

absolutely necessary to be maintained in the Colony. The Native Population; the Public Debt; the expense of the Civil Establishment necessary under the New Constitution; a stationary Revenue entirely absorbed in meeting these demands, and the impossibility of increasing the receipts, by an increase of the present taxes, or the imposition of new ones, present a claim upon the Imperial Government which, it is believed, requires only to be fully known and understood, to be admitted.

29. Your Excellency is solicited earnestly to press on the Secretary of State the various considerations which have been adduced in this minute; which, it is confidently hoped, may be found weighty enough to modify the conclusion at which the Imperial Government has arrived. So deeply impressed with the gravity of these considerations are the present Responsible Advisers of the Crown in New Zealand, that they cannot undertake to propose to the General Assembly, on its next meeting, to make provision, under the existing circumstances of the Colony, for the charges in question.

30. Should they be disappointed in their expectation respecting the course which the Imperial Government will, under such circumstances, think proper to adopt,—and the extreme and disastrous measures of a withdrawal of the Troops be resorted to—they foresee that the Government of the Colony, already a sufficiently arduous task, will henceforth assume such a character of impossibility, that, in justice to themselves, they would be constrained to request to be relieved from the anxiety and peril of attempting to continue its administration.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

[No. 1214.]

Auckland 24th Feb., 1857.

SIR,—In reference to the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 21st October 1856, (transmitted by your Excellency for my perusal,) it is with regret I have the honor to acquaint you that the imperative orders contained therein will prevent my authorizing any expenditure whatever from the Military Chest, after the 31st proximo, for the maintenance and repair of existing Barracks, or for such further Barracks as may be required for the accommodation of the Troops: unless Your Excellency's Government agree to guarantee all expense incurred on such services, should the Imperial Government decline to meet the same.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. H. WYNARD,
Col. Commanding the Forces in New Zealand.

PS.—It may be right I should state that the amount of the probable expenditure for 1857 and 8 is nearly £5,000.

(Signed) R. W. WYNARD.

His Excellency the Governor,

[No. 1255.]

Auckland 20th April, 1857.

SIR,—With reference to my letter to your Excellency of the 24th February last, No. 1214, and the Despatch dated as per margin may I request to be favoured with the sentiments of the Colonial Government in reference thereto; since the orders to me, as Officer commanding the Forces in New Zealand, are so imperative, that I could not feel myself justified in authorising, after the conclusion of the Military Financial Year, any advance whatever from the Commisariat Chest, for Barrack Accommodation.

I have &c.,

(Signed) R. H. WYNARD,
Col. Commanding the Forces in New Zealand.

His Excellency the Governor.

Auckland 4th May, 1857.

SIR,—In reference to the Despatch from the Secretary of State,—dated Downing Street, 21st October 1856,—regarding the liability of the Colonial Government for the defrayment of the expenses of all Barrack Accommodation, if the Imperial Government continue to supply Troops for the protection of this Colony, which your Excellency has done me the honour to forward for my perusal and information, I beg to inform you that the instructions therein contained are so peremptory that I cannot take the responsibility of authorising any further disbursement from the Military Chest for the service to which I have alluded.

At the Wapau, Bay of Islands, there are troops, as per margin, located in hired buildings, the lease of which expires on the 29th inst.

May I beg your Excellency to convey to me the decision of your Government relative to the renewal of this lease, since I have no means of placing the force under canvass, and I am imperatively debarred, by tenor of the document in question, from incurring further outlay.

I have &c.,

(Signed) R. H. WYNARD,
Col. Commanding the Forces in New Zealand.

His Excellency the Governor.

Downing-st.,
21st October,
1856.

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Drummer, 152
Rank and File.