

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

The "Pelorus" is at Melbourne having returned from visiting Tasmania.

Since writing the above I learn from His Excellency Colonel Gore Browne, that there is probability of a serious disturbance at Taranaki, New Zealand. His Excellency has not, as yet, applied for further assistance, than what he already has in the "Niger." But as the news from Europe is of a peaceable tendency, and as the Coast about Taranaki is such that Ships cannot be of any co-operative use, it is my intention, in the event of his applying for assistance, to take the squadron to Wellington and there lay up three of the Ships and proceed to Taranaki with a Naval Brigade (Field-pieces, Rockets, &c.), to the number of probably about 400 men.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

SIR F. ROGERS TO THE SECRETARY TO THE ADMIRALTY.

Downing Street,
31st May, 1860.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to acknowledge your Letter of the 8th instant, respecting the assistance to be afforded by Commodore Loring, the Commandant on the Australian Station, to the Government of New Zealand in quelling any disturbances that may arise at Taranaki with the Natives.

The Duke of Newcastle trusts that these disturbances will not call for any extraordinary services from Her Majesty's Naval Forces nor does the Governor appear to anticipate any such necessity. But having reference to the extreme importance of a prompt and effectual exhibition of force on the first appearance of rebellion, His Grace hopes that the Instructions sent out by the Lords of Admiralty will not have been such as to embarrass the Naval Officer in Command in affording to the Governor such assistance as may be necessary for the security of Europeans in New Zealand and the effectual assertion of Her Majesty's authority.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) F. ROGERS.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

No. 2.

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

Downing Street,
27th June, 1860.

No. 39.

4th June, 1860.

SIR,—

With reference to my Despatch No. 31 of the 23rd ultimo, forwarding the copy of a Letter from the Board of Admiralty in regard to the nature of the aid to be afforded by Her Majesty's Naval Forces in the event of any disturbances arising in the District of Taranaki, I transmit for your information the copy of a further Letter from the Admiralty by which you will be fully apprized of the Instructions given by their Lordships to the Commodore on the Station.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

Governor Gore Browne. C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

Enclosure in No. 2.

MR. ROMAINE TO SIR FREDERICK ROGERS.

Admiralty, 4th June, 1860.

SIR,—

In reply to your Letter of the 31st May stating that the Duke of Newcastle trusts that any disturbances which may arise at Taranaki, New Zealand, with the Natives, will not be of such a nature as to call for any extraordinary services from Her Majesty's Naval Officers, and that His Grace hopes that the Instructions of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will not embarrass the Naval Officer in Command in affording to the Governor such assistance as may be necessary for the security of the Europeans in New Zealand, and the effectual assertion of Her Majesty's authority; I am commanded by their Lordships to state for the information of His Grace, that the Commodore Commanding in Australia has been acquainted that my Lords are of opinion that except in cases of urgent necessity the formation of Naval Brigades on shore should be avoided, but that on receiving requisitions from the