

5. On the 14th of October last, however, my Responsible Advisers informed me as follows:—
 “Ministers have been of opinion all along, that any delay caused by attempting to obtain land from the natives by cession would be regarded as an act of weakness and indecision on our part, and would be attended not only with no good results, but would be productive of evil in two ways—first by retarding the settlement of the country, and continuing expenses which press heavily on the Colony; secondly, by affording the natives time, after the defeats they have sustained, to regain strength and hope, and so prolong the war indefinitely.”

6. And again, on the 17th of October, they informed me that “they did not believe that it was possible to give effect to Mr. Cardwell’s instructions respecting cession, even if it had been expedient to attempt it.”

7. I think, as Ministers now state that they all along believed this, it is greatly to be regretted that you were not told so in England before you issued your instructions to me, that you might be warned they could not aid in carrying out what was so opposed to their views,—and that your Despatch should have been published after it was received in the Colony, and that Ministers did not then, before doing so, tender their resignations.

8. I submit, however, I could not, after all that had taken place, and believing that your instructions were judicious and good, act otherwise than I did, although such action may be much neutralised by the opposition it has met with.

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

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

No. 56.

Government House, Auckland, November 7th, 1864.

SIR,—

My Responsible Advisers have transmitted to me the enclosed Memorandum, dated the 1st instant, which they have requested me to forward to you by the first opportunity.

2. Its object is to complain that a Memorandum which they wrote to me on the 30th of May was not transmitted to you till the 3rd of September, and it is stated that in the Memorandum of the 30th of May they deferred to my opinion and accepted my views.

3. I beg to state that I did not understand my Responsible Advisers as having accepted my views in their Memorandum of the 30th of May, for they had, on the 28th of May, at an Executive Council, declined to give me any information regarding their views and intentions upon some of the most important questions connected with the confiscation of native lands, and without which information I conceived it incompatible with my duty to allow the Orders in Council to which they allude to be issued. These circumstances were all stated in some detail in a Memorandum to the Colonial Ministers of the 17th of June in reply to theirs of the 30th of May, which I transmitted as an enclosure to my Despatch No. 130, of the 30th of September.

4. With regard to the general complaint made by my Responsible Advisers of the delay in the transmission of documents to your department, I beg to state that every effort has been made by the very limited establishment allowed me to copy for transmission all documents which it appeared necessary to send home. But the office accommodation allowed me is too limited.

5. There is now an army of nearly ten thousand men here, a large squadron, and consequently a vast correspondence to conduct, besides the ordinary business of an important Government, within the limits of which a civil war prevails. I am allowed for office accommodation a small office for myself, a writing room of 12 feet by 16 feet, and one other room of the same size as a general office.

The assistance allowed me is miserably inadequate for the work to be performed, and has not been increased at the time that all the other departments have been largely augmented, whilst at the very time my Responsible Advisers complain I was not transmitting documents to England, they were refusing, as will be seen from the enclosed statement of the Despatch Clerk in my office, to furnish me with copies of documents in their office which I required for transmission to you, on the plea that any documents that they wished to have sent home should be copied in duplicate, but that they could not order copies of any documents to be made which the Governor desired should be sent, but which they did not care about sending.

6. I can only say that under the difficulties thus thrown in the way of my department, every effort has been made to transmit copies of all important papers to you as speedily as possible.

7. In the very instance under consideration I was quite as anxious that my Memorandum of the 17th of June should reach you at an early date as they could have been that theirs of the 30th of May, to which it was a reply, should reach you.

8. I beg also to add that a mail for England only leaves this once a month, that the last paper enclosed in my despatch of the 3rd September was only dated the 5th of July, and that even if copies of the map and all the enclosures transmitted in that despatch had been completed by the 9th of August, they could not have been sent on to you until early in September.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 57.

Government House, Auckland, 7th November, 1864.

SIR,—

I have been requested by my Responsible Advisers to transmit for your information a memorandum they have prepared upon a letter which I addressed to General Sir D. Cameron upon the 28th of June, and upon the General’s reply to me of the 2nd of July.

Also a memorandum upon a Report from Mr Commissioner Mackay.

Also another memorandum upon another Report from Mr Commissioner Mackay, which I transmitted in my Despatch, No. 133, of the 11th of September last.

2. I have also the honour to transmit the copy of a further Report from Mr Commissioner Mackay, dated the 18th October, from which you will find that, notwithstanding the views expressed by