

No. 17.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to
Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 4.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 31st January, 1867.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 2nd November last (separate), announcing that Major Roche, of the 18th Regiment, had, in compliance with a requisition you had made direct to him, taken active measures with the force at his command against certain Native tribes.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

CARNARVON.

No. 18.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to
Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 5.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st February, 1867.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 3rd November, transmitting a copy of a letter you had had from Major-General Chute, on the subject of his Head Quarters remaining at Auckland, and forwarding reports you had received from various parts of the Colony showing the state of the Natives.

In regard to the place in which the Head Quarters of the Army should be stationed, I need only refer you to my Despatch of the 28th December, No. 56.

I sincerely regret the controversies which have unfortunately so long subsisted between yourself and the Officers successively commanding Her Majesty's troops in New Zealand, and I can only hope that all occasion for them will be removed by the recent instructions which have been sent out to yourself and the Officer in Command.

I also regret that you should have any cause to complain that communications are made by officers in the Colony on matters in which you as Governor of the Colony are concerned without affording you an opportunity of answering or commenting upon them. In submitting a copy of your Despatch to Major-General Peel, for his information, I shall suggest to him the propriety of recalling Major-General Chute's attention to the instructions by which he was requested to guide himself in this respect.

At the same time I must observe, that you do not intimate any intention of communicating to General Chute a copy or the substance of the Despatch to which I am now replying.

I notice that at the date of that Despatch great peril had in your opinion again arisen in the country. I am glad, however, to perceive that in your subsequent Despatch of the 10th November, you express a more hopeful expectation of the prospects of the Colony.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

CARNARVON.

No. 19.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to
Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 6.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st February, 1867.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 5th November last (separate), with copies of a correspondence between General Chute and yourself regarding the withdrawal of the detachments of the 57th Regiment from the Waikato River.

I am unable to judge whether the Imperial troops, being in Waikato at a critical moment, were properly detained there for a short time longer than General Chute proposed. I entertain little doubt however that they ought to