

[Enclosure No. 2 in No. 35.]

*Court of Inquiry.—Captain Frank Berners Knyvett.—List of Witnesses (Defence).*

Rank and Name.	Address.	Occupation.	Dates of Attendance.
Captain T. H. Dawson .. ..	Remuera, Auckland ..	Solicitor ..	22nd December.
Captain L. M. Shera .. ..	Remuera, Auckland ..	Civil Service	22nd December.
Colour-Sergeant J. J. Mackerras ..	C/o — Owen, land agent, Auckland	Land agent	22nd December.

E. W. C. CHAYTOR, Lieut.-Colonel,  
President, Court of Inquiry.

## No. 36.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington, to the Right Hon. MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Defence. Wellington, 29th December, 1909.  
In accordance with section 54 (2), Defence Act, I beg to forward herewith the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Auckland on the 21st instant for the purpose of investigating certain charges preferred against Captain F. B. Knyvett, No. 1 Company, New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers.

Having carefully perused the evidence, I am of opinion that the said charges have been proved, and that Captain Knyvett has been guilty of an act of gross insubordination in forwarding an official letter couched in such insubordinate language, and in which he brings grave charges against a superior officer.

I would therefore recommend that His Excellency the Commander in Chief be advised to dismiss Captain Knyvett from the Defence Forces.

H. D. TUSON, Colonel,  
Adjutant-General.

For Cabinet.—J. G. WARD.—30/12/09.

In Cabinet, 31st December, 1909.—Adjutant-General's recommendation approved.—J. HISLOP, Acting-Secretary.

## No. 37.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington, to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF DEFENCE, Wellington.

Wellington, 31st December, 1909.

*Captain F. B. Knyvett, Dismissal of.*

WARRANT for submission to His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the dismissal of Captain Frank Berners Knyvett, No. 1 Company, Auckland Division, New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers, from the New Zealand Defence Forces, is forwarded herewith for favour of your signature; Cabinet having approved of my recommendation of the 29th instant.

H. D. TUSON, Colonel, Adjutant-General.

## No. 38.

Wellington, 31st December, 1909.

His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to signify his pleasure, under section 54 (2) of the Defence Act, 1908, upon the dismissal from the New Zealand Defence Forces of Captain Frank Berners Knyvett, No. 1 Company, Auckland Division, New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers, he having been found guilty of "an act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline," and with effect from 31st December, 1909.

Papers attached for His Excellency's information.

J. G. WARD,  
Minister of Defence.

Right Hon. the Minister of Defence.—Captain F. B. Knyvett to be dismissed from the New Zealand Defence Forces.—PLUNKET, Governor. 1st January, 1910.

## No. 39.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington, to the OFFICER COMMANDING, Auckland Military District.

Wellington, 5th January, 1910.

*Court of Inquiry, Captain Knyvett.*

In connection with the above Court of Inquiry, convened for the 21st ultimo, for the purpose of investigating charges preferred against Captain Frank Berners Knyvett, No. 1 Company, Auckland Division,