

10. So far as can be foreseen at present, the Session of the New Zealand Parliament for 1870 will not begin before the usual period, *i.e.*, the month of June or July. In this Colony the financial year closes on 30th June.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure 1 in No. 24.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. Fox.

Wellington, 16th September, 1869.

As His Excellency will probably not be in Wellington at the date of the departure of the next mail for England, Ministers beg respectfully to inform him that they are preparing to carry into effect as quickly as possible the resolutions of the Legislature empowering them to send Commissioners to England to confer with Her Majesty's Government.

The gentlemen who have been asked to accept the office of Commissioners, are the Hon. F. D. Bell, a member of the Ministry, and Dr. Featherston, the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, and, should nothing occur in the meantime to prevent it, those gentlemen will proceed to England by the November mail. Public and private engagements render their earlier departure impossible; but it is conceived that the delay is not, at the present season of the year, a matter of much consequence. It is hoped that they will reach England in sufficient time to enable them to confer fully with Her Majesty's Government before the next Session of the Imperial Parliament.

The instructions given to the Commissioners will be substantially to the same effect as expressed in the resolutions of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and in the New Zealand Commissioners Act, already forwarded through His Excellency, that is to say, they will be instructed to negotiate with the Imperial Government for the services of the Imperial Troops, not exceeding 1,000 men, on such terms, as to payment, as they may be able to arrange with Her Majesty's Government; and also to endeavour to obtain the assistance of Her Majesty's Government towards the organization of a further force to be placed under the control of the Colonial Government. The functions of the Commissioners, as far as legislative power has conferred them, will be limited to those two points; but they will be separately instructed on many other matters, such as postal services with England by way of San Francisco, immigration, railways, and defence of harbours, in reference to which it is hoped they will be able to enlist and avail themselves of the co-operation and assistance of the Imperial Government. Finally, one great object the accomplishment of which is hoped for from the action of the Commissioners, is the establishment of cordial relations between the Imperial and Colonial Governments, which appear to have been more or less disturbed by the manner in which the question of the maintenance of Imperial Troops in the Colony, and some other matters, have lately been discussed.

For His Excellency the Governor.

WILLIAM FOX.

Enclosure 2 in No. 24.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. McLEAN.

Wellington, 17th September, 1869.

SINCE the 2nd instant, when the last monthly Memorandum of current events was forwarded for His Excellency's information, no occurrence of any importance in a military point of view has taken place. Te Kooti has in the interval remained in the neighbourhood of Aoto-oira, and the south of Taupo. A few skirmishes have taken place without a decisive result on either side, and at the date of the latest telegram from Napier, Te Kooti had retreated to Moerangi, on the west side of the lake, a country within the King's boundaries. His object in moving in this direction, instead of retiring upon his own or the Urewera country, is at present unknown; but if it be in pursuance of a preconceived arrangement with the Waikato tribe, the most serious complications will probably result from such a junction.

Rewi Maniapoto is said to be no longer with Te Kooti, but to be at the head waters of the Wanganui River. Of his movements, however, the Government have no positive information.

Nothing certain has been heard of Titokowaru since the date of the last Memorandum.

DONALD McLEAN.

For His Excellency the Governor.

No. 25.

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

(No. 129.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 19th September, 1869.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. 51, of the 30th April ultimo, enclosing letters from the Admiralty and from the Board of Trade, respecting certain alleged inaccuracies in the new editions of the Charts of New Zealand, I am requested by my Responsible Advisers to transmit the accompanying Memorandum.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.