

certain that I may with confidence add to his my assurance that he and the public men generally of New Zealand are sincerely desirous not to “disturb the friendly relations existing between the Imperial and Colonial Governments.” Further, I am certain that they remember with gratitude your assistance in the early settlement of this country, and are fully sensible of the sympathy and support which your Lordship has at all times afforded to New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure in No. 12.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. Fox.

MR. FOX has read the Despatch of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 59, 26th July, 1871, in which, referring to Mr. Fox's telegram to your Excellency of 12th April, 1871, Lord Kimberley expresses his regret at the tone and language “adopted by Mr. Fox,” and intimates that “it is by no means of a nature to strengthen the friendly relations between the Imperial and Colonial Governments, which it is the earnest desire of Her Majesty's Government to maintain.”

Mr. Fox's telegram was intended to impress upon your Excellency the gravity of the circumstances under which it was written, and with which it was his duty to make your Excellency acquainted. The naked brevity of telegraphic communication may have led to the use of expressions more terse and abrupt, and less explanatory, than he might have used if opportunity had existed for a written memorandum. Mr. Fox begs that your Excellency will convey to Lord Kimberley his regret that he should have used any expressions which His Lordship should think it his duty to criticise in the manner he has done; and Mr. Fox's assurance that nothing could be further from his intention than to disturb the friendly relations existing between the Imperial and Colonial Governments.

At the same time, Mr. Fox will venture to express his belief that Lord Kimberley can scarcely have appreciated the extremely difficult position in which the Colonial Government was placed by the sudden and unexplained recall of the only British man-of-war remaining in New Zealand waters, at the moment when the unfortunate murder of Mr. Todd had again unsettled the Native mind, and the European districts were threatened with renewed invasion by a section of the King party.

Wellington, 28th September, 1871.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 13.

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

(No. 92.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 30th September, 1871.

The mail *via* San Francisco will leave Wellington to-morrow, and, in continuation of my Despatch No. 81, I have the honor to transmit by it further numbers of the New Zealand *Hansard*, showing the proceedings of the Colonial Parliament during the past month.

2. I forward also by this opportunity, under separate cover, several additional Parliamentary Papers, recently presented by the Colonial Ministers, and of which I annex a schedule.

3. I beg also to enclose a Memorandum by Mr. McLean, the Minister for Defence and Native Affairs, showing the great improvement which has recently taken place in our relations with Tawhiao, the so-called “Maori King,” and his adherents. Tawhiao held this month at his head-quarters a general meeting, to which the clans loyal to the British Crown were invited, and asked “to bring their English friends.” Accordingly, Major Mair and other officers of the Government attended, together with a large number of the loyal chiefs. They were received in a very friendly and hospitable manner; and Tawhiao himself, for the first time since 1860, welcomed them in person, and mingled freely with them. The most competent judges of Native character and feeling expect the best results from these demonstrations. Already, as will be seen from Mr. McLean's Memorandum, “the passage of the mail from the Thames to Tauranga, which has met with so much obstruction, is now likely to be permitted permanently; the chief opponent, Te Hira, having withdrawn his objections to its transit over his lands.”

4. Te Kooti is reported to have now not more than ten or twelve followers with him; and he has during the past month narrowly escaped capture by detach-

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Enclosure 2.
Schedule of
Parliamentary
Papers.

Enclosure 3.
Memo. by Mr.
McLean, C.M.G.,
29th Sept., 1871.