

His Honor D. McLEAN, Esq., to Lieut.-Colonel WHITMORE.

SIR,—

Napier, 13th October, 1866.

Referring to the plan of operations discussed with you and agreed to this morning, I have the honor to state, that to avoid any complications with the Taupo or other tribes, it will be advisable not to extend the march of the combined forces of Europeans and Natives under your command beyond Waipaiati, a short distance from the Haroto. It is, however, necessary, in the event of your being able to capture Paora Toki or Anaru Matete, that you should use your own discretion in moving beyond the point referred to should it appear to you that you would be likely to secure these dangerous insurgents.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN,

Lieut.-Colonel Whitmore, &c., Napier.

Agent for the General Government.

Sub-Enclosure 4 to Enclosure in No. 30.

The Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to His Honor D. McLEAN, Esq.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 25th October, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, containing the official account of the successful engagements on the 12th of this month with the rebel Hau Hau Natives at Oamaru and Petane.

My letter, No. 328, of the 17th instant, written before I received your letter, will already have informed you of the satisfaction with which the Government received the intelligence of the energetic and effective steps taken to expel the insurgent Hau Haus, and to preserve tranquility.

The Enclosures to your letter sufficiently indicate that these Natives intended an attack on Napier, which has, however, been happily frustrated by the arrangements so promptly made by you, and so efficiently executed by Lieutenant-Colonel Whitmore and the men under his command.

I have, &c.,

E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor D. McLean, Napier.

Sub-Enclosure 5 to Enclosure in No. 30.

His Honor D. McLEAN, Esq., to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

SIR,—

Napier, 30th October, 1866.

I have the honor to forward for your information the enclosed correspondence between Major Miller commanding the troops and myself.

I feel greatly indebted to Major Miller for the cordial support I have invariably received from him.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosures.

Major MILLER to His Honor D. McLEAN, Esq.

SIR,—

District Office, Napier, 11th October, 1866.

Having, in compliance with your request, removed as many of the men from the stockade at Waipawamoti as I deemed advisable, I have the honor to inform you that upon the arrival in Napier of these men this evening I shall have at my disposal a force of about fifty men, and have to request you will be good enough to inform me whether, in the event of the Colonial Forces taking the field, you would wish the Imperial Troops to co-operate with them, and if so, that you will be good enough to furnish me with written instructions to that effect.

I have, &c.,

J. E. MILLER, Brevet-Major 1-12th Regt.,

Commanding Hawke's Bay.

The Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

His Honor D. McLEAN, Esq., to Major MILLER.

SIR,—

Napier, 11th October, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day's date, and in reference to the employment of the Imperial Troops to co-operate with the Colonial Forces, in the event of the latter taking the field, I have the honor to state that at present I should consider it more important that the Imperial Troops, the most of whom have come in from a long march, should remain to garrison the Town of Napier.

I have to thank you for the promptness with which you have offered the services of the force under your command.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

Major Miller, Commanding Troops, Napier.

His Honor D. McLEAN, Esq., to Major MILLER.

SIR,—

Napier, 12th October, 1866.

I should feel much obliged if you would for the present (until other arrangements are made) be good enough to allow the prisoners to remain under a military guard at the Gore Brown Barracks.

I am also anxious to convert one of the Maori whares near the barracks into a temporary hospital for the wounded Natives, if you have no objection to their being placed there.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

Major Miller, Commanding Troops, Napier.