

Enclosure 5 to No. 3.

W. R. GRAY, Major, A.D.C., to the D. A. A. GENERAL, Wanganui.

SIR,—

Before the Weraroa Pa, 21st July, 1865.

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to state for the information of the Brigadier-General commanding, that, as it is possible that an attack may be made on this camp to-night by the Weraroa natives, to revenge themselves for 50 men who were going to reinforce them, but were taken prisoners by our friendly Natives early this morning, His Excellency has requested Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor to order to this camp, to remain until to-morrow, 30 men from the Nukumarū Redoubt, and 50 from the Waitotara. An escort of 40 men of the 2nd battalion, 14th Regiment, having been sent to bring in the prisoners, the force in camp is reduced to 150 men, 50 of whom are on outlying piquet.

I have, &c.,

W. R. GRAY,
Major, A.D.C.

The D. A. A. General, Wanganui.

Enclosure 6 to No. 3.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Colonel WEARE.

SIR,—

Before the pa, Weraroa, 21st July, 1865.

I have the honor to state that a critical state of affairs now prevails throughout the whole of the Wanganui district, which renders it essential that the force here should be increased with as little delay as possible. I therefore beg that you will order 200 men with a due proportion of officers from the force under your command to march for this place with all convenient despatch, here to place themselves under the command of Brigadier-General Waddy, who I expect immediately to arrive, but with whom I have had no opportunity of communicating since I received the intelligence which has led me to write this letter to you.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

Colonel Weare, 50th Regiment, commanding at Patea.

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Major W. R. GRAY to the D. A. A. General.

SIR,—

Before the Weraroa Pa, 21st July, 1865.

By direction of His Excellency the Governor, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter sent this day to Colonel Weare requesting that he would order 200 men from the force under his command to march for this place with all convenient despatch, and I am to state that in consequence of the bad news received from Pipiriki, His Excellency considered this step imperatively necessary as these men are required here to take the place of a large number of friendly Natives whose presence is urgently required up the Wanganui river.

I have, &c.,

W. R. GRAY,
Major, A.D.C.

The D.A.A. General, Wanganui.

Enclosure 8 to No. 3.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Major ROOKES.

MY DEAR SIR,—

In front of Weraroa Pa, 21st July, 1865.

I hear from Captain Ross that you have still another pa on your side to take; to enable you to do this, we shall make a sham attack on the main pa of Weraroa from this side to-morrow morning at daylight, and seize a position ourselves. I wish you continued success. McDonnell has acted splendidly.

Truly yours,

G. GREY.

P.S.—I rely on your having picked shots to give them no peace by day, and ambuscades well planted every night, so that nothing can get in or out in safety.

Major Rookes, in rear of Weraroa Pa.

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Major ROOKES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

MY DEAR SIR GEORGE,—

The Weraroa is yours. Captain Ross, my Adjutant, will explain the rest.

Yours very faithfully,

CECIL ROOKES.

10 p.m., 21st July, 1865.

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SIR,—

Weraroa Pa, 22nd July, 1865.

I have been directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that you return with the guns and mortars to Waitotara. They are not now required here, the Weraroa Pa being occupied by the troops.

I have, &c.,

The Officer in charge of the Party advancing with
guns from Waitotara.W. R. GRAY,
Major A.D.C.

Enclosure 11 to No. 3.

SIR,—

Before Weraroa Pa, 22nd July, 1865.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that you will march your men back to your station at the Patea. The Weraroa Pa having surrendered, an augmentation of this force is now unnecessary.

I have, &c.,

The Officer commanding Troops on march from Patea to Weraroa.

W. R. GRAY,
Major, A.D.C.