

present command at a very critical period, and for the cordial manner in which you have co-operated with him in all his arrangements for the defence of the Province.

I have, &c.,

W. J. HUTCHINS,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Assistant Military Secretary.

Major-General Galloway, Commanding Colonial Forces.

No. 16.

COLONEL F. CAREY TO THE MILITARY SECRETARY.

Camp, Otahuhu, August 21st, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Lieut.-General Commanding the Forces, that I yesterday carried into effect the "Alarm" in the City of Auckland, of which I had given notice in the daily papers some days since, with the view to ascertain whether the Militia and Volunteers belonging to that City were all cognisant of the different Alarm Posts assigned to them.

It now affords me much pleasure to be enabled to testify to the promptitude, zeal, and goodwill evinced upon this occasion by the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and members of both the Militia and Volunteers of Auckland in answering this summons to their Military duties. Nothing could have been better than their conduct on this occasion, and I therefore beg to recommend them to the favourable consideration of the Commander of the Forces.

I need scarcely add that I received the greatest assistance from Lieut.-Colonel Kenny, Deputy Quarter-Master-General, and Lieut.-Colonel Balneavis, Deputy Adjutant-General of Militia and Volunteer Forces.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE F. CAREY,
Colonel 18th Royal Irish,
Commanding Auckland and Otahuhu.

The Military Secretary.

No. 17.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CAMERON TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE GREY.

Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt,
26th August, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward, for Your Excellency's information, the copy of a report which I have received from Captain Cook, 40th Regiment, relative to a sudden attack made by a large body of rebel Natives upon a party of twenty-five men of the 40th Regiment, employed under Mr. Martyn in felling bush on the Great South Road, near Williamson's clearing.

I regret to state that two men were killed, and nearly the whole of the arms belonging to the party taken possession of by the enemy, and more lives must have been lost but for the timely assistance rendered by the escort under the command of Captain Cook, whose conduct on the occasion was most praiseworthy.

The officers mentioned in Captain Cook's report, who commanded the different posts along the road, deserve great credit for the promptitude with which they hastened in support.

Your Excellency will observe that we had only one man hit after the arrival of the escort, although the enemy continued firing upwards of an hour.

Had the men employed in felling the bush been protected by a covering party, according to my directions, this occurrence would not have taken place.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieutenant-General.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.