

of time. The operations are under the direction of Major Roche, of the 18th Royal Irish, a good and promising Officer, and are not under the direction of a Colonial Officer.

11. The fact is, that the operations of the Military Forces of all kinds are paralyzed by the absence of the General. Events of urgency occur from day to day, which render necessary constantly varying instructions to Officers commanding different posts. These instructions the Governor can only give through the General; it is useless to attempt to do so through an Officer at such a distance as it is proposed the General should be kept from me. I am certain your Lordship, and the Secretary of State for War, will feel this as strongly as I do, when this Despatch and its enclosures have reached England. I also am sure that if the instructions I ask for are issued to the General, no more such difficulties will take place. A great peril has again arisen in this country. I believe that it has probably taken General Chute by surprise, and I feel confident that he will now see how necessary it is his Head Quarters should be near me, and that with the assistance I know he will give myself and the Colonial Government, the existing difficulties will be got through.

I have, &c.,

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instructions, as every Officer in the command would have done. My letter to His Excellency, of the 12th July, enclosed in my Despatch to you of the 1st instant, No. 342-66, informed His Excellency of my readiness to undertake any operations for which he would give me instructions.

11. With regard to His Excellency's remarks that the Governor can only give instructions through the General, I would observe that all Officers commanding districts, regiments or posts, in this command, are well aware that it is their duty to obey any instructions given to them by His Excellency. On several occasions since my arrival here, His Excellency has given instructions direct to them, which have in each instance been promptly acted on.

In conclusion I would explain that on proceeding to Wanganui in compliance with His Excellency's opinion, contained in his letter of the 15th October, I found that His Excellency had already gone there, and assembled the force referred to in last paragraph, consisting of the 18th R.I., under Major Roche, and of the Colonial Forces, under Major McDonnell. Some rebels in the district gave in their submission to His Excellency; against others the troops moved on three different occasions, finding the last village where they expected to meet the remaining rebels in arms, deserted.

His Excellency, with whom I had an interview in camp near Ketemara, subsequently at Patea, and again at Wanganui, was satisfied with the result of the operations, and was returning to Wellington. He had no directions to give me, except for the establishment of a new post in the Wanganui District, from which covering parties were to be furnished to protect the persons surveying the confiscated land. I then returned to Auckland, informing His Excellency that I was about to do so, having, in addition to other duties, to visit and inspect the troops in the Waikato District, which I have never yet been able to accomplish since I assumed the command in September, 1865. I may state that since that time, out of 430 days in the command, I have been 220 days absent from Auckland, in visiting the Governor, or carrying out his instructions. As soon as I visit the Waikato country, to which I proceed next week, and complete my inspection of the troops in the Province, I am, in deference to His Excellency's wishes and his intended order on the subject, proceeding to Wellington to remain there, until Her Majesty's Government decide on His Excellency's representations.

T. CHUTE,

Major-General.

Auckland,

30th November, 1866.

No. 29.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 19.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 28th February, 1867.

I have received, through the Secretary of State for War, copies of two Despatches, dated respectively the 13th and 16th November last, which you addressed to Major-General Chute, requesting that one Company of Her Majesty's Troops might be stationed at certain redoubts in the Patea District, to enable the Colonial Forces to be "employed as covering parties for the surveyors," and that Major Roche, the Officer commanding in the district might be instructed to give all the protection in his power to the surveyors who were completing the survey in the vicinity of the redoubt at Turaturamokai.