

many men as the "Airedale," steamer, (now in the Manukau harbor) will accommodate; and he and I will accompany them to Taranaki, which we hope to reach on Wednesday, the 29th instant. Should we then deem it necessary, the "Airedale" will return for the remainder of the 65th Regiment stationed in Auckland; so that in eight or nine days from this time, there ought to be about 450 regular Troops and the "Niger" at Taranaki.

Volunteers will be called for to protect Auckland during the absence of the Troops, and I have requested the Officer Commanding H.M. Brig "Elk" (which is expected in Auckland in a fortnight) to remain until he hears from me.

In conclusion, I beg Your Grace to believe that I have taken these steps as a precaution against, rather than from an expectation of any serious difficulty, which nothing but a belief in our weakness, would encourage the Natives to create.

On my arrival at Taranaki, I shall again warn Wm. King, and if hostilities should be forced on us, I shall communicate with the most important Maori Chiefs, explaining the justice of our cause and the absolute want of any sort of title on the part of W. King to interfere between Her Majesty's Government and any of her subjects desiring to sell property, to which he does not even allege any claim. This will, I am sure, be recognised and admitted by the Maories; and, unless other influences are brought to bear on the subject, I have no doubt they will fully acquiesce in the course I have adopted.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c., &c., &c.

Enclosure 1 in No. 19.

COLONEL GOLD TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Auckland, New Zealand,
February 26th, 1860.

No. 2393.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward for your Excellency's information the enclosed letters from Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Murray, 65th Regiment, Commanding Her Majesty's Troops at Taranaki; and having duly considered his application for a reinforcement, I have the honor to recommend that in order to stop further troubles on behalf of the Natives headed by the Chief William King, 2 Guns, and as many Artillery and Infantry as can possibly be spared from this Garrison, be forthwith despatched to Taranaki; and that the Militia and Volunteers of Auckland be called out to carry on the duties of this Garrison.

I propose going down there to assume command myself, by the earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.,

C. E. GOLD,
Colonel 65th Regiment,
Commanding the Forces in New Zealand.

His Excellency the Governor,
Auckland.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 1 in No. 19.

New Plymouth,
February 20, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that on arriving at Waitara this morning with a Surveying Staff for the purpose of Surveying the block of land sold to the Government, we were met by a party of from 60 to 80 of Wm. King's Natives, who refused to allow us to proceed with the work.

I have now the honor to intimate to you (in accordance with my instructions from the Government) that the assistance of a Military force has become necessary.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ROBERT PARRIS,
District Commissioner.

Colonel Murray,
Commander of Forces,
New Plymouth.

Enclosure 2 in No. 19.

Superintendent's Office,
Taranaki, February 21st, 1860.

SIR,—

In conformity with instructions contained in a Despatch from the Colonial Secretary of the 26th ult., I had the honor to place the Provincial Surveyor under the directions of the District Land