

RETURN OF LIABILITIES.

LIEUT.-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt,

August 16th, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with its enclosures from the Secretary of State, authorising advances to the Local Government from the Treasury Chest for Military purposes, under urgent and unforeseen circumstances; and to inform Your Excellency that I have authorised the payment by the Commissariat of £12,000 a month, to meet the present expenditure incurred in protecting the settled districts of the Northern Island, until the General Government, as explained in the Memorandum of Ministers, is able to provide the necessary funds.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.

His Excellency Sir G. Grey, K.C.B., &c.

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MEMORANDUM FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Ministers beg to suggest to the Governor the advisability of making the following financial arrangement:—

The Commissariat has relieved the Treasury from the strain arising from the War expenditure now going on, by advances since August last, at the rate of £12,000 per month; in addition to this, the Bank of New Zealand has advanced, at some inconvenience to itself, a sum of about £43,000. It is now proposed, until the General Assembly, which is in Session, has made provision for the War expenditure, that the Commissariat should advance temporarily to the Treasury the sum of £100,000. It is probable that in less than three months the Colony will be in a position to repay this and all the advances made by the Commissariat, and be able to carry on the War expenditure without any further assistance.

READER WOOD.

Treasury, 29th October, 1863.

LIEUT.-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Head Quarters,

Auckland, 7th November, 1863.

SIR,—

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and in reply have to acquaint Your Excellency that the Deputy Commissary-General has been instructed to make the advance solicited, from the Treasury Chest in his charge, for the purpose specified.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-General.

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