

Enclosure 2 in Sub-Enclosure.

Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to Major-General CHUTE.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 18th August, 1866.

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, No. 252-66, I have the honor to inform you that I have no objection to offer to the withdrawal and embarkation of the 14th, and the wing of the 50th Regiments.

With regard to the latter part of the letter above referred to, I concur with my Responsible Advisers in thinking that if all Her Majesty's troops are withdrawn from the outposts to the chief towns, they would be entirely useless to the Colony, and that I ought not at the present moment to give my acquiescence to such an arrangement.

I have, &c.,
G. GREY.

The Hon. Major-General Chute.

Enclosure 3 in Sub-Enclosure.

Major-General CHUTE to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

SIR,— Head Quarters, Wellington, 20th August, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 18th instant, authorizing my withdrawing the 2-14th Regiment, and the wing of the 50th Regiment, and embarking them for Australia.

I beg to submit for your Excellency's consideration the enclosed memoranda, showing the changes in distribution of the troops in the Taranaki, Wanganui, and Napier Districts, which the above reduction of the force in this command renders, in my opinion, necessary, and I will feel obliged by your Excellency informing me whether you approve of them, in order that I may arrange for the immediate removal of the troops to the Australian Colonies.

I have, &c.,
T. CHUTE,
Major-General.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

WANGANUI.

Present distribution of the Troops in the Wanganui District.					Proposed distribution of the 2-18th Regiment in the Wanganui District.				
					Rank and File.				
Wanganui	...	...	2-14th.	2-18th.	Wanganui	...	...	...	300
Alexander's Farm	...	...	42	23	Alexander's Farm	...	...	...	42
Weraroa	...	...	50		Weraroa	...	...	...	50
Waitotara	...	...		64	Waitotara	...	...	...	64
Patea, Left Bank	...	...		68	Patea, Left Bank	...	...	...	68
„ Camp	...	...		260	„ Camp	...	...	...	193
Kaharamea	...	...		56					717
Manawapou, Right Bank	...	...		65	Civil and Military prison	...	...	...	56
„ Left	...	...		73					773
Waingongoro	...	...		108					
Parakino	...	...	58		Imperial troops abandoning Waingongora, Manawapou, Hakoramea, and Parakino.				
			453	717					
Civil and Military prison and sick	...	...	46	56					
Totals	...	...	499	773					

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TARANAKI.

Present distribution of the 50th Regiment in the Taranaki District.					Proposed distribution of the wing of the 50th Regiment in the Taranaki District.				
					Rank and File.				
Taranaki, New Plymouth	...	...	Rank and File.	232	Strength, 350 rank and file effective.				
Stoney River	...	...	88		New Plymouth	...	...	...	250
Warea	...	...	145		Stoney River	...	...	...	100
Opunaki	...	...	103						350
			568						

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