

No. 8.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 12th February, 1864.

I have the honour to transmit for your Grace's information copies of two letters, one from the Bishop of Waiapu, the other from his son the Rev. Leonard Williams, describing the present state of the native population upon the East Coast of this Island.

2. From these letters your Grace will find that there are many satisfactory indications of a good state of feeling existing upon the whole amongst these tribes, although there is much excitement in that part of the country at present. Out of the whole population, it appears probable that only 53 men have joined the enemy, and of these only 43 were armed.

3. The natives have been informed that I will receive the deputation they propose to send here, and which is alluded to in Bishop Williams' letter.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 9.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 15th February, 1864.

I have the honor to enclose, for your Grace's information, a copy of a letter from Mr. Mainwaring, dated the 12th instant. I thought it desirable that a friendly chief of the name of Te Ao-o-te-Bangi, connected with the Waikato tribes, should be allowed to communicate with the enemy, who are now in front of the General's position, with a view of inducing some of his own people to give up their arms, and to return to their allegiance.

2. Your Grace will find that he reports that the Waikato natives evinced a good disposition, but that the other tribes, such as the Ngati-raukawa, who have hitherto suffered little from the war, were overbearing and threatening, stating that they were getting weary of waiting for the General to attack their entrenched positions, and that if he did not shortly do so, they would commit murders.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 10.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 17th February, 1864.

I have the honor to transmit, for your Grace's information, a very interesting account, which has been written by the Chief Wiremu Nero, of his visit to the position of the rebel natives after the occupation of Ngaruawahia by our forces.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 11.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 29th February, 1864.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's despatch No. 113, of the 26th of November last, remarking upon the details of a plan for the introduction into the Northern Island of New Zealand of a large body of settlers to whom it is proposed to assign land on a species of military tenure, and upon the confiscation of lands, the property of rebel natives.

2. My Responsible Advisers have requested me to transmit, for your Grace's information, the enclosed copy of a Memorandum which they have drawn up in relation to your despatch, and from which it will be found that they fully recognise the wisdom and propriety of the views expressed by your Grace, and that they pledge themselves to do their utmost to fulfil their duties in the existing difficult state of affairs with prudence and justice.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 12.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 29th February, 1864.

I have the honor to enclose, for your Grace's information, a Return and Memorandum, showing the number and composition of the Colonial Forces at the present date.

2. From these documents your Grace will find that we have—

		Officers and Men.	Horses.
1 Cavalry Regiment, of	...	411	386
3 Infantry Regiments, of	...	3617	

making a total force of 4028 officers and men, all enlisted for three years, and that these regiments, with the militia and volunteers actually under arms, make up a total force of 7806 men now on actual service and doing duty.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 13.

MY LORD DUKE,—

Government House, Auckland, 29th February, 1864.

I have the honor 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 tranquility may still be preserved in that part of the Colony.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.