

reside at Maungatautari. When Ngawai heard of these words she was inwardly moved with love (to her people), and she expressed a desire to go to you and learn if you would consent to her wish to go and suppress that wrong (of theirs), and should they not hearken they should be called upon to do so, and that the title of King, and the flag, and all instruments of war should be given up to you and I; that they themselves may be saved. And should they not hearken, let them be as evil children on the earth, and scourge their back with the rod of iron.

But it rests with you to approve (of the proposal). If you think well of it, write; and if you do not think well of it, write—that I may know your decision. Enough.

Waiuku, March 1st, 1864.

From your loving friend,

AIHEPENE KAIHAU.

No. 2.

Copy of a DESPATCH from His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to His Grace the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 3rd May 1864.

V. E. No. I., (Part II.), p. 13.

I have the honour to transmit for your Grace's information a copy of a *Despatch I have received from Brigadier-General Carey.

2. The survivors of the natives who refused to surrender at Orakau fled after the slaughter in the direction of Hangatiki, in Rewi's country. Brigadier-General Carey allowed a friendly native to proceed there, to communicate with the natives still in arms.

3. This native returned upon the 27th of April, and reports that Rewi states that he and all his people are very anxious to make peace and live quietly by the side of the white people, but that he is afraid that he would place himself too much at the General's mercy by giving up his arms; that the natives captured at Rangiriri had been dealt with treacherously, they having been led to believe that, upon giving up their arms, they would be permitted to go free and live within the lines of the troops. He did not believe that they, the prisoners, were so well treated, or that their lives were to be spared; but if some of them—Ti Oriori or Takerei, for instance—were allowed to come and see them, they would attach great importance to anything they proposed. He also added, that if the Governor should write to him, as he had done to Thompson and his people, and be a little more lenient in his offers, he would be inclined to listen; but in the meantime, if any of his people accepted the terms offered, and attempted to pass out of his country, they would, if arrested, be put to death. I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

V. E. No. I., (Part II.), pp. 14, 15.

P.S.—Since writing this Despatch to your Grace, the letter (*a copy of which is enclosed) has been forwarded to me, from which your Grace will find that the natives distinctly state, that the reason they would not accept the terms offered to them by General Cameron at Orakau was because they feared "they would all be taken to Auckland, as the prisoners were from Rangiriri, and never perhaps be liberated."

G. G.

No. 3.

Copy of a DESPATCH from His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to His Grace the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 7th May, 1864.

V. E. No. I., (Part II.), p. 16.

My Responsible Advisers have requested me to transmit for your Grace's information the enclosed *Memorandum commenting upon a passage in my Despatch, No. 53, of the 6th April, 1864, relating to a statement made by a New Zealand chief regarding the impression made upon the natives by the detention of a large number of prisoners.

2. My Advisers do not consider this chief as a trustworthy or disinterested authority, and wish this their opinion to be brought under your Grace's notice.

3. It is not necessary for me now to enter into the question of the trustworthiness or disinterestedness of this particular chief, as the general question of the detention of these men will come before your Grace in another form.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

No. 4.

Copy of a DESPATCH from His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to His Grace the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 7th May, 1864.

V. E. No. I., (Part II.)

Adverting to my *Despatch, No. 53, of the 6th of April last, I have now the honour to enclose for your Grace's information the continuation of my correspondence with my Responsible Advisers regarding the disposal of the native prisoners on board the hulk "Marion," and I have the honour to request that, if your Grace deems it necessary, after a consideration of the case, to address to me any instructions regarding the mode in which it is proposed to dispose of these prisoners who were taken by Her Majesty's Forces, I may receive your commands on the subject.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G., &c., &c., &c.