

## No. 34.

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

MY DEAR SIR GEORGE,—

Camp, Patea River, 27th February, 1865.

The "Prince Alfred" has just arrived bringing the English mail, and a note from you in which you say that you were to leave Auckland for Wanganui on the 22nd instant. You will therefore probably arrive at Wanganui to-morrow or the day after. If inconvenient for you to come here let me know by the "Gundagai," and I will meet you at Wanganui.

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

I have, &amp;c.,

D. A. CAMERON,  
Lieut.-General.

## No. 35.

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

MY DEAR SIR GEORGE,—

Camp on the Patea, 4th March, 1865.

I send you a copy of a letter from Mr. Booth to Mr. Mantell, and a copy of one from me to Mr. Mantell. I presume that the matters to which they relate have already been reported to you. If there is any truth in the report that Te Ua is desirous of making peace with us, I should think that your presence in this part of the world would be desirable.

I also send you two telegrams I received from General Carey. I hope it is a false alarm.

I have, &amp;c.,

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

D. A. CAMERON,  
Lieut.-General.

## Enclosure to No. 35.

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

MY DEAR SIR,—

Camp on the Patea, 4th March, 1865.

I have received Mr. Booth's letter to you, which you sent me through Mr. Strickland. It will be better that you should communicate with me upon matters connected with the public service direct instead of through a private channel. I shall be glad to have your opinion as to what steps ought to be taken in consequence of the desire stated to have been expressed by Te Ua to make peace with us. I would recommend your coming to the Waitotara where you can communicate with the natives, and I would meet you there. Mr. Weld informs me that you have the full authority of the Government who, I presume, will be glad to bring the war here to a close if possible without further hostilities.

In accordance with the Governor's last instructions, I was about to move all the troops at the Waitotara, except a post of two hundred men, to this place; but, under present circumstances, I think it advisable to suspend the movement until I hear from you, which I hope to do by the return of the "Gundagai."

I have, &amp;c.,

D. A. CAMERON,  
Lieut.-General.

P.S.—The officer commanding at the Waitotara reports that the white flag is still flying at the Wereroa pah.

D. A. C.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

## No. 36.

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

MY DEAR GENERAL,—

Wanganui, 6th March, 1865.

I came here to see the natives with regard to Pehi and the other chiefs who surrendered to them, as it now appears on terms by which we are bound. I am sorry for this, but we must be content with the advantages we have obtained, which are very considerable. I found here your letter telling me that the white flag is flying at Waitotara. I was consequently going on there this morning. I have since heard that you sent Mr. Broughton to ascertain what they wanted, and I do not now like to go to Waitotara until I have heard the result of his proceedings, which I can do from you by the return steamer this afternoon. I am to see the Putiki natives this morning, and am to hear their version of the arrangements they concluded with Pehi; and Pehi himself will arrive here to-morrow, so that on Wednesday my business here will finish.

If the Waitotara natives have any desire to treat with us Mr. Broughton will soon ascertain it, and I will in that case have every effort made to bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion; but I hardly hope that they are yet in such a frame of mind.

The natives of this place and their friends, about 500 strong in all, wish to be allowed to attack the Wereroa pah at Waitotara. Will their doing so interfere with your operations? If not, I will give them permission to do it. I am satisfied if they enter upon this task that they will not commit any acts of cruelty, but will proceed in entire conformity with the rules of civilized nations. Clothing has been provided for the militia here.

The "Sturt" has been ordered down to co-operate with you, or rather to be under your orders; the "Sandfly" is coming back to you.

I have no news of any interest to send you from this place.

I have, &amp;c.,

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

G. GREY.