Enclosure 3 in No. 8.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., to Major-General Chute.

SIR,-Government House, Wellington, 13th October, 1865. In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, regarding the views I have expressed upon the subject of the return of Her Majesty's troops to Europe, I have the honor to state that I see no reason to make any change in the arrangements it was intended to carry out regarding the departure of five regiments from this Colony; and as the 65th Regiment has already embarked, or is on the point of

embarkation, I think a second regiment may be sent home at the date at which you say transport can be procured for it, namely in about two months from the present time.

The Hon. Major-General Chute.

I have, &c., G. Grey.

No. 9.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., to the Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 150.)

Government House, Wellington. 14th November, 1865.

SIR,-I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of a Memo-Mr. Stafford, 9th randum which I have received from my Responsible Advisers, in which they November, 1865. request me to inform you that by the preliminary arrangement with the "Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company," it is provided that the contract entered into by the Lords of the Admiralty for the Steam Mail Service

between Australia and New Zealand shall be continued until the commencement of the Panama Service, at present fixed to commence on the 1st of June, 1866. The amount to be contributed from Imperial Funds towards the cost thereof being, from the 1st instant to the 1st of June, 1866, at the rate of £6500 instead of £13,000 per annum, as proposed in the last paragraph of your Despatch of the

24th August, 1864. The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P. I have, &c., G. GREY.

Enclosure in No. 9.

COPY of a MEMORANDUM by Mr. STAFFORD.

By the Secretary of State's Despatch of the 24th August, 1864, it was intimated that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury considered it advisable that the contract entered into by the Lords of the Admiralty for the Steam Mail Service between Australia and New Zealand should be terminated on the 1st November, 1865, and in reply the Secretary of State has been informed that

notice to that effect was given by the Governor on the 30th September, 1864.

Ministers now submit that the Secretary of State for the Colonies be informed that by the preliminary arrangement with the "Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company" (formerly the I.C.R.M.Co.), it is provided that the contract above alluded to shall be continued until the commencement of the Panama Service, at present fixed to commence on the 1st of June, 1866. The amount to be contributed from Imperial Funds towards the cost thereof being, from the 1st instant to the 1st June, 1866, at the rate of £6500 instead of £12,000 per annum as presentd in the instant to the 1st June, 1866, at the rate of £6500 instead of £13,000 per annum, as proposed in the last paragraph of the Despatch above quoted.

9th November, 1865.

E. W. STAFFORD.

No. 10.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., to the Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 153.)

Government House, Wellington,

5th December, 1865. SIR,-

I have the honor to transmit for your information a copy of a letter which has been received from Mr. Smith, the Civil Commissioner for the Bay of Oct. 31, 1865. Plenty, reporting that our Native forces have arrested seventeen Natives out of twenty-three who are believed to have taken a part in the murder of Mr. Fulloon on the 22nd of July last. As one of the supposed murderers had previously fallen in a skirmish, only five of these persons now remain unaccounted for.

2. The fact of murderers being thus arrested by their own countrymen and given over to justice must exercise a very powerful influence upon the Native Race, and must also, I think, be regarded as a sure sign that the unhappy disturbances which have for so long prevailed in this country are now rapidly terminating.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. GREY.