

inhabitants of Patea on the 18th instant, with a copy of my reply thereto, for the information of Government.

To Captain Holt.

Under Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

THOS. McDONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Colonial Forces, Patea District.

Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

At a Public Meeting held at Mr. CAMPBELL'S HOTEL, Patea, 18th July, 1867, the following Resolutions were proposed, seconded, and carried *nem. con.*

1. *Resolved*, That this Meeting wishes to express its admiration of the promptitude and energy shown by Colonel McDonnell on the night of the 16th July, 1867, and also of the gallant manner in which the plans so ably conceived were conducted throughout by him (Colonel McDonnell) and the force of all ranks under his able command, which appears to this Meeting to have utterly paralyzed the disaffected Natives, and restored confidence to the settlers of this district

2. *Resolved*, That the Chairman be requested to sign the proceedings on behalf of the Meeting.

R. CAMPBELL, proposer.

G. F. MANSON, seconder.

3. *Resolved*, That the Chairman be requested to forward the resolutions passed at this Meeting to Colonel McDonnell as soon as convenient.

DANIEL BRADSHAW,
Chairman.

Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel McDONNELL to Mr. BRADSHAW.

DEAR SIR,—

Patea, 20th July, 1867.

I had much pleasure in receiving from you the resolutions passed by my fellow settlers at a Public Meeting held on the 18th instant, and of which you were Chairman, and I would be glad if you would convey to them my hearty thanks for their flattering expressions towards myself and the force under my command. We merely did on the occasion referred to—what, I trust, we ever will do—simply our duty; and let me add, but for the highly praiseworthy manner in which you all came forward as volunteers for duty, I could not have been so successful in surprising and overawing the Natives.

I trust I will not again have occasion to call upon you for duty, but, in the event of my having to do so, I feel confident that my call will be promptly responded to. And with my best wishes for the success of the Patea settlers.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

THOS. McDONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Colonial Forces, Patea District.

Daniel Bradshaw, Esq., Patea.

No. 5.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. CARRINGTON, to Captain HOLT.

SIR,—

Survey Office, Patea, 23rd July, 1867.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Defence Minister, that notwithstanding the interruption the survey party met with from the Oika Natives on the 16th instant, I have now much pleasure in stating that, owing to the action taken by Lieutenant-Colonel McDonnell, the survey commenced on the following morning at the place where the surveyors were turned back. They are now proceeding with the work, and I trust will continue to do so without further annoyance.

I have, &c.,

Capt. Holt, Under Secretary,
Colonial Defence Office, Wellington.

OCTAVIUS CARRINGTON,
Chief Surveyor.
12th August.

No. 6.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel McDONNELL to Captain HOLT.

(No. 391.)

Patea, 8th August, 1867.

SIR,—

No. 506-2,
July 26, 1867.

With reference to the last clause of the Honorable Colonel Haultain's letter, number and date as per margin, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Government, that the Volunteer Militia, brought from the several outposts to Patea on the 14th ultimo, have returned to their former quarters, and the Native Contingent were struck off pay from the 8th instant, inclusive. Captain Pennefather is struck off from the 9th.

I have, &c.,

Capt. Holt, Under Secretary,
Colonial Defence Office, Wellington.

THOS. McDONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Colonial Forces, Patea District.