

useful work, in which the Armed Constabulary (strength as per margin), have been employed—exclusive of their ordinary duties,—in the Waikato District, during the period from 1st July, 1869, until my removal on the 1st of April of the present year.

- 1st. The erection of a new Telegraph line from Hamilton to Cambridge, a distance of 15 miles.
- 2nd. Dismantling and removing Telegraph line between Te Awamutu and Kihikihi, a distance of 3 miles.
- 3rd. Thoroughly repairing the Telegraph line between Cambridge, Ohaupo, and Te Awamutu, a distance of 22 miles. This line was in a very bad state, most of the poles being rotten.
- 4th. Repairing Telegraph line between Te Awamutu, and Alexandra, a distance of 9 miles. Many of the poles on this line had been shattered by lightning.
- 5th. Repairing Telegraph line between Alexandra and Ngaruawahia, a distance of 30 miles.
- 6th. The erection of a Bastioned Fort at Ngaruawahia, covering an area of about half an acre, with 120 loop-holes, each averaging 32 feet of sawn timber, cut in the bush across the Waipa river; and the banquette rivetted with 1,200 fern-tree stems, cut in a bush about 2 miles off. Inside the work the foundation of a Tower has been laid, in which 6,000 bricks were used, and a well sunk and lined with bricks moulded for the purpose.
- 7th. The building of a brick shed at Ngaruawahia 66 feet by 20, with a complete plant constructed, including tables, moulds, barrows, &c. This may be considered a permanent work, from which bricks may be supplied for other Government works in the District.
- 8th. 24,000 bricks (of first class quality) made and burnt, and a considerable number ready for the kiln.
- 9th. Lime kilns constructed on the Raglan Ranges, and 75 bushels of superior lime sent down, when the work was interrupted by the arrival of Te Kooti in the neighborhood.
- 10th. The land around the Fort at Ngaruawahia, enclosed with a post and three rail fence of good timber, cut in the bush about 2 miles distant.
- 11th. Half of the large Redoubt at Te Awamutu taken down, the remainder repaired, and a new side built. Magazine constructed and well partly sunk.
- 12th. A well sunk in the old Redoubt at Ngaruawahia.
- 13th. At Alexandra, a 25 acre paddock cleared, ploughed, and made ready for grass seed, and partly enclosed with a substantial post and two rail fence of Rimu timber, cut and carted from the Pirongia Ranges.
- 14th. At Cambridge, a six acre paddock cleared, fenced, and ready for the grass seed.
- 15th. At Kihikihi, a small paddock enclosed with a bank, ditch, and wattle fence.
- 16th. At Hamilton, a small paddock enclosed with bank, and double ditch.
- 17th. All Redoubts in the District repaired and strengthened.
- 18th. Road improved from Alexandra to Pirongia and bridges re-built.
- 19th. A new Rifle Range prepared at Hamilton.
- 20th. Many useful public works, such as improving roads in the Townships, &c.

In conclusion, I must state that public works were interrupted during the months of July and August, in consequence of the presence of Te Kooti, with 300 men, at Tokangamutu, and the Constabulary having to assemble at Te Awamutu; again, in the months of January and February, Te Kooti, with a similar number of followers, arrived at Tapapa, and the Constabulary had to take the Field against the enemy. Since that period, however, the Constabulary have been employed blasting and excavating rocks in the Horatu river, near Cambridge, preparatory to bridging it.

I have, &c.,
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Wellington.

Table No. 1.
RETURN showing the MONTHLY STRENGTH of the ARMED CONSTABULARY from 1st July, 1869, to 15th June, 1870.

DATE.	MONTHS.	OFFICERS.			SERGEANT-MAJORS.	SERGEANTS.		CONSTABLES.	TOTAL OF ALL RANKS	REMARKS.
		Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Assistant Surgeons.		1st Class.	2nd Class.			
1869...	July 31st ...	7	35	3	11	56	52	1296	1460	* Of this number 234 have been enrolled at the Depot, Wellington, which leaves a balance of 542 of the original Force; but 32 of the 234 have been discharged, and are accounted for in this Return. 81 are at the Depot in different stages of proficiency, leaving a force of 695 at present in the field.
" ...	August 27th ...	7	32	3	7	51	53	1194	1347	
" ...	September 16th ...	6	27	3	11	50	60	1075	1232	
" ...	October 1st ...	6	26	3	9	47	50	951	1092	
" ...	November 22nd ...	5	23	3	9	40	43	753	875	
" ...	December 1st ...	5	23	2	9	37	40	741	859	
1870...	January 1st ...	7	21	2	9	34	37	719	829	
" ...	February 1st ...	7	24	2	9	34	39	696	811	
" ...	March 1st ...	7	24	2	9	34	41	668	785	
" ...	April 1st ...	7	24	2	10	34	44	645	766	
" ...	May 31st ...	7	24	2	11	34	47	638	763	
" ...	June 15th...	7	24	2	11	34	47	651	776*	