

2. A meeting was held yesterday, attended by all the Natives in this District who have been in arms against us, with the exception of 35; and by all the friendly natives.

3. As I have already reported, the hostile natives had, at a previous meeting, given up all their arms to Colonel Greer, 68th Light Infantry.

4. On this occasion they made a public and absolute submission to the Queen's authority, unreservedly relinquishing the whole of their lands as forfeited.

5. I enclose for your information notes of what passed at this meeting, from which you will find that this absolute submission on their part was accepted, and that I promised them that in as far as circumstances would admit of, they should be generously treated; that they should for the future be cared for, in all respects, as other subjects of the Queen's are, and that the prisoners of war of their Tribe should be released; they undertaking to be responsible for their future good conduct.

6. I beg to state that up to the date of the present war, the Tauranga tribes have conducted themselves well, no single instance having, I believe, occurred of an European, whether a resident here or a stranger, having been robbed, injured, or in any way ill-treated by them; and since they have been drawn into the present war by the Waikato Tribes, they have conducted the war in the most open and honorable manner, neither robbing nor murdering, and always respecting our wounded, several of whom, both officers and men, on one occasion fell into their hands.

7. Another meeting is to be held almost immediately, and I hope to be able to tell you, in a postscript to this Despatch, that a satisfactory arrangement has been come to regarding the lands of this tribe.

8. I entertain strong hopes that other tribes who have been in arms, will, upon seeing the manner in which the Tauranga Tribes have been dealt with, follow their example, and make an absolute submission to the Government.

I have, &c.,

The Right Honorable Edward Cardwell, M.P., &c., &c., &c.

G. GREY.

P.S.—I have now the honor to enclose a copy of the terms which I gave to the Tauranga natives—Sir D. Cameron, who gave me the most valuable assistance on this occasion, and my Responsible Advisers, who also aided me in the most cordial manner—fully concurring in them. The natives expressed their gratitude very warmly for the manner in which they were treated.

As a vessel has to be despatched immediately to Auckland, to save the mail, I have not time to write at greater length by this opportunity.

G. GREY.

No. 38.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 20th August, 1864.

In reply to your despatch No. 38, of the 24th of March, 1864, enclosing copy of a correspondence with the War Department respecting an application which was addressed to that Office on behalf of the child of a soldier who was killed in an attack of the natives in this country in June, 1860, I have the honor to enclose, for your information a copy of a memorandum by my Responsible Advisers covering a draft on the Bank of New Zealand in London for the sum of £10, which they wish presented to the orphan child of the deceased soldier.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P., &c., &c., &c.

G. GREY.

No. 39.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 29th August, 1864.

My Responsible Advisers have requested me in a memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed, to forward to you copies of a correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Bishop of Waiapu, relative to the question of the confiscation of lands belonging to natives. They stated that it was because they considered His Lordship's opinion as entitled to so much weight that they wished this correspondence to go on for your information.

2. As I feared that you might gather from the correspondence that the Bishop of Waiapu advocated some views that I do not think he would approve, I stated to my Responsible Advisers on the 29th of July that in the correspondence they were transmitting to you they alleged that they believed that there was very little difference between their opinion on the subject of confiscation and the opinion of the Bishop of Waiapu, and that it would be a satisfaction to me if Ministers would inform the Bishop of the nature and extent of the confiscation of native lands which they had advised me to carry out, in order that His Lordship, who was then in Auckland, might state whether in expressing the opinion he had done, he intended to advocate a confiscation of the nature and extent contemplated by Ministers.

3. My Responsible Advisers taking no notice of my request in this respect, I wrote to them on the 25th of August, begging that a reply might be given to my request of the 29th of July.

4. They answered me on the 26th of August by declining to comply with my request, for the reasons stated in the Memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P., &c., &c., &c.

G. GREY.

No. 40.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 30th August, 1864.

My Responsible Advisers have requested me to transmit for your information the enclosed copy of a memorandum which they have drawn up in reply to your despatch No. 64, of the 26th of May, 1864.

2. I think the heat of controversy has in the enclosed memorandum led to some errors of judg-