

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN
HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., AND LT.-GENERAL
SIR D. A. CAMERON, K.C.B.

No. 1.

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

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 16th December, 1864.

Adverting to my previous correspondence with you upon the subject of the operations which should be undertaken during this summer, I have the honor to acquaint you that the information now in the possession of the Government leads me to conclude that it is not at present necessary to retain in the Province of Auckland more than one regiment, to be available as a reserve, which could be moved to any point that might be threatened. In addition to this regiment, the militia force of this Province will be always available if any emergency should arise. This arrangement would, as I understand, leave at your disposal a force of two regiments, which might be employed either in the Taranaki or Wanganui districts.

The objects which the Government are anxious to attain at those places or in this neighbourhood, are as follows:—

1. The military occupation of sufficient country to give possession of the Patea river from the sea to the forest, and of the country between that river and the Wanganui, so that the Waitotara road may be carried on;
2. Such occupation of the country from Tataraimaka southwards as will secure for settlement a block of land between Tataraimaka and the Stoney River.

The ultimate object aimed at by these proposed arrangements is the construction of a thoroughfare between Taranaki and Wanganui, and the establishment of military settlements at such points along that line as may be found convenient.

And my wish is, that in so far as the force at your disposal will permit, you will take such measures as may appear to you most likely to conduce to the end which the Government desire to attain.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.

G. GREY.

No. 2.

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

MY DEAR GENERAL,—

Kawau, 26th December, 1864.

I have received your letter of the 24th, and am glad to hear that you are back again, and preparing for your move South. I fear I shall be delayed here for two or three days more. An awkward affair has taken place here. The natives of this part of the country have pillaged the house of one of Mr. Micklejohn's sons, in revenge for his having, as they believe, burnt their pa on the top of the mountain; and having become alarmed at the probable results which may spring from this act on their part, they have sent messengers to the escaped prisoners, calling on them to return and help them. I am told they will not do this, and I trust not, but to-morrow or the next day will determine the point. There is much excitement amongst both Europeans and Natives; but if the prisoners move off towards Waikato to-morrow, as they say they will, this will in a great measure subside. But it is a critical and anxious moment, and it is very difficult to see how Tarawhitu is to be dealt with. I shall be at Auckland on Saturday, according as events go here, and I will then answer the several questions you have raised.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.,
Auckland.

G. GREY.

No. 3.

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

MY DEAR GENERAL,—

Government House, 29th December, 1864.

The Government will bear the expense of such blockhouses at Wanganui and Taranaki as yourself and Colonel Warre may report to be necessary.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.

G. GREY.