan., 1865.

2. I believe that Colonel Greer most accurately represents the state of feeling amongst the Native population when he says—"The fact is the eyes of all Maoridom are on Taranaki—there is the head quarters of their 'Atua' or God; and if he cannot drive the Pakehas into the sea there, I think they will give up, as a bad bargain, all over this side of the Island."

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. GREY.