

7th December, 1868, as a "peaceful arrangement, not inconsistent with the "Sovereignty of the Queen," with the so-called "King party." Such an arrangement was virtually, though not in formal terms, made by Mr. McLean in last November, when he held a conference with Tamati Ngapora, Rewi Maniapoto, and other principal councillors and adherents of Tawhiao. It is generally believed here that any concession beyond an accommodation of this kind would be neither desirable nor indeed practicable, as it would be opposed to the opinions and feelings alike of the colonists and of the loyal Maori tribes.

4. I shall leave Auckland on the 9th for Wellington, where the Session of the New Zealand Parliament for this year will be opened on the 14th instant. If tranquillity should continue to be maintained (as there is good reason to expect) in the North Island, I hope to spend a large portion of next summer in visiting the South Island.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

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