Cr. by one day's pay in April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 7 days, at 2s. 6d.

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No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from the UNDER SECRETARY to Mr. T. B. GILLIES.

(No. 185.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 8th March, 1866.

SIR,-I have the honor, by the direction of Mr. Stafford, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd ultimo, submitting claims preferred by certain persons for pay and allowances which they allege to be due to them under the terms of their enrolment as Military Settlers.

A definite reply cannot be given to your letter until some papers, which are at Auckland, connected with this question, have been received. These papers have been written for, and when they arrive no time will be lost in communicating further with you on the subject.

I have, &c.,

W. Gisborne,

T. B. Gillies, Esq., Auckland.

Under Secretary.

No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from the Under Secretary for Colonial Defence to Lieutenant-Colonel Moule. (No. 1028-1.) Colonial Defence Office,

Wellington, 9th March, 1866. SIR. I am directed by the Hon. Colonel Russell (acting for the Defence Minister) to request you will forward the following information which is required immediately by the Government:

1. An exact statement showing the mode in which the officers and men of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Regiments were placed in possession of their town and farm sections, with a certified copy of any order bearing on the point.

2. A certified copy from the register books of the three regiments of an officer's, non-commissioned officer's, and private's town acre and farm section, showing his title to the same.

3. A certified copy of all "General Orders" issued by the Commandant of the Waikato Militia

during the month of March, 1865.

With reference to paragraph "No. 1," I am to state for your guidance that the information required is the exact process (from the time blocks of land are handed over for allotment to the Waikato Militia) by which officers and men receive their particular town acre and farm section.

In conclusion, I am to impress upon you the necessity of losing no time in having this information

prepared and transmitted to this office.

I have, &с., J. Ногт,

Lieutenant-Colonel Moule, Commanding Waikato Militia, Hamilton.

Under Secretary.

No. 4.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel Moule to the Under Secretary for Colonial Defence. (No. 541-2.) Head Quarters Waikato Force,

SIR, Hamilton, 17th April, 1866. I have the honor to forward herewith enclosed for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister, in reply to your letter No. 1028, dated 9th March, 1866, the information called for therein.

I may add that no instructions as to the mode in which the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men were to be placed in possession of their land were issued from this office, to officers commanding regiments.

The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence, ${f W}$ ellington.

W. Moule, Lieut.-Colonel commanding Waikato Forces.

Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

General Order No. 5.

Head Quarters, Waikato Militia,

Alexandra, 4th March, 1865.

It is notified, for general information, under instructions from Government, that the officers and men of the Waikato Force, when relieved from consecutive duty and struck off pay, will still remain upon actual service, subject to the provisions of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War, and will be liable at any moment, to be called out for consecutive duty.

The force will be relieved from actual service at the earliest possible opportunity.

(By order)
T. C. S. SPEEDY,

Captain and District Adjutant Waikato Militia.