

15. Your petitioner's case being No. 7 on the list, when your petitioner's case was prosecuted in the same Court for the offence which he attended his trial, your petitioner was kept three whole days waiting, when the charge was dismissed by the same Judge.

16. That your petitioner issued a new writ against the said Thomas Cotter in the same Court, under the same Judge, and for the same cause. The writ was duly issued, the case set for hearing, when, before being allowed to go to a jury, the defendant's counsel raised a legal quibble (as before, I had no counsel): that, as the case was dismissed, your petitioner could not re-open. The Judge ruled that the objection was fatal, and the case was dismissed, again leaving your petitioner without any further remedy than to petition the Throne for justice, having exhausted the Colonial Government, the General Assembly of New Zealand, and the law-courts. I therefore, by my right, petition you, Right Honourable Sir, to have this, my humble petition, laid before our Most Gracious Majesty's Ministers, and, as in the premises set forth, grant such relief as to you, Right Honourable Sir, may deem honourable, right, just, and merciful; and your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

WILLIAM GEORGE GARRARD,

English and Turkish Medal, Indian Mutiny Medal, New Zealand Medal.

At Auckland, City of Auckland, and Colony of New Zealand, on Monday, the 21st August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

No. 10.

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

(No. 79.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 6th October, 1883.

With reference to my Despatch No. 18, dated the 24th March last, and further correspondence on the same subject, I have the honour to report that the survey for the railway through the "King country" is progressing satisfactorily. The surveyors have been on more than one occasion stopped: not, however, from any political motives, but only by order of certain chiefs who claimed the right of being directly communicated with by the Government before the survey was made through their territory; and on this being done the surveying party was, in each case, allowed to proceed without further hindrance.

2. On the 20th ultimo Mr. Rochfort, a Government surveyor, attended a large meeting of Natives at Ranana, a place near one of the projected routes. Several Maoris, including Major Kemp, spoke, expressing their satisfaction with the project of the railway, and many Natives undertook to accompany Mr. Rochfort on his journey.

3. A difficulty has occurred in connection with the opening of the Harbour of Kawhia. Some Maoris removed and injured the beacons which had been erected for facilitating the navigation. Steps were immediately taken for their re-erection, and it was thought desirable to despatch a hundred men of the Armed Constabulary to the spot, but no hostility is apprehended.

4. I will report further to your Lordship on this subject after the return of the Government steamer which was sent to replace the beacons.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

No. 11.

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

(No. 81.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 2nd November, 1883.

With reference to your Lordship's despatch marked Circular, dated the 21st August last, forwarding a copy of a letter from Lloyds, requesting to be supplied with certain information respecting the signal-stations on the coasts of Australian Colonies, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a memorandum from my Ministers, containing the information desired with respect to the signal-stations on the coasts of this colony.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

See No. 13.

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