

P A P E R S

RELATIVE TO

THE CAPTURE OF THE WERAROA PA.

No. 1.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

SIR,—

Before Weraroa Pa, 19th July, 1865.

I have the honor to transmit for your information copies of a correspondence between myself and Brigadier-General Waddy, C.B., from which you will find that from the nature of the orders issued to him by Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron, he cannot undertake without reference to him an operation which an immediate danger renders necessary.

2. Lieut.-General Cameron is in point of time distant from ten days to a fortnight, or perhaps more from this place. I fear that if an experienced Brigadier-General and the Governor of the Colony cannot, in a time of emergency, undertake with the forces under the command of the Brigadier-General, an operation necessary to prevent a new rebellion from arising, it will be difficult for me to induce the colonists to pay for forces which are in times of difficulty practically useless.

I trust that Her Majesty's Government will be pleased to direct the officer in command of the forces in New Zealand to give a much larger discretionary power to the Brigadier-Generals under his command, or at least to reside at the seat of Government of the country, or at the point where hostilities are likely to break out.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

P.S.—I transmit herewith for your information the copy of a memorandum I have drawn up, detailing the events which have passed here during the last few days, and I have the honor respectfully to request your attention to the concluding paragraphs of that memorandum, from which you will see in how unprecedented and difficult a position I have been placed by the orders which Sir D. A. Cameron has issued to Brigadier-General Waddy.

G. GREY.

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

Enclosure 1 to No. 1.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Brigadier-General WADDY.

SIR,—

In front of the Weraroa Pa, 19th July, 1865.

Information which I have just received from various parts of this island satisfies me that the worst possible effect is being produced by the murderers, fanatics, and turbulent natives who hold the Weraroa Pa being permitted to remain unmolested for so many months close to a British settlement, in the presence of a large British force.

If some steps are not at once taken for the capture of the pa, I am sure the result will be renewed rebellion on the part of the fanatics in many parts of New Zealand. In fact they have already risen to assist the fanatics or broken out into revolt in several places.

Under these circumstances, before determining what steps should be taken for the immediate capture of the pa, I wish to know whether the instructions under which you are acting from Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron, K.C.B., will permit of your proceeding to invest that place, and to carry out regular operations for its immediate reduction, without the delay of a reference to him at Auckland, or whether such reference must first be made.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

Brigadier-General Waddy, C.B., &c., &c., &c.

Enclosure 2 to No. 1.

Brigadier-General WADDY to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Camp Nukumar, 19th July, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of this date requiring to know whether the instructions under which I am acting from Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron will permit of my proceeding to invest the Weraroa Pa and to carry out regular operations for its immediate reduction without reference to him, and in reply I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I cannot undertake this operation against the pa unless I receive the orders of the Lieut.-General Commanding the Forces to do so; I will of course forward your Excellency's communication without delay to Sir D. A. Cameron, and I will hold the troops in this district ready to move at the shortest notice, should the Lieut.-General commanding the forces direct an immediate attack on the pa.

I have, &c.,

R. WADDY,

Brigadier-General commanding Field Force.

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