

5. In the despatch of the 28th December, His Excellency alleged that Mr. Bryce had made a certain disclosure "truly, if incautiously;" but it appears that an unverified newspaper extract was the sole authority for that allegation. In addition to this, Mr. Bryce is bound to point out to His Excellency that, in making the quotation given as such authority, there has been an omission of part of the sentence as it was printed in the newspaper, and that the omitted part was essential to the true meaning of the whole.

6. In the *Wanganui Herald* of December 2nd, 1881, the following forms part of the report of the speech by Mr. Bryce, which is cited by His Excellency:—"For a number of years past, there had been "a growing confederation hostile to settlement in the larger sense—hostile to the actual settlement of "the land—to the supremacy of the Queen, and to law and order in the district." In His Excellency's despatch, Mr. Bryce's speech is referred to as one in which "he dwells on the fact that the Natives of "the West Coast were 'hostile to settlement in the larger sense, hostile to the actual settlement "of land."

7. By the omission of reference to "the supremacy of the Queen," and the maintenance of "law and order," it appears to Mr. Bryce that the despatch must convey to the Secretary of State for the Colonies an impression that what was meant by "settlement in the larger sense," was something founded on that greedy desire for land which has so often, and so wrongfully, been imputed to New Zealand colonists.

8. Such an impression could not have been conveyed had the complete passage from the speech been quoted in the despatch; and Mr. Bryce feels assured that, because of the omission now pointed out, and for the other reasons stated, His Excellency will recognize that justice requires that a copy of this memorandum should be sent to Lord Kimberley without delay.

Wellington, June 10, 1882.

JOHN BRYCE.

No. 36.

His Excellency Sir A. H. GORDON to MINISTERS.

Memorandum for Ministers.

THE Governor has received Mr. Whitaker's memorandum of the 10th instant, giving cover to one written by Mr. Bryce, a copy of which, in accordance with that gentleman's request, His Excellency will at once forward to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Governor cannot admit that, because on one occasion His Excellency transmitted to the Secretary of State, without comment of his own, an article which was "said" to contain Mr. Bryce's explanation of his resignation in January, 1881—and at another time made a passing reference to a sentence in a speech delivered by him—Mr. Bryce has any ground whatever for his complaint of "treatment such as he ought not to have been subjected to" on the part of the Governor.

In transmitting to the Secretary of State an article "said" to contain Mr. Bryce's explanation of the course taken by him—and which in fact assigned reasons for it substantially identical with those which the Premier had informed His Excellency were the grounds of Mr. Bryce's resignation—the Governor only did as all other Governors placed in similar circumstances would have done, and indeed are required to do.

The reference made by His Excellency, in his despatch of the 28th December, to a sentence in Mr. Bryce's speech at Waitotara, is not in the slightest degree affected by the other passages quoted by Mr. Bryce from that speech, as qualifying it. They would no doubt have afforded an effective reply to an assumption that opposition to the progress of settlement was the sole offence alleged against Te Whiti; but the despatch itself shews very plainly that His Excellency did not make so foolish an assertion. That but for his opposition to the progress of settlement, Te Whiti's conduct in other respects would have been less unfavourably considered, was and is His Excellency's opinion; and such being the case, it was his duty not to shrink from its expression in his reports to the Imperial Government.

Government House, Wellington, 13th June, 1882.

A. H. G.

No. 37.

His Excellency Sir A. H. GORDON to the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES.

MY LORD,

Government House, Wellington, June 15, 1882.

In accordance with a request to that effect made by the Hon. J. Bryce, I have the honour to forward to your Lordship a memorandum written by that gentleman.

2. I cannot at all admit that, because on one occasion I transmitted to your Lordship, without comment of my own, an article which was "said" to contain Mr. Bryce's explanation of his resignation in January, 1881, and at another time made a passing reference to a sentence in a speech delivered by him, Mr. Bryce has any ground whatever for his complaint of "treatment such as he ought not to have "been subjected to" on my part.

3. I am really at a loss to understand Mr. Bryce's sensitiveness with regard to the communication to which he first refers. In transmitting to your Lordship an article "said" to contain Mr. Bryce's explanation of the course taken by him—and which in fact assigned reasons for it substantially identical with those which the Premier had informed me were the grounds of Mr. Bryce's resignation—I only did what I believe all other Governors placed in similar circumstances would have done.