

DESPATCHES FROM THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND TO THE SECRETARY
OF STATE.

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to the Right
Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 120.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington,
23rd September, 1865.

I have the honor to state that it being necessary to attempt to apprehend and punish the murderers of the Rev. Mr. Volkner, an expedition was fitted out for the purpose, and despatched to Opotiki, the scene of the murder.

2. This expedition was accompanied by Capt. Hope, of H.M.'s s.s. "Brisk," who rendered very essential services on this occasion. My Responsible Advisers, in the Memorandum a copy of which is enclosed, requested me to convey to Captain Hope the thanks of the Government of New Zealand for the important services which he, together with the officers and men of H.M.'s s.s. "Brisk," had rendered; and as I feel very much indebted to Captain Hope for his efficient assistance, I should feel very much obliged to you if you would bring under the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the services of Captain Hope, and of the officers and men of H.M.'s s.s. "Brisk," on this occasion.

Mr. Weld, 20th
September, 1865.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. GREY.

Enclosure in No. 1.

Copy of a MEMORANDUM by Mr. WELD.

Ministers respectfully request His Excellency the Governor to express to Captain Hope, R.N. commanding H.M.'s s.s. "Brisk," the thanks of the Government of New Zealand for the very important services which that officer, and the officers and men under his command, have rendered to the Colony on the occasion of the recent expedition of Colonial Troops to Opotiki.

Those services have greatly contributed to the success which has hitherto attended that expedition, and they are the more valuable inasmuch as they evince a spirit of cordial co-operation with the Colonial authorities in active efforts to suppress the present Native disturbances.

Wellington, 20th September, 1865.

F. A. WELD.

No. 2.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to the Right
Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 121.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington,
4th October, 1865.

In your Despatch No. 50, of the 26th of July last, in reference to the Despatches of General Cameron to the Secretary for War of May last, you state that General Cameron had informed the Secretary of State for War that it was his opinion "that nothing was more to be desired than that the Colony should rely on its own resources, energy, and courage." I beg respectfully to be permitted to point out that the fact is not as apparently stated by General Cameron to the Secretary of State for War, but as follows:—"I was the person who expressed the opinion, quoted by General Cameron, in the following words in a letter to that officer of the 1st May, 1865:—"I am aware that they' (the Colonial Ministers) 'participate with me in an earnest wish that the Colony should for the future, in as far as possible, carry on active operations from its own resources, as we believe that if it can only have such operations carried on by being at the same time subjected to such imputations as those contained in some of your recent letters, it would be for many reasons better that it should attempt to extricate itself from its difficulties by relying on its own resources, energy, and courage.'"

2. It will also be found from the enclosed copy of a Memorandum to my Responsible Ministers, of the 7th of April last, that I on that date used the same words to them.

F. A. No. 1, Sess.
papers, 1865. No.
11, p. 10.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

G. GREY.