

No. 12.

MAJOR NELSON TO MAJOR OF BRIGADE.

Camp, Waitara,
24th June, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for the information of the Colonel Commanding the Forces, that the steamer "Tasmanian Maid," is detained in consequence of the state of the weather.

I avail myself of the return to Taranaki of the Venerable the Archdeacon (Rev. Mr. Govett), to forward copy of a Report, now on board the steamer, relating to the rebels firing on a reconnoitring party from the Camp yesterday.

This morning for the first time a flag white with black cross, was hoisted.

In about an hour and a half after, it was lowered to half-mast high, and at this hour 12 o'clock, so continues.

I have just seen Mr. White, whose impression is, that if one was killed, or even wounded yesterday, they would endeavour to excite the feelings of the half-hearted amongst themselves, with the view to all joining, and concentrating their Force at the "Puketakauere" Pah.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS NELSON,
Major, 40th Regiment,
Commanding Camp, Waitara.

To the Major of Brigade,
&c., &c., &c.,
Taranaki.

No. 13.

MAJOR NELSON TO MAJOR OF BRIGADE.

Camp, Waitara,
24th June, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Colonel Commanding the Forces, that Sergeant Marjouram, R.A., came to me with a verbal message, (saying he had been asked by the Rev. Mr. Whiteley, who had not time, and who had just left the Waikato Pah), to the effect, that he, Mr. Whiteley had been requested by the Chief Hapurona, to deliver a Message to the Officer Commanding the Forces at the Waitara.

I desired Sergeant Marjouram to make a written report of the same, and I herewith enclose a copy of his statement.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS NELSON,
Major, 40th Regiment,
Commanding Camp, Waitara.

To the Major of Brigade,
&c., &c., &c.,
Taranaki.

No. 14.

SERJEANT MARJOURAM TO MAJOR NELSON.

Camp, Waitara,
24th June, 1860.

SIR,—

I beg to acquaint you that I have seen the Rev. Mr. Whiteley, who requested me to inform you, that he has just left the Waikato Pah, and the Chief "Hapurona" requested him to give his compliments to the Officer Commanding the Troops at the Waitara, and he was very much obliged to the soldiers for expending a little ammunition on their party yesterday.

But he was not quite ready to fight yet, and in future he intended to keep a white flag flying, and he expected the Officer Commanding to do the same at the Camp.

And it was to be understood that while their flags were flying no fighting would take place.

But if any of the soldiers fired upon any of the Maories, he would consider us to be taking unfair advantage, and in that case he should know how to act.

Mr. Whiteley also stated, that it was his opinion the Natives were not yet prepared to make much resistance, but in two or three days' time their plans would be complete.

I have, &c.,

W. MARJOURAM,
Sergeant R.A.

The Officer Commanding the Troops,
Waitara.