

(Telegram.)

10th March, 1900.

FOLLOWING from Secretary of State, begins: "Referring to my telegram of 17th February and 2nd March: War Office requests that if possible twenty officers may accompany the 500 men" ends. The two telegrams referred to are those sent you yesterday by Captain Alexander.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

RANFURLY.

(Telegram.)

13th March, 1900.

RE War Office request: The twenty officers will be selected and sent with the Fifth Contingent. His Excellency the Governor, Auckland.

R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

14th March, 1900.

FOLLOWING from Secretary of State for Colonies: "Stores will be supplied in South Africa" ends. This refers to accoutrements, &c., for the Fifth Contingent.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

RANFURLY.

(Telegram.)

6th April, 1900.

I HAVE cabled Secretary of State as you request relative to destination Fifth Contingent and asked for an immediate reply.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

RANFURLY.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th April, 1900.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 12 of the 13th February last on the subject of the transport of the Third and Fourth New Zealand Contingents to South Africa, and to express the great gratification with which Her Majesty's Government have learnt of the patriotism and public spirit shown by the people of New Zealand in the matter.

I have, &c.,

Governor the Right Hon. Earl of Ranfurly, K.C.M.G. &c.

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Lieut.-General Sir F. W. E. F. FORESTIER-WALKER, K.C.B., C.M.G., Commanding Troops, Lines of Communication, South Africa, to His Excellency the GOVERNOR, New Zealand.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Capetown, 1st April, 1900.

I have the honour to inform you that a telegram was despatched to you this day, of which the following is a translation: "No. : "Eight men urgently required Hotchkiss Battery to replace sick; please sanction from men coming 'Undaunted.'"

W. TROTTER, Colonel, C.S.O.,

For Lieut.-General, Commanding Troops, Lines of Communication, South Africa.

(Telegram.)

Rotorua, 22nd April, 1900.

YOUR EXCELLENCY is advised to inform General in Command, Capetown, that eight men per "Undaunted" approved for Hotchkiss Battery to replace the sick.

His Excellency the Governor, Auckland.

R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Rotorua, 22nd April, 1900.

I HAVE just received following cable, begins: "Governor, Auckland, 1541. Eight men urgently required Hotchkiss Battery, to replace sick. Please sanction from men coming 'Undaunted.' General of Communications, Capetown, 21st," ends. Please inform me as to reply.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Rotorua.

RANFURLY.

Rotorua, 23rd April, 1900.

YOUR telegrams about sixty men for First Contingent and eight men for Hotchkiss Battery have been duly cabled to the Cape, also one to the American Consul at Pretoria. I have cabled India as desired.

RANFURLY.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Rotorua.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th April, 1900.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 16, of the 1st ultimo on the subject of the departure of the Third New Zealand Contingent.

2. I have read with much pleasure your report of the enthusiasm displayed by the people of New Zealand on this occasion, and I have no doubt that the remounts despatched on the "Undaunted" will be most acceptable to the military authorities in South Africa.

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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