

by such tribes as competent to act in that capacity, to be presided over by a European Officer or Commissioner (not being an Agent of the Crown for the purchase of Land) conversant with the Maori language, and assisted if necessary by a Native Assessor, and whose duty it should be merely to propound the questions for the decision of the jury, to record their verdict, and to administer Oaths to witnesses.

GEORGE ALFRED ARNEY, Ch. J.
ALEXANDER J. JOHNSTON,
HENRY B. GRESSON.

To His Excellency the Governor,
&c., &c., &c.

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 1.

COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM SIR GEORGE CORNEWALL LEWIS, BART., TO GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE, C.B.

Downing Street,
8th September, 1860.

NEW ZEALAND.

(No. 64.)

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 53, of the 26th of May, forwarding a Mat which some influential Natives residing at Wanganui were desirous should be presented to the Queen as a token of loyalty of the Tribes in that District.

I request that you will cause the Natives from whom the Mat proceeded to be informed that Her Majesty has received with much satisfaction this proof of their loyalty and devotion.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to express her entire approval of the course which you adopted on this occasion.

I have, &c.,
G. C. LEWIS.

Governor Gore Browne, C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 2.

COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM SIR GEORGE CORNEWALL LEWIS, BART., TO GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE, C.B.

Downing Street,
23rd September, 1860.

NEW ZEALAND.

(No. 66.)

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 66, of the 6th of July, accompanied by a copy of a Speech which you propose to deliver to the Native Chiefs whom you have invited to assemble from all parts of the Island.

The topics of the intended Speech appear well calculated to allay excitement, and I confide in your judgment as to the opportunity which you have created for making this communication to the Chiefs.

I have, &c.,
G. C. LEWIS.

Governor Gore Browne, C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 3.

COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM MR. CHICHESTER FORTESCUE TO GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE, C.B.

Downing Street,
27th October, 1860.

NEW ZEALAND.

(No. 77.)

SIR,—

I am directed by the Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 79, of the 31st July last, reporting the assembling of the Native Conference at Auckland, and I am to express to you his satisfaction at learning that the success of this experiment has exceeded your expectations.

I have, &c.,

C. FORTESCUE.

Governor Gore Browne, C. B.,
&c., &c., &c.
