

letter: "Since these articles have appeared, I have been approached by many officers throughout the whole of the North Island, who have had similar experiences of the unwarranted interference and unexampled officialism of Colonel Robin."

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. 5 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 5 of the said mentioned letter: "I have documents in my possession which, if published, would have created a grave scandal in Volunteering throughout the whole Dominion."

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

[Minute.] Charge withdrawn by order of convening officer.—E. W. C. CHAYTOR, Lieut.-Col.

Enclosure No. 6 in No. 20.

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

Wellington, 17th December, 1909.

IN further reference to this matter, a Court of Inquiry, consisting of the undermentioned officers, has been ordered to assemble at the Garrison Hall, Auckland, at the hour of nine-thirty o'clock on the morning of the twenty-first day of December, 1909, to investigate certain charges preferred against Captain Knyvett: 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.

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

No. 21.

Captain KNYVETT, Auckland, to Lieut.-Colonel CHAYTOR, Wellington.

Auckland, 18th December, 1909.

Arrest of Captain Knyvett.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses whom I desire to give evidence on my behalf. This is in accordance with your request of the 17th December, and I trust that you will not delay to issue the necessary subpoenas.

I have, &c.,

FRANK KNYVETT, Captain.

[Minute.] The Adjutant-General.—I found this letter on my return from Auckland. It was delivered here on Tuesday afternoon, 21st instant.—E. W. C. CHAYTOR, Lieut.-Colonel.

Enclosure No. 1 to No. 21.

Captain KNYVETT, Auckland, to Lieut.-Colonel CHAYTOR, Wellington.

Auckland, 18th December, 1909.

Arrest of Captain Knyvett.

SIR,—

In response to the charges laid by the A.G. New Zealand Defence Force, and to the memo. accompanying the same, I request that the following officers be warned as witnesses on my behalf, and, also, that all correspondence between Wellington, Auckland, or elsewhere relating to or incidental to the above subject be produced at the inquiry: Lieut.-Colonel Smythe, O.C. Otago District; Lieut.-Colonel Bauchop, C.M.G., O.C. Wellington District; Colonel Robin, C.G.S., Wellington; Lieut.-Colonel A. Bell, W.M.R., Hamilton; Captain Richardson, C.A.O., Wellington; Captain Trask, Staff Officer