

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE
MILITARY DEFENCE OF NEW ZEALAND.

No. 1.

COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF
NEWCASTLE.

No. 64.

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Government House, Auckland, New Zealand,
2nd May, 1861.

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to call Your Grace's attention to the enclosed copy of correspondence between Colonel Warre, C. B. (acting as my Deputy during my absence from Auckland) and Commodore Seymour and between Commodore Seymour and myself.

I entirely agree in the views expressed by Colonel Warre: the removal of the "Iris" at so critical a time might have been attended with the worst possible effect, the more so, as it had been industriously circulated amongst the Maories that Her Majesty's Government disapproved of the war, and were about to order it to be stopped.

I take this opportunity of saying that while the relations between the Civil Governor of a Colony and the Officer commanding Her Majesty's Troops are placed on a footing which admits little to be desired, the same cannot be said of the relations between the Civil Governor and the Naval Commander.

The Governor is entrusted with the duty of carrying on the negotiations which may be necessary to uphold the policy of Her Majesty's Government. To aid him in so doing, portions of Her Majesty's land and sea forces are directed to co-operate with him; but it will be seen by the correspondence with Commodore Seymour, forwarded by this and preceding mails, that the co-operation of the sea forces depends on the opinions of the Commodore, sometimes arrived at upon insufficient information, and that it may cease to be available at the moment when the person entrusted with carrying on the policy of Her Majesty's Government may consider it most needful.

I make this statement with regret, as my private relations with Commodore Seymour are perfectly friendly, and I doubt not that he acts in accordance with what he considers the best interests of Her Majesty's service.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle K. G.,
&c., &c., &c.,

I have, &c.,
T. GORE BROWNE.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

COLONEL WARRE TO GOVERNOR GORE BROWNE.

Government House,
Auckland, 5th April, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward for your Excellency's information the accompanying copy of a letter which I deemed it my duty to write to Commodore Seymour, on learning that it was his intention to despatch H. M. S. "Iris" to England forthwith. I enclose also a copy of the reply which I have received from the Commodore.

His Excellency Colonel Gore Browne, C. B.,
Taranaki.

I have, &c.,
H. J. WARRE,
Colonel Commanding at Auckland, and
Deputy-Governor, Auckland.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

COLONEL WARRE TO COMMODORE SEYMOUR.

Government House,
Auckland, 5th April, 1861.

SIR,—

I am given to understand that H. M. S. "Iris" is under orders to leave this Station to-morrow morning; I deem it my duty therefore as the Deputy Governor of this Province, to protest in the strongest possible manner against the diminution of H. M.'s Naval Forces in those waters at the

* There appears to have been no copy of this letter kept in the Private Secretary's Office.