

No. 20.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington, to the OFFICER COMMANDING
AUCKLAND MILITARY DISTRICT.

(Memorandum.)

Wellington, 17th December, 1909.

ENCLOSED herewith please find letter addressed to Captain Knyvett containing a letter informing him of the time and date of the Court of Inquiry to be held, and the members thereof, also four charge-sheets.

Please see that this letter is delivered to him by an officer on Saturday, and obtain receipt for same on attached form.

R. J. SEDDON, Captain,
Staff Officer (in absence on leave of
Colonel, Adjutant-General).

Enclosure No. 1 in No. 20.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, New Zealand Defence Forces, Wellington, to Captain F. B. KNYVETT, Auckland
Naval Artillery Volunteers.

Wellington, 17th December, 1909.

A COURT of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers has been convened to assemble at the Garrison Hall, Auckland, at nine-thirty o'clock on the morning of the twenty-first day of December, 1909, to investigate certain charges preferred against you: President, Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Chaytor, N.Z.M.; members, Captain (Acting-Major) Julius Sandtmann (4th Regiment, Wellington, East Coast Mounted Rifles); Captain John Thomas Bosworth, Active List.

Please submit to the President of the Court a list of names and addresses of the witnesses you desire to call upon to give evidence.

A copy of the various charge-sheets, setting forth the charges preferred against you, are herewith attached.

R. J. SEDDON, Captain,
Staff Officer (in the absence on leave of
Colonel, Adjutant-General).

[Enclosure No. 2 in No. 20.]

Charge-sheet.

Wellington, 17th December, 1909.

The accused, Captain Frank Berners Knyvett, No. 1 Company, Auckland Division of New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers (Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers), is charged with

An act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline,
in that he, in a letter, signed by him, dated the 10th day of November, 1909, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of Defence, did make use of the following words in paragraph 4 of the said mentioned letter: "Prevent any possibility of a scandal leaking out to the public of the want of tact, and the interference, of the Chief of the General Staff."

R. J. SEDDON, Captain,
Staff Officer (in the absence on leave of
Colonel, Adjutant-General).

E. W. C. Chaytor, Lieut.-Col., President, Court of Inquiry.

[Enclosure No. 3 in No. 20.]

Charge-sheet.

Wellington, 17th December, 1909.

The accused, Captain Frank Berners Knyvett, No. 1 Company, Auckland Division of New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers (Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers), is charged with

An act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline,
in that he, in a letter, signed by him, dated the 10th day of November, 1909, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of Defence, did make use of the following words in paragraph 4 of the said mentioned letter: "It seems to me that the Chief of the General Staff has personally gone out of his way to belittle, discourage, and damp the enthusiasm in the whole Volunteer movement."

R. J. SEDDON, Captain,
Staff Officer (in the absence on leave of
Colonel, Adjutant-General).

E. W. C. Chaytor, Lieut.-Col., President, Court of Inquiry.

[Enclosure No. 4 in No. 20.]

Charge-sheet.

Wellington, 17th December, 1909.

The accused, Captain Frank Berners Knyvett, No. 1 Company, Auckland Division of New Zealand Garrison Artillery Volunteers (Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers), is charged with

An act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline,
in that he, in a letter, signed by him, dated the 10th day of November, 1909, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of Defence, did make use of the following words in paragraph 4 of the said mentioned