

## No. 5.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the PREMIER.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 5th March, 1883.

Continuing my letter of the 22nd ultimo, I transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, expressing the satisfaction with which Lord Derby received the intelligence of the general Amnesty.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. D. BELL.

## Enclosure.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 2nd March, 1883.

I am directed by the Earl of Derby to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th February, forwarding a copy of a telegram from the Government of New Zealand, reporting that a general Amnesty, without exception, had been proclaimed under the provisions of the Amnesty Act passed in the last session of the New Zealand Parliament.

Lord Derby desires me to convey to you his thanks for this communication, which his Lordship has received with much satisfaction.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I am, &amp;c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

## No. 6.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 11th April, 1883.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 13, of the 19th of February last, enclosing copies of a Proclamation issued by you, on the advice of your Ministers, granting an Amnesty to disaffected Maoris, and reporting that you had granted permission to Te Whiti and Tohu to return to their home at Parihaka.

I am glad to learn that your Government has been able to advise you to take the action reported in your despatch.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., &amp;c.

I have, &amp;c.,

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## No. 7.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Auckland, 23rd April, 1883.

In continuation of my Despatch, No. 18, dated the 24th March last, and of the postscript which I forwarded by telegraph to Auckland, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that Mahuki and twenty-two of his party were, after their arrest, conveyed to Auckland, tried at the Supreme Court there, and convicted of assault occasioning actual bodily harm on Mr. Hursthouse, and of unlawfully wounding a Native named Te Haeri—four of them being also convicted of assault occasioning actual bodily harm on a European named Aubin Ahier—and on the 6th instant sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from twelve to six months, with hard labour. Some of the prisoners have since been, or are about to be, transferred to gaols in other parts of the Colony.

2. On the 6th instant I, having arrived at Auckland that day, had an interview with certain Chiefs and others of the Ngatimaniapoto tribe, who had acted in a loyal manner with regard to the obstruction caused by the action of Mahuki, and had come to Auckland to give evidence on behalf of the Crown at the trial. I conversed for some time with them, through an Interpreter, and pointed out the advantages of peace and progress to Maoris and Europeans alike; and they gave me, as Her Majesty's representative, a most cordial welcome to New Zealand.

3. On the 16th instant, Mr. Bryce, the Minister for Native Affairs—it having been decided that it was desirable he should go in person through the King Country—started from Alexandra, accompanied by Mr. Hursthouse, some other European gentlemen, and several leading members of the Ngatimaniapoto tribe. The party met with no opposition worth mentioning, but, on the contrary, were cordially received by the large majority of the Natives, and arrived at New Plymouth on the 22nd instant in safety.

4. I transmit herewith extracts from the *New Zealand Herald*, giving a full account of Mr. Bryce's journey.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, &amp;c.

I have, &amp;c.,

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.