

4. You will find, from their memorandum of the 4th inst., that they were even at that date unable to supply tracings which would shew, even approximately, the boundaries of the territory that they proposed to confiscate, and that they had not sufficient information to determine even the precise localities.

5. It was impossible to act on such vague statements. It seemed wrong that Her Majesty's Forces should be sent to conquer land anywhere, with no direct and certain object aimed at. It seemed due, equally to the European inhabitants of this country and the natives, that the aim and scope of the war should be determined, and that it should be known what we required, and the acquisition of what territory would bring the war to a close.

6. I therefore again requested definite information upon this subject, and in reply received the tracings I have the honour to enclose, regarding which I will address you in a despatch by the next Mail.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 49.

Government House, Auckland, 10th October, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honour to transmit for your information the copy of a translation of a letter from William Thompson to Bishop Pompallier, dated the 9th of August, which the Bishop forwarded to me yesterday.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 50.

Government House, Auckland, 11th October, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit the copy of a Memorandum my Responsible Advisers have asked me to transmit to you, in reference to my Despatch No. 124, of the 26th of August last.

2. At the close of this Memorandum my Responsible Advisers complain that I would not permit them to see the despatches I received from you by the last mail; and that I did not consider it necessary to communicate to them any information relative to military movements, and that at the very time they wrote their Memorandum it was only through the newspapers that they had become aware that some expedition was about to be despatched, either to Taranaki or to Wanganui, or to both.

3. I have thought it due to you to shew that these complaints originated in error on the part of my Responsible Advisers, and I think that the enclosed correspondence will entirely satisfy you that such was the case.

4. I do not think it necessary to trouble you with any further remarks upon the enclosed Memorandum. My Despatch No. 124, of the 26th of August, is before you; in it I tried carefully to impart to you information which I thought you ought to be in possession of; I tried to do this in a way which might give offence to no one; I am very sorry indeed that I failed in attaining this end; and I shall most sincerely lament if, from the pressure of business upon me, or from inadvertence, I should have used any expression I ought not to have done; but I am still not aware that I have done so. You will now also have before you the opinion of my Responsible Advisers upon that despatch. A consideration of the two papers will, I trust, enable you to form a complete judgment upon the subject.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 51.

Government House, Auckland, 27th October, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit, for your information, the copy of a proclamation I yesterday issued, in which, in conformity with your instructions, as contained in your Despatch No. 43, of the 26th of April last, I notified to those tribes and persons who had been engaged in the present unhappy rebellion, that Her Majesty's clemency would be extended to all those who would come in on or before the 10th day of December next, take the oath of allegiance, and make the cession of such territory as might be in each instance fixed by the Governor and Lieutenant-General.

2. You will find from my correspondence with my Responsible Advisers, copies of which are enclosed (see Mem. 10th inst.) that I undertook that care should be exercised to take any cessions of land in a manner which should unequivocally exhibit the natives who made them in the position of defeated rebels, and further, that no arrangement for the cession of any land should be concluded until the advice tendered by my Responsible Advisers had been fully considered.

3. None of my Responsible Advisers, however, countersigned the proclamation. I nevertheless deemed it to be my duty to issue it. It is in strict conformity with your instructions, and I consulted Sir D. Cameron and Commodore Sir W. Wiseman, and they both concurred with me in thinking that the proclamation was a wise and proper one, and that it was my duty to issue it, and that the great matter for regret was, that from the obstacles thrown in my way, its issue had been so long delayed.

I have, &c.,

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

G. GREY.

No. 52.

Government House, Auckland, 31st October, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit, for your information, the copy of a Memorandum, prepared by my Responsible Advisers, upon the subject of the native prisoners captured by our troops.