

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

VII.—The Colonial Forces in the Northern Island on the 31st December 1863 may be summarized thus—

On actual service and doing duty—			
Colonial Defence Force	-	411 men	- 386 horses
Waikato Militia	-	3,617 "	-
Ordinary Militia	-	2,569 "	-
Cavalry Volunteers	-	200 "	- 197 "
Rifle and Naval	-	1,009 "	-
		<u>7,806</u>	<u>583</u>
Not on active service, but available for duty—			
Militia	-	1,989 men	
Cavalry Volunteers	-	247 "	243 horses.
Volunteers	-	1,352 "	
		<u>3,588</u>	<u>243</u>

MIDDLE ISLAND.

The Colonial forces of this portion of the Colony have been nearly disarmed, their arms having been brought to the Northern Island as soon as possible after it was seen that hostilities with the rebellious natives would be inevitable: and only in the Province of Nelson are the Militia called out. The return shows that there were in that Province 1,832 Militia, and in sundry Provinces 625 Volunteers enrolled, viz:—

MILITIA.			
Province of Nelson	-	-	- 1,832 men.
VOLUNTEERS.			
Province of Nelson	-	-	- 266 men.
„ Marlborough	-	-	- 95 „
„ Canterbury	-	-	- 148 „
„ Otago	-	-	- 116 „
			<u>625</u>
Total of Militia and Volunteers in the Middle Island			<u>2,457</u>

GRAND TOTAL.

NORTHERN ISLAND.

On actual service	-	-	- 7,806 men	- 583 horses.
Not on actual service	-	-	- 3,588 „	- 243 „

MIDDLE ISLAND.

Not on actual service and mostly unarmed	2,457 „	
	<u>13,851</u>	<u>826</u>

T. RUSSELL.

Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, February 29, 1864.

No. 29.

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

(No. 38.) Government House, Auckland, February 29, 1864.
MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honour to transmit, for your Grace's information, a report by the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, showing the present state of the feeling of the native population of that part of the northern island of New Zealand, which I feel assured you will peruse with much interest, and that you will regard it as giving, upon the whole, reason to hope that tranquillity may still be preserved in that part of the Colony.

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

I have, &c.,
G. GREY.

Enclosure in No. 29.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE MR. FOX.

I started from Wellington for the West Coast on the 13th ultimo, partly on provincial business, but chiefly with a view of endeavouring, in compliance with your request, to adjust the long-pending land dispute at Rangitikei between the Rangitane and the Ngatiraukawa on the one side and the Ngatiapas on the other.