

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

Sub-Enclosure 2 in No. 42.

MR. CORBET TO COMMODORE SIR WILLIAM WISEMAN, BART.

H.M.S. 'Miranda,'

Tauranga Harbour, N.Z., 27th April, 1864.

SIR,—In compliance with your order of this date, I venture to suggest that the following buoys and marks be laid down for the safety of vessels entering Tauranga Harbour:—

First—A light iron Beacon, ten feet at least in height, to be placed on the extremity of the rocks running out from Stoney Point, so as to be visible at high water.

Secondly.—A buoy of about fifty-gallon capacity, to be placed in position A, as shown in accompanying plan. This latter I consider to be of the greatest importance, as it is the place on which H.M. ships 'Esk' and 'Falcon' grounded, owing to the ebb tide setting strongly in towards the shore, and the shoal extending much farther out than that shown in the chart, "nearly as far from high-water mark as Stoney Point itself."

These two marks I consider to be sufficient for vessels, "more particularly if steamers," entering the Harbour. For proceeding up towards Maketu Mound, stakes from sixteen to twenty feet in length might be driven in at positions B, C, and E. And to mark the anchorage above Maketu Mound, a buoy might be placed at position D, where the channel branches off towards Otumoitī, as the anchorage here is difficult to distinguish, owing to the low sandy beach, and the sameness of its appearance. Should it be thought necessary to mark the channel up to Te Papa, in addition to the Buoys already laid down, and marked in the chart of this anchorage lately completed, stakes might be driven in on either side in shoal water.

Commodore Sir William Wiseman, C.B., Bart.,
Commanding the Australian Station.

I have, &c.,
FRANCIS C. CORBET,
Acting Master, H.M.S. 'Miranda.'

No. 43.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CAMERON, C.B., TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR G. GREY, K.C.B.

SIR,— Head Quarters, Tauranga, 12th May, 1864.

I have the honor to enclose for your Excellency's information, copies of two Reports received from Colonel Warre, C.B., commanding at New Plymouth, dated 25th April and 1st May.

The former, relative to an expedition under the command of Major Butler, 57th Regiment, sent to the District south of Tataraimaka, for the purpose of destroying native cultivations, which service was executed by Major Butler with his usual ability.

The latter, giving an account of an attack made by the rebels on the redoubt at Sentry Hill, in which they were repulsed with severe loss, the only casualty on the part of the troops being one man wounded.

Captain Shortt showed great judgment in defending his post, and the men under his command deserve much credit for their coolness and steadiness on this occasion.

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

I have, &c.
D. A. CAMERON,
Lieut.-Genl.

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COLONEL WARRE TO THE DEPUTY QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

SIR,— New Plymouth, 23rd April, 1864.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Lieutenant-General commanding, that having as far as possible secured the position at Kaitake, I determined to reconnoitre the country to the south of Tataraimaka, to ascertain whether the rebel natives had established themselves in any entrenched position, and to destroy their crops and cultivations, whereby I hope to place a large tract of country between their habitable pas and New Plymouth, and thus secure the immediate neighbourhood of the town from sudden predatory attacks. For the above-mentioned purposes I organised a "Flying Column,"* of the strength shown in the accompanying state, which I placed under the command

* *Nominal Return of Flying Column employed under Major Butler, 57th Regiment, on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st April, 1864.*

Staff—Lieutenant C. M. Clarke, D.A.Q.M.G.
Medical Staff—Staff-Assistant Surgeon M. Jones.
Commissariat S. Corps—1 private.
Royal Artillery—Captain Martin, 1 sergeant, 17 rank and file.
Royal Engineers—Lieutenant Ferguson, 4 rank and file.
57th Regiment—Captains J. Stewart, F. S. Schomberg, H. R. Russell; Lieutenant W. R. Thompson; Ensigns J. E. Powys, A. B. Duncan, C. Picot, E. Broderip; 6 sergeants, 3 drummers, 154 rank and file.
Total Regulars—7 sergeants, 3 drummers, 176 rank and file.
Taranaki Militia and Volunteers—Major Atkinson; Captains Messenger, Corbett, Brassy, Good; Lieutenant's Hurst, Jones Kelly, Clarke, Wilson; Ensigns Brown, Newland, McGuinness, Bailey; Assistant-Surgeon Spence; 15 sergeants, 5 drummers, 302 rank and file.
Mounted Corps—Captain Mace, 1 sergeant, 12 rank and file.
Total Militia—16 sergeants, 5 drummers, 314 rank and file.
Total—23 sergeants, 8 drummers, 490 rank and file.

The Deputy Adjut.-General,
Head-quarters.

H. J. WARRE,
Commanding Troops, Taranaki.