

the result of the mission may be to remove causes of irritation, and confirm those friendly relations between this country and that of New Zealand which they believe to be of great importance to each.

I have perused the speech of Mr. Fitzherbert, to which you invite my attention, and although unable to adopt the conclusions which Mr. Fitzherbert desires, I have pleasure in noticing the ability, candour, and conciliatory spirit by which his statements are distinguished.

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

I have, &c.,
GRANVILLE.

No. 29. [^]

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

(No. 134.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 31st December, 1869.

Your telegram* respecting the accommodation with the Maori King has reached this office, and has been forwarded to Lord Granville, whose instructions I have just received by telegram. It is not possible to reply by a formal Despatch.

Lord Granville directs me to observe that you will already have received his Despatch No. 115, of the 7th October, and that it is probable that the 2-18th Regiment will have left New Zealand before this letter reaches you, in pursuance of instructions addressed to General Chute.

In any case, however, Her Majesty's Government could not consent to recall the decision conveyed in that Despatch.

I have, &c.,
Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G. FREDERIC ROGERS
(for Earl Granville).

No. 30.

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

(No. 1.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th January, 1870.

I have received your Despatch No. 140, of 28th of October, forwarding the monthly report of the Minister for Defence and Native Affairs, from which I learn that Te Kooti had been defeated, with loss, in two actions.

I have received with great satisfaction the accounts of the action at Tokano, which are highly creditable to the energy of Colonel McDonnell, and the zeal and gallantry of the Force under his command, whether European or Native.

I have perused with pleasure Major Kemp's account of his share in this battle.

I have, &c.,
Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G. GRANVILLE.

No. 31.

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

(No. 5.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th January, 1870.

With reference to my Despatch No. 64, of 29th May last, I transmit to you, for the consideration of your Government, a copy of a further letter from Mrs. Gascoyne, upon the subject of her claim to assistance for the loss of her son, Lieutenant Gascoyne.

I have, &c.,
Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G. GRANVILLE.

* This telegram was sent by the advice of Ministers in the following terms:—"Preliminaries of peace have been arranged with the so-called Maori King and his adherents. The Colonial Government believe that there is now a sure prospect of permanent tranquillity, unless the moral support of the 18th Regiment should be withdrawn at this critical period. The Commissioners, Mr. Dillon Bell and Dr. Featherston, proceed to England this month."

"G. F. BOWEN."