

No. 2.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Auckland, to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.
SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th August, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing the copy of a memorial from the Chairmen of several Highway Districts in the Waikato, praying for the formation of a road between Raglan and the Waikato District.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 3.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 21st December, 1875.

LETTERS coming in from Natives of Waikato representing great distress from flood, and praying for seed potatoes. Will the General Government take this excellent opportunity to employ Natives on Raglan and Whaingaroa Road? Armed Constabulary also available for this most necessary work.

G. GREY.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 4.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Offices, Auckland, 13th January, 1876.

Adverting to your telegram of the 21st December, I have the honor to inform you that the Natives in the Waikato have been relieved and supplied with seed potatoes, by order of the Native Minister.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES C. BOWEN,
(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

No. 5.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 29th May, 1876.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed copy of a letter received from Mr. Andrew T. Barton, Karakariki, near Ngaruawahia, together with a memorandum thereon by Mr. Allright; and I beg leave to inquire whether it is the intention of the General Government soon to open a new road through Native lands between Ngaruawahia and Raglan.

I have, &c.,
READER WOOD,
(for the Superintendent).

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 5.

SIR,—

Karakariki, Ngaruawahia, 11th May, 1876.

I have the honor most respectfully to report for your consideration respecting the road to Raglan. I am a mail contractor from Ngaruawahia to Raglan this year, and am unable to carry out my contract without the assistance of the Provincial Government, as I am informed that the said road is under their control.

There are five small bridges between the Waipa River and Waitetuna on the said road, which were completely destroyed and carried away by the last flood, and some others require repairing. The most wretched state of the road, and the great delays in crossing creeks, caused by the bridges being broken, make it impossible to deliver the mails within stated hours. In the present bad state of the roads, the risk of accident to both man and horse is fearfully great. More than once have accidents happened to the mailman, resulting in broken bones and numerous injuries to horses.

I shall be very thankful to you if you will use your great influence with your Government in getting the above-mentioned bridges rebuilt and repaired again at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,
ANDREW T. BARTON,
Mail Contractor.

Sir G. Grey, K.C.B., Superintendent, Auckland.

MINUTE by Mr. ALLRIGHT.

THE bridges and culverts referred to are old and in a very dangerous state. Not being in any highway district, they have been neglected by both the General and Provincial Governments, for the reason