

tribes, and those friendly tribes in the North on whom alone I can put any dependence for support should it be required.

From thence I shall proceed to Wellington to meet the Assembly, which, as there is no immediate prospect of tranquillity, ought not to be again prorogued: indeed the sanction of this Body to certain necessary expenses is very desirable.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

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

No. 25.

COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE, C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

New Plymouth, New Zealand,
31st March, 1860.

No. 29.

MILITARY.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to forward a report from Colonel Gold, Commanding the Troops in New Zealand, detailing the operation which took place on the 28th March, to which I have added a further report from Captain Cracroft relative to the operations of H.M. S.S. "Niger" on the 30th March.

The conduct of H.M. Navy and Army is so invariably gallant that any comment from me would be superfluous; but I beg to bring to Your Grace's notice the gallant conduct of the Militia and Volunteers who were for the first time engaged: their opponents behaved like brave and skilful soldiers, and are by no means a contemptible foe.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

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

Enclosure 1 in No. 25.

COLONEL GOLD TO GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE, C.B.

New Plymouth,
30th March, 1860.

No. 2459.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward reports from Captain Cracroft, R.N., H.M. S.S. "Niger," Commanding on this Station, Lieut.-Colonel Murray, 65th Regiment, and Captain Brown of the Taranaki Militia, relative to their most gallant and successful attack on the insurgents at Omata on the 28th instant. I sincerely congratulate Your Excellency on the achievement, which redounds to the honor of the small force—all that (with safety to this town) I was then enabled to detach, and whose exertions and bravery have effected the object for which I originally sent them (though in a different manner from which I contemplated), as the complete defeat of the rebels enabled the Rev. Mr. Brown and the party isolated beyond the Omata to return in safety to this town.

I beg, in conclusion, to recommend to your favourable consideration the officers of the Militia and Volunteers particularly named by Captain Brown, and have the honor, &c.,

(Signed)

C. E. GOLD,

Colonel Commanding the Forces.

His Excellency the Governor,
&c., &c.

Enclosure 2 in No. 25.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MURRAY TO MAJOR OF BRIGADE.

New Plymouth,
30th March, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Officer Commanding the Forces in New Zealand, that, on the 28th instant, I proceeded agreeably to orders, in command of a force, as per margin, to Omata, for the purpose of rescuing some European families stated to be in the hands of the rebel natives assembled in considerable force at that village.

Royal Navy—3 Officers,
and 25 Men.
65th Regt.—4 Officers,
and 84 Rank and File.