

Enclosure to No. 74.

Colonel GREER to Deputy QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL.

SIR,—

Camp Te Papa, Tauranga, 5th April, 1865.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Lieut.-General Commanding that since the 11th March last there has been no interpreter in this district. On the date mentioned Mr. Rice, the interpreter at this station, was sent by me on board H.M.S. "Eclipse" to act as interpreter to Captain Fremantle, during his mission to the East Coast, to endeavour to recover the Rev. Mr. Grace from the hands of the Pai Marire fanatics at Opotiki. Upon the successful termination of this expedition Mr. Rice (who might have landed at Maketu, at which place the vessel put in to send me an account of what had occurred, from Captain Fremantle) proceeded to Auckland, without having received any authority to do so; and I have since heard nothing about him except a report from a private source of his having gone to Wellington.

Some months ago I made an urgent application for an interpreter to be sent to Maketu, and was informed in reply that one would be sent without delay; and although since then I have renewed my application no interpreter has gone there.

In conclusion, I would beg to urge that interpreters may be sent both to this station and to Maketu, with the least possible delay.

The Deputy Quartermaster General,
Head Quarters.

I have, &c.,

H. H. GREER, Colonel,
Commanding Tauranga District.

No. 75.

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

SIR,—

Head Quarters, Camp Patea, 22nd April, 1865.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from Brigadier-General Carey, dated Te Awamutu, 30th March last, but only received here on the 19th instant, stating that in the absence of any orders from me he had allowed one hundred volunteers of the Forest Rangers and Waikato Militia to leave the frontier for the purpose of proceeding to the Province of Wanganui, in pursuance of an order received by Colonel Haultain from the Minister of Colonial Defence.

I have not heard of the arrival of these volunteers in Wanganui, nor have I received any intimation as to the service on which it is proposed they should be employed, nor whether they are to act under my orders or under the orders of your Excellency, and the Minister of Colonial Defence, as in the case of the Military Settlers from New Plymouth, now stationed up the Wanganui River.

From several communications I have of late received from General Carey, it appears that he considers the force on the Waikato frontier to have been unduly reduced; looking at the unsettled state of the Native tribes near that frontier, I think that General Carey should always be consulted previous to any alteration in the strength or distribution of the force allotted for the defence of the frontier, as otherwise he cannot be held responsible for its safety; and also, that any orders on the subject should be conveyed to him from your Excellency through me, or in my absence direct from your Excellency.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.

His Excellency the Governor.

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Brigadier-General CAREY to the Deputy QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL.

SIR,—

Te Awamutu, 30th March, 1865.

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Lieut.-General Commanding the Forces, that in compliance with a request made to me by the Colonel commanding the local Forces, in pursuance of an order received by him from the Minister for Defence, I have authorised the move of the men named below* from this Province to that of Wanganui.

Though of opinion that this matter should have been first submitted for the consideration of the Commander of the Forces; still, being averse to impede by reference any action conducive to the benefit of the Field Force now in active operations, I have taken it upon myself to permit this further reduction in the number of troops occupying this frontier.

The company of Forest Rangers is composed of thirty volunteers from Major Von Tempsky's men, made up to fifty by volunteers from those under Major Jackson at Kihikihi. The other company under Captain George, is made up by volunteers from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Regiments Waikato Militia, in about equal proportions.

As the remnant of Major Von Tempsky's company (about thirty) would scarcely be sufficient to hold the new post at Aripipi, I have requested Colonel Haultain to make up the strength to fifty rank and file.

The maintenance of this post I hold to be important, being on the new road to Raglan and strengthening the right flank of this frontier.

I have, &c.,

The Deputy Quartermaster General,
Head Quarters, Wanganui.

GEORGE J. CAREY,
Brigadier-General.

No. 76.

The Assistant MILITARY SECRETARY to His Excellency's PRIVATE SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Head Quarters, Camp Patea, 22nd April, 1865.

I have the honor by direction of the Lieut.-General Commanding to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the accompanying copy of a communication received from

*1 Company Forest Rangers :—1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 50 men, under Major Von Tempsky.

1 Company Waikato Militia :—1 Captain, 2 Subalterns, 50 men, under Captain George.