

constantly writing to me. Do you think that that is a sign of consideration for me. In my view it is very wrong.

Listen ; I do not like this way of yours in the least. If I should agree to these ideas of yours it would be a cause of death to me.

I will have nothing at all to do with you. Listen to my words,—If I should do wrong, I do so on a principle which I understand (i.e. responsible for his actions). If I do right, I do so also on a principle. Likewise you and your fathers are acting on your own principles. If you are right, and your tribe, do as you think right. If wrong, you do wrong. 2nd. My words to you and all your tribe (or people) are that no person shall come here whether friends or relations—they shall not come here.

Likewise the men belonging to the Kakenga, they shall not visit the Kakenga.

The road shall be sacred (i.e. closed), commencing at the Pangapanga down to Taupari.

Let no one come and cause disturbances in my District. Leave my District to be sacred, for this is the law thereof. There shall no man traverse this road, whether of your party or of mine—there shall be an end to all travelling on that road. There have been some persons from there (your party) come down to Taupari. I did not see them when they arrived ; I informed them they must cease visiting here. I have sent them back, and I wrote a very strong letter to them.

This is all I have to say to you.

W. PI. KUKUTAI.

To Tireni Te Hura, at Takinga Wairua.

No. 19.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., TO GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt,
8th September, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward, for Your Excellency's information, the accompanying Report from Lieutenant Talbot, 65th Regiment, in command of the post at Razor-back, on the Great South Road.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieutenant-General.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

Enclosure to No. 19.

Razor-back Stockade, 8th September, 1863.

SIR,—

I have to report for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, that this morning at about 10 o'clock, one of my sentries, who was posted about sixty yards from the Stockade, discovered a Maori stealing upon him through the bush. The sentry at once gave the alarm by firing at him, when the fire was returned by a number of Natives, who had taken up a position on a partly cleared hill, about one hundred yards from the Stockade.

On the first alarm, the men of the detachment under my command were quickly at their posts, and kept up a steady fire upon the ground occupied by the Maoris, who found excellent cover behind the stumps and felled timber.

About a quarter of an hour after the first shot was fired, Ensign Ducrow, with forty men of the 40th Regiment, joined me from Rhodes' Clearing, and dividing his force into two parties, they occupied commanding positions on the road.

I then, having left Lieutenant Pagan, 65th Regiment, in command of the Stockade, took half of my detachment and advanced on the Natives, who, after firing a few shots, retired in haste. Owing to the nature of the ground, I was unable to overtake them ; and after having followed their track for about half a mile through the bush, I returned to the Stockade, where I found Lieutenant Toker, 65th Regiment, who had arrived with half of his detachment from Williamson's Clearing.

Throughout the attack I received the greatest assistance from Lieutenant Pagan, 65th Regiment, and Ensign Ducrow, 40th Regiment ; and I beg to bring the conduct of these officers to the favorable notice of the Lieutenant-General Commanding.

During the firing, Sergeant Anderson and six men of the Mounted Defence Force, who were proceeding to Papakura, joined me, and, having picketed their horses by the Stockade, accompanied me as volunteers into the bush.