No. 8.

The Hon. T. Russell to Captain Jackson.

WE cannot increase the offer by adding rations. 13th November, 1863.

THOMAS RUSSELL.

No. 9.

EXTRACT from Gazette No. 61, 28th November, 1863.

Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, 27th November, 1863.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

In the Auckland Militia.

Lieutenant William Jackson to be Captain.—Date of commission, November 9th, 1863.

T. RUSSELL.

No. 10.

Mr. W. SEED to Major JACKSON.

Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, 9th April, 1864. SIR,-

The very able services rendered by you in connection with the attack on the rebel Natives' entrenched position at Orakau having been specially mentioned in the despatch of Brigadier-General Carey, who commanded on that occasion, and brought under the notice of the Governor by the Lieutenant-General Commanding, I have the honor, by direction of the Minister for Colonial Defence to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to confer on you the rank of Major in the Auckland Militia, for distinguished services in the field. The official notification of your promotion appears in to-day's Gazette, a copy of which I beg to enclose to you herewith.

Your gallant conduct in face of the enemy has on other occasions been also warmly commended by the military authorities, and the Government has no doubt that the announcement of the reward now

conferred on you will be received with general satisfaction.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM SEED.

Major Jackson, Forest Rangers, Head Quarters.

No. 11.

EXTRACT from Gazette No. 12, 9th April, 1864.

Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, 9th April, 1864.

THE names of the under-mentioned officers belonging to the Colonial Forces having been specially brought to the notice of the Governor for distinguished services in the field during recent engagements with the enemy, His Excellency has been pleased to direct that they shall receive the following promotions, viz. :-

In the Auckland Militia.

Captain William Jackson, 2nd Regiment, Waikato Militia, to be Major.—Date of commission, 3rd April, 1864.

T. Russell.

No. 12.

Major Jackson to the Hon. T. Russell.

SIR,-Auckland, 17th October, 1864. I have the honor to inform you that several men who served in the first company of Forest Rangers, under my command, have written to me concerning the laud which was promised them. I have not answered their letters, as I thought it best to communicate with you on the subject first. If you would kindly inform me what I am to say to them, you would greatly oblige.

I enclose a copy of the authority for raising the corps. (Vide No. 1.)

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Thomas Russell.

WILLIAM JACKSON, Major, Commanding Forest Rangers.

No. 13.

MINUTE by the Hon. T. RUSSELL.

REPLY.—That the men of the old company who took their discharges, and have not joined the existing company of Forest Rangers, are not entitled to land.

18th October, 1864. [Letter, No. 2,458, 19th October, 1864.] T. RUSSELL.