

No. 43.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES
to Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

(No. 47.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 26th April, 1869.

I transmit to you a copy of a letter from the War Office, with its enclosures, on the subject of applications which had been received for the New Zealand War Medal, from persons who had volunteered for service with the regular forces.

April 5, 1869.

You will perceive that these medals will be issued by authority of Her Majesty to her regular troops engaged in the New Zealand wars, through and at the expense of the British Treasury, and may be so issued through and at the expense of the Colonial Government to Colonial Volunteers.

It is for the Colonial Government to consider whether they desire to receive Her Majesty's authority for this purpose.

If this should be the case, I will, on receiving your application to that effect, and a list of the persons to whom this honor ought to be given, request the Secretary of State for War to take steps for transmitting to you the requisite number of medals for distribution.

I have, &c.,

W. MONSELL

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

(for Earl Granville).

Enclosure in No. 43.

Sir E. LUGARD to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE, Colonial Office.

SIR,—

War Office, 5th April, 1869.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Adjutant-General to the Forces, requesting to be informed what reply is to be given to claims made to the New Zealand Medal by persons who volunteered for service with the regular forces in that Colony, and whether it is the intention of the Colonial Government to bestow the medal, with Her Majesty's sanction, on those who served in local corps, and I am to request that, in laying this letter before Earl Granville, you will state to his Lordship that Mr. Cardwell sees no objection at all, but much the reverse, to the bestowal upon Her Majesty's subjects in the Colonies of honors approved by Her Majesty for services in the field, but that he is unable to be responsible to Her Majesty for the due care and vigilance which ought to be exercised in the case of colonists, in preventing the extension of these honors beyond the proper limits.

March 17, 1869.

As this is believed to be a case of first impression, Mr. Secretary Cardwell requests to be favoured with Earl Granville's opinion on the subject, and to be informed whether his Lordship would be prepared to give the assurance in each case, which it seems to be necessary to require.

A copy of the general order notifying the grant of the medal is herewith enclosed.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD LUGARD.

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Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 43.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE, War Office.

New Zealand Medals.

SIR,—

Horse Guards, S.W., 17th March, 1869.

With reference to General Order 17 of 1869, I am directed by the Field-Marshal Commanding in Chief to state that several applications for the New Zealand War Medals have been received from individuals who volunteered for service with the regular forces in that country, and to request that His Royal Highness may be informed what reply should be made to such claimants, and whether it is the intention of the Colonial Government to bestow, with Her Majesty's sanction, the above decoration on those who served in local corps.

I have, &c.,

W. PAULET,

Adjutant-General.

The Under Secretary of State, War Office.

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G. O. 17.—MEDALS—NEW ZEALAND.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to command that a medal shall be prepared, to commemorate W.O. Letter, the services of Her Majesty's forces engaged in the various military operations in New Zealand, during Jan. 14, 1869, the years 1845-6-7, 1860-1-2-3-4-5-6; and to direct, that one of the said medals shall be conferred No. 7681-14.