

No. 6.

THE GOVERNOR TO COLONEL GOLD.

Government House,
Auckland, 6th June, 1860.

SIR,—

I regret that it is still my duty to request you to refrain from attacking W. King unless he commences hostilities against you.

I have consulted with Mr. McLean (who has returned from the Waikato) and my Executive Council, and although all see the inconvenience attending the present state of inaction, we are unanimously of opinion that any movement against W. King at the present moment, without further aggression on his part, would probably involve war with nearly the whole of the tribes on the South of Auckland. * * * I beg however to repeat that if the Chief, W. King, renews his attacks upon you or the settlers you are relieved from all restraints on my part, and will I trust deal with him vigorously and without delay.

There is no political reason which can induce me to enjoin forbearance towards the Ngataruanui and Taranaki tribes—on the contrary, it is necessary for our own credit that they should be severely punished in order that other tribes may learn that they cannot murder our unarmed settlers with impunity.

At this distance I do not desire to indicate any particular plan of operation against them, but it is essential that, sooner or later, they be made to feel our power both to protect and to avenge. I trust therefore you will soon be able to find some means of striking an effective blow against them.

Commander Norman of H.M.C.S. "Victoria" has been directed to place himself in communication with you; when you can dispense with his services I beg you to request him to return to Manukau.

I have, &c.,

T. GORE BROWNE.

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

No. 7.

MAJOR NELSON TO MAJOR OF BRIGADE.

Camp, Waitara,
7th June, 1860.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Colonel Commanding the Forces that, about 10 minutes past 11 o'clock this morning, shots were fired from the Pah, distant about 1800 yards S.E. of this Camp,—then apparently a volley,—then a few like file-firing,—then single, continuing at intervals about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour—in all say 250 shots. Several (I cannot give about) Natives were seen in and around the Pah with the naked eye. About $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12, they (about 50) were observed moving outside in the direction of the Waiongana River.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS NELSON,

Major, 40th Regiment,

Commanding Camp, Waitara.

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

No. 8.

MAJOR NELSON TO MAJOR OF BRIGADE.

Camp, Waitara,
8th June, 1860.

SIR,—

With reference to my Report respecting the assemblage of Natives at the Pah yesterday, I have the honor further to state for the information of the Colonel Commanding that they assembled again this morning about 11 a.m.

The Pah is one of the old fern ones, bearing S.S.E. from the Camp, and called, I am informed, the "Saddle-back."

I sent the Pilot to the Flagstaff cross-trees. He reports, "They appear to be fortifying it, digging a trench through the centre of the Pah from North to South."

It is difficult to say the number, but at least 40 or 50 were at times seen standing up. At 4 o'clock they appeared to leave.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS NELSON,

Major, 40th Regiment,

Commanding Camp, Waitara.

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