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The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for WAR.
 SIR,—

Downing Street, 3rd July, 1869.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, on the subject of the application of the Governor of New Zealand for the grant of 2,000 Snider rifles, with ammunition, for the use of the Colonial forces, I am directed by Earl Granville to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Cardwell, that his Lordship considers that the necessity for complying with Sir G. F. Bowen's request is very urgent.

I am therefore to request you to move Mr. Cardwell to give the necessary instructions for sending out the full number of breech-loaders asked for; and Lord Granville is strongly of opinion that it would be desirable to issue them on the conditions hitherto in force.

The Crown Agents will be instructed to receive the arms, and dispatch them to New Zealand with as little delay as possible.

The Under Secretary of State for War.

I have, &c.,

FREDERIC ROGERS.

No. 4.

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

(No. 84.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th July, 1869.

I have received your Despatch No. 44, of the 3rd of April last, conveying a recommendation in favour of Colonel George Stoddart Whitmore, of the New Zealand Colonial Forces, for the distinction of a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, in consideration of his military services in the Colony.

I have before remarked with satisfaction on the skill and energy with which Colonel Whitmore has conducted the military operations which have been intrusted to him; and I have had much pleasure in submitting his name to the Queen for this mark of the Royal approval, which Her Majesty has graciously directed me to offer him.

I have, &c.,

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

GRANVILLE.

No. 5.

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

(No. 86.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th July, 1869.

The Queen has heard from His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh of the great cordiality and loyalty with which he has been received in Her Majesty's Australasian Colonies, and she is anxious to express her strong sense of the feeling displayed in this reception, which the Duke is most desirous that she should recognize.

Her Majesty commands you, therefore, to convey to the people of New Zealand her warm acknowledgments of the kind reception which has been given to His Royal Highness, and of their hearty and unanimous loyalty to Her person and throne.

I have, &c.,

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

GRANVILLE.

No. 6.

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

(No. 88.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 10th August, 1869.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the disposal, on the withdrawal of the Imperial Troops from the Colony, of lands granted to the War Department by the Government of New Zealand, I have to acquaint you that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have approved of the transfer