

No. 17.

No. 27. His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 8th February, 1865.

V. Thompson to  
Mr G. Grey, 26th  
Jan., 1865.  
Telegram from  
General Carey to  
Mr G. Grey, 5th  
Feb., 1865.

It is probable that you may see statements made in the newspapers to the effect that the chief William Thompson has come in and given himself up.

2. I beg to explain that this is an entire mistake. He wrote me the enclosed letter expressing a wish for an interview. Captain Baker and Major Blewitt were sent to arrange a time and place for the purpose, when William Thompson seemed to have in part changed his mind, as will be seen from the enclosed copy of a telegram I have received from General Carey.

3. I have answered that telegram by saying I understood that Thompson wished to see me, and that I therefore supposed he had made up his mind as to what he wished to say to me. That if he still wished to see me I would meet him, and that he could speak to me on any subject he wished. The matter has as yet gone no further, but the whole Waikato country is perfectly quiet, and I regard the war as ended in this part of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,  
G. GREY.

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

Enclosure 1 to No. 17.

FATHER, GOVERNOR GREY,—

Puketihitihi, 26th January, 1865.

Salutations to you. I have seen your letter of the 17th instant; you say that it will be well for me to consider your word. Yes: your word is good. I have been deliberating from the close of the war up to the present day, and now at your request I shall consider it (lit., turn it over) again, and if it is not clear to me, I shall tell you I am not able to see my way to peace,—that we had better wait and watch for peace or whatever else there may be (wait the turn of events).

Friend,—Were it not that I am afraid, I should be very glad to see you, that we might converse together, that is face to face, and not always on paper.

Friend,—Your advice is very good,—that I should meditate well upon your word. Yes; let it remain, and I will view it and think it over.

From your friend,  
W. TAMIHANA.

Enclosure 2 to No. 17.

Brigadier-General CAREY to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

Captain Baker says that W. Thompson is anxious to meet your Excellency, but at the same time wishes to know beforehand on what subject he may talk to you,—whether the boundary, the peace, or the King. In his letter to me, received last night, Thompson writes, “I will not go blindfolded and not see my way clearly, but with a stated reason it will be well, and my feet will not sleep.”

Please answer this, as I keep the messenger.  
5th February, 1865.

No. 18.

No. 29. His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 2nd March, 1865.

I have the honor to transmit for your information the copy of a letter which has been received from the Resident Magistrate at Wanganui, enclosing a letter from the friendly Natives of that place, containing an account of a very important success which they had obtained on the 24th of February over the rebel Natives.

2. The loss of the rebels was about twenty-five killed on the field, and four chiefs of importance were taken prisoners. This marked success on the part of the friendly Natives will, I have no doubt, produce results very favourable for our interests, and tend much to bring about a termination of hostilities in that part of the country.

3. It is with much sorrow that I have to report that John Williams, a most faithful chief and excellent man, fell mortally wounded in this affair. Ever since the establishment of the Colony he has shown himself to be a most firm and consistent friend, and his death is sincerely regretted by large numbers of Europeans and Natives.

I have, &c.,  
G. GREY.

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

Enclosure 1 to No. 18.

D. S. DURIE, Esq., to the Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Resident Magistrate's Court, Wanganui, 23rd February, 1865.

Referring to my report of 18th instant, I have now the honor to state that the General has been pleased to approve of the steps taken by the magistrates in forwarding the ammunition to the up-river friendly Natives. Enclosed is the copy of a letter from the Native Assessors at Jerusalem, from which they appear to be very grateful for the prompt manner in which the magistrates acceded to their request for a supply of ammunition, their old stock being nearly exhausted.

In consequence of this transaction, I consider it my duty to inform the Government that a very unsatisfactory feeling now exists between the Native assessors and Mr. White, and I would respectfully suggest that the Native Minister or some person in authority, should proceed at once to Wanganui without delay, in order to take such measures as may put a stop to a state of affairs that may cause serious embarrassment to the Government, and be prejudicial to the public service.

I have, &c.,  
D. S. DURIE, R.M.

The Hon. the Attorney-General, Wellington.