

DESPATCHES

FROM

GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.,

TO

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 1.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF
NEWCASTLE, K.G.

No. 101.

Wellington, New Zealand, October 10th, 1862.

MY LORD DUKE,—

In your Grace's Despatch, No. 53, of the 26th May, instructions on one point have been, I think, given in error, and yet from which serious consequences may arise ; I should therefore wish that, if possible, they may be re-considered.

2. Your Grace states, " You propose that Military men should be employed as Commissioners in the Native districts, continuing while so employed to receive Imperial pay and allowances," and your Grace then adds :—

" I doubt whether under present Military Regulations, an officer can be detached from his regiment to serve as Commissioner in a Native district ; but in case this should prove practicable, Her Majesty's Government can only assent to such an arrangement, on the understanding that the whole pay of the officer shall be defrayed by the Colony."

3. I can assure your Grace that in making the proposal I did, I had not the most remote intention of attempting to entail any charge upon the Home Government to save the colony expense. But a serious crisis has arisen here, which now appears again daily increasing, my great hope of meeting this, is to be able to detach, rapidly, into the several districts, able, energetic young men, who can rally our friends round them, and hold our enemies in check. I can only get such men from the regiments here. Ever since I have been in the service of the Empire such an arrangement has been allowed, and there is no regulation to prevent it. The officers so employed learn the Native language, gain a knowledge of Native customs and of the country, and attach many friends to them. They thus in the event of war breaking out, become most valuable officers. The Colony pays them, as well as the Imperial Government, and they require this additional pay to meet heavy expenses, and to compensate them for continual hardships and dangers ; but if their Imperial pay is taken from them, I fear they will not like to enter upon a service which they will regard simply as a Colonial service, and which will be in their view devoid of its chief honor and emolument.

4. I assure your Grace that a most serious crisis is impending here, and that I require all the aid and support, physical and moral, that can be given me.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

No. 2.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF
NEWCASTLE, K.G.

Government House, Auckland,
24th November, 1862.

No. 115

MY LORD DUKE,—

Your Grace will, I trust, pardon me for calling your attention to your despatch No. 53, of the 26th May last, which, with other papers, was presented to both Houses of Parliament, by command of Her Majesty, in the month of August last.