

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

A letter from Mr. Morgan, which I enclose, will shew you that some of the Waikato people are likely to join W. King in opposition to the wishes of the Chiefs of their tribes.

I have, &c.,

T. GORE BROWNE.

The Honourable Colonel Gold,  
Commanding H.M. Forces,  
Taranaki.

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No. 4

THE GOVERNOR TO COLONEL GOLD.

Government House,  
Auckland, 17th May, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, dated 14th May.

I have to inform you that H.M.S.S. "Cordelia" will proceed at once to Taranaki, and from thence to Wellington for the purpose of bringing up the Officers and Seamen of H.M.S.S. "Pelorus" to Taranaki with as little delay as possible.

In reply to your desire for instructions relative to W. King, I have to observe that the operations at Taranaki are of minor importance to those which must ensue if the Waikato tribes take part in the war. I have therefore to request that you will abstain (until you hear from me again) from all interference with W. King unless he should himself commence hostilities—should he do so, I recommend your offering a free passage to any of the Waikato tribes who, being with him, may be willing to leave his Pah.

I need scarcely observe that it would not be proper to try any prisoners you may take, by Court Martial, unless you are fortunate enough to get possession of those who have committed or who may commit murder in cold blood.

In a few days I shall be able to send you by the "Victoria" distinct instructions as to operations against W. King.

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T. GORE BROWNE.

The Honourable Colonel Gold,  
Commanding H.M. Forces,  
Taranaki.

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No. 5.

THE GOVERNOR TO COLONEL GOLD.

Government House,  
Auckland, 28th May, 1860.

SIR,—

The result of the meeting at Ngaruawabia is not yet known—the speeches on the first day were very warlike, but the Chiefs from the South who are known to be inclined to peace had not yet arrived.

I have still to request you to refrain from attacking W. King unless he commences hostilities against you—should he do so, however, you would of course inflict as severe a chastisement as possible without hesitation or delay.

If you can devise any means by which you can effectually punish the Taranaki and Ngatiruanui tribes, such an example would have an excellent effect.

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I need not remind you of the importance of carrying into complete effect any operations you may undertake, as the Maories invariably construe escape into victory.

Mr. Parris speaks of some potatoes which it would be desirable to value and consume leaving the payment for future settlement; perhaps you will be good enough to give such orders as you think proper on the subject.

I have, &c.,

T. GORE BROWNE.

The Honourable Colonel Gold,  
Commanding H.M. Forces in New Zealand.

