

seamen, and marines of the vessels under his command, for the many services rendered by them while employed on the coast of New Zealand.

2. Your Lordship will observe that my Responsible Advisers take this opportunity of expressing the sense entertained by the Government of this country of the great assistance which it has received from the Commodore and the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships on this station throughout the period of the Native disturbances, which assistance my Responsible Advisers think largely contributed to restoring Her Majesty's authority and securing peace in the disturbed districts.

3. I entirely concur in the opinion thus expressed of the value of the services rendered by the Commodore and H.M. Naval Forces to this Colony, and I shall be very glad if your Lordship would bring this subject under the notice of the Lords of the Admiralty, and if it should be thought right, to confer on Sir William Wiseman some further recognition of his services than he has yet received.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

G. GREY.

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Enclosure in No. 4.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. STAFFORD.

Wellington, 8th October, 1866.

MINISTERS beg to transmit to His Excellency the Governor a copy of a vote of thanks to Commodore Sir William Wiseman, Bart., and the officers, seamen, and marines of Her Majesty's ships under his command, passed unanimously by the House of Representatives on the 6th instant, and have the honor to request that His Excellency will cause it to be forwarded to the Admiralty.

Ministers take this opportunity of expressing their sense of the very great assistance which the Colonial Government has received from the Commodore and the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships on this station throughout the period of the Native disturbances, and which has largely contributed to restoring Her Majesty's authority and securing peace in the disturbed districts.

For His Excellency the Governor.

E. W. STAFFORD.

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Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 4.

RESOLUTION of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 6th October, 1866.

RESOLVED,—That on the occasion of the retirement of Sir William Wiseman, Bart., from the command on the Australian Naval Station, the thanks of this House be given to Commodore Sir William Wiseman, Bart., and the officers, seamen, and marines of Her Majesty's ships under his command, for the many important services rendered by them while employed on the coast of New Zealand.

D. MONRO, Speaker.

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No. 5.

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

(No. 104.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

15th October, 1866.

I have the honor to transmit, for your Lordship's information, copies of letters enclosing reports of the murder of a trooper of the Colonial Forces by the Natives, at Ketemarae.

2. I think the renewed boldness with which the rebel Natives acted in this and in other recent instances, is in a great degree to be attributed to the attitude of inaction observed by the Imperial Forces; and my power of taking any effective measures is completely paralyzed by the recent orders from the Secretary of State for War directing the Major-General to reside at Auckland, fifteen days' distance, in point of time, from myself, and from the seat of the disturbances which are again breaking out.

3. There is no officer of Her Majesty's Forces here with whom I can communicate. The Local Government is doing the best it can under these circumstances; but the Local Forces as well as the Imperial Forces are under the orders of the General, and the state of inaction caused by the instructions recently sent out will, I fear, lead to serious results. I earnestly recommend that the General should be directed to reside at the Seat of Government.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

G. GREY.