

## No. 33.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., to Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

(No. 27.)

Downing Street, 25th February, 1869.

SIR,—

(Received at Wellington, *via* Auckland, 2nd May, 1869.)

In my Despatch No. 12, of the 29th January, I informed you that I had just received your Despatches containing the account of the cruel massacre in the neighbourhood of Poverty Bay, and had learnt by a telegram, which had preceded the Despatches, that the authors of those atrocities had been severely punished.

I have now to acknowledge your Despatches No. 116 and 125, of 17th November and 7th December respectively, furnishing particulars of the massacre, and reporting the measures taken by your Government for meeting the emergency which had arisen at Poverty Bay, and for checking the progress of the rebel Natives in the neighbourhood of Wanganui.

I have also to acknowledge your Despatch No. 129, of 18th December, which reports little progress, but no disaster since the Despatches of the previous mail.

I need hardly repeat the expression of my regret at the reverses which the Colony has sustained, or my confidence that adequate efforts will be made for the restoration of tranquillity. I perceive with satisfaction the valuable assistance which your Government derives from the co-operation of the friendly Natives, and in particular the spirit and gallantry displayed by the Wanganui chief called by the Natives "Captain Kemp."

I trust that our Native allies will not only fight for us, but also draw those Natives who are now doubtful and wavering to acknowledge or respect the British supremacy.

I think it necessary to comment on one sentence in your Despatch No. 125, of 7th December. You refer to your Despatch No. 100, of 8th October, as showing that the Local Government and Legislature have accepted the conditions on which Lord Carnarvon offered to leave a regiment in the Colony. Her Majesty's Government would not in any case have been prepared to repeat Lord Carnarvon's offer, but, on reperusing your own Despatch and my predecessor's answer to it, you will, I think perceive, that even were they prepared to do so, the Colonial Government and Legislature have not, as you supposed, signified their acceptance of it.

I cannot but express some surprise at your statement, which might have greatly misled Her Majesty's Government.

I have read with interest the account of your expedition to Wanganui, and I approve both of your having proceeded thither, and of the language which you used to the assembled tribes.

I have, &amp;c.,

GRANVILLE.

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

## No. 34.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., to Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

(No. 28.)

Downing Street, 26th February, 1869.

SIR,—

(Received at Wellington, *via* Auckland, 2nd May, 1869.)

The Secretary of State for War has communicated to me the correspondence, mentioned in the margin, which had passed between yourself and Major-General Sir Trevor Chute, on the subject of the withdrawal of Her Majesty's forces from New Zealand.

I do not see that any material advantage will have been gained by Sir T. Chute's presence in the Colony, and I rather fear it may encourage the Colonists to rely on the expectation of Imperial assistance more than on their own exertions.

I have &amp;c.,

GRANVILLE.

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

Sir T. Chute to  
Sir G. F. Bowen,  
Nov. 13, 1868.

Sir G. F. Bowen  
to Sir T. Chute,  
Dec. 2, 1868.

Sir T. Chute to  
Sir G. F. Bowen,  
Dec. 17, 1868.

Sir G. F. Bowen  
to Sir T. Chute,  
Dec. 9, 1868.

Sir T. Chute to  
Sir G. F. Bowen,  
Dec. 24, 1868.