

son, who was murdered by the rebel Maoris, I am requested to forward the enclosed Ministerial Memorandum, this day received.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

I have, &c.,

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure in No. 42.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. McLEAN.

WITH reference to Despatch No. 64, of 29th May, 1869, addressed to His Excellency by the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting a copy of a letter from Mrs. Gascoigne, soliciting assistance on the ground of the loss she has sustained in the death of her son, Lieutenant Bamber Gascoigne, who was murdered by the Natives at Taranaki, Ministers respectfully request that His Excellency will inform Earl Granville that as Lieut. Gascoigne was murdered, and not killed in action, the Military Pensions Act does not make provision for his relatives. It is, however, possible that the Legislature may take a favourable view of the case, and vote a pension to Mrs. Gascoigne; and Ministers will feel much pleasure in submitting her claims for consideration during the next Session of the General Assembly.

It will be necessary for Mrs. Gascoigne to furnish proof that she is in indigent circumstances, and also that she is the mother of the deceased officer referred to.

Auckland, 8th February, 1870.

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 43.

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

(No. 20.) Government House, Auckland,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 11th February, 1870.

At the request of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor to forward herewith a Memorandum from the Hon. Julius Vogel, Colonial Treasurer and Postmaster-General, covering printed copies of the Contract recently entered into between the Government of New Zealand and the United States Consul in New South Wales, for the establishment of a mail service between Sydney, Auckland, and San Francisco. See Papers relative to the San Francisco Mail Service, E. No. 4.

2. At the same time I am requested to transmit under flying seal, and to recommend to early and favourable consideration the enclosed letter addressed by Mr. Vogel to the Postmaster-General in London. Enclosure 1, p.

3. Since the failure of the Panama Line, and the opening of the railway across the North American Continent from New York to San Francisco, great interest has been felt throughout this Colony in the opening of direct and speedy intercourse with the Mother Country by this new route. It will be seen from the Memorandum by Mr. Vogel, who has just returned from negotiating the Contract in Australia, that "there is every reason to expect that the neighbouring (Australian) Colonies will contribute to the extent required of them, and that in any case the service will continue." Enclosure 2, p.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 44.

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

(No. 21.) Government House, Auckland,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 12th February, 1870.

With reference to previous correspondence on the same subject, I am requested by my Responsible Advisers to transmit herewith, and to recommend to favourable consideration, the enclosed Ministerial Memorandum respecting the proposed sale of certain small allotments of land (amounting in the whole to less than four acres) situated within the grounds of the Barracks at Auckland and Wellington, of which Her Majesty's Government have ordered the transfer to this Colony on the final removal of the Imperial Troops.

2. The Commandant in New Zealand (Colonel Elliot, of the 18th Royal