

No. 22.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the
Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G.

(No. 126.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 18th September, 1869.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. 47, of the 26th April, and No. 59, of the 20th May ultimo, on the subject of the grant of the New Zealand War Medal to Volunteers for service with the Regular Troops, I am requested by my Responsible Advisers to transmit, and to recommend to favourable consideration, the accompanying Ministerial Memoranda.

I have, &c.,
G. F. BOWEN.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

Enclosure 1 in No. 2.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. Fox.

Wellington, 16th September, 1869.

MINISTERS beg to enclose a Memorandum by the Honorable the Minister for Colonial Defence, and respectfully request that His Excellency will communicate it to Her Majesty's Government.

The Medals and instrument referred to may, it is presumed, be forwarded by Mr. John Morrison, the Agent for the Colonial Government in London, who will be directed to apply to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject.

For His Excellency the Governor.

WILLIAM FOX.

Enclosure 2 in No. 22.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. McLEAN.

13th September, 1869.

WITH reference to the Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 47, of 26th as per margin, relative to the issue of the New Zealand War Medal to the Colonial Forces, at the cost April, 1869. of the Colonial Government, the Defence Minister would recommend that, as considerable delay would arise in obtaining the names of persons entitled to the decoration, and it would not be possible for a long time to prepare "a list of persons to whom the honor ought to be given," as requested in the last paragraph of Earl Granville's Despatch No. 47, a supply of five thousand medals should be sent out, Her Majesty's Government being at the same time assured that the greatest care will be taken in carrying out the resolutions of the Assembly in regard to the distribution.

The Defence Minister also recommends that when the medals are forwarded, a machine (which he understands is in use in England,) for stamping the name of the recipient on the medal, should be sent at the same time.

The Hon. the Premier.

DONALD McLEAN.

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MY LORD,— New Zealand, 18th September, 1869.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 83, of the 12th July ultimo, informing me that the Secretary of State for War had, on your Lordship's recommendation, directed two thousand (2,000) Snider rifles, with the usual proportion of ammunition, to be handed over immediately to the Crown Agents for shipment to New Zealand, with a view to their issue to the Colonial Forces on the conditions hitherto in force.

2. I am requested by my Responsible Advisers to transmit the enclosed Ministerial Memorandum, in which they, on behalf of this Colony, express their grateful sense of the action thus taken by your Lordship and by Mr. Cardwell.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure in No. 23.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. Fox.

Wellington, 16th September, 1869.

MINISTERS beg to acknowledge the Despatch of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, dated 12th July, 1869, intimating that the Secretary of