

No. 7.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G., TO GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

NEW ZEALAND

No. 6.

Downing-street, 26th January, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 93, of the 13th September, enclosing a letter addressed to me by the Bishop of Wellington, in which my attention is specially drawn to a portion of an address presented to the Queen by both branches of the Legislature of New Zealand, which refers to my intention to hand over the management of the Maories "to the Colonists."

I request that you will inform the Bishop that the intention of Her Majesty's Government is that the Government of the Maories shall be administered by the same authority which administers the Government of the Colonists, i.e., by the Governor of the Colony acting on the advice of his Responsible Ministry, and whatever the terms used by the General Assembly, I can hardly imagine that they can have attached any other meaning to the words in which my meaning was conveyed.

I have, &c.,

NEWCASTLE.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

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No. 21.

Downing-street, 26th February, 1863.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 101, of the 10th October last, in explanation of the proposal which you submitted to me on a former occasion for employing officers serving with their regiments in New Zealand to act as Commissioners in the Native Districts.

I need hardly say that it was with much regret that I found myself unable to meet what I understood to be your wishes on that occasion, as I was fully alive to the serious difficulties with which you had to contend, and to the necessity of affording you every assistance that could properly be given to you for meeting them.

I have however submitted to the Secretary of State for War, your despatch of the 10th Oct., and I am glad to have it in my power to inform you that His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has, on my recommendation, forwarded to General Cameron a discretionary power to allow the temporary employment of some of the officers under his command to act as Civil Commissioners, provided they can be spared without interfering with the efficiency and discipline of the troops.

I have, &c.,

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Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

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No. 24.

Downing-Street, 26th February, 1863.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge your despatch, No. 115, of the 24th of November last, from which I perceive with great regret that you consider that the proposals made by you in your despatch No. 38, of the 6th of December last were disadvantageously represented in my answer of the 26th of May.

In the first place, let me assure you that neither in that despatch, nor in any other, have I desired to represent you as responsible for the amount of troops at present in New Zealand, although you have strenuously resisted their diminution, even by the small number which are properly owing to the Australian Colonies, or to express disapproval of any part of your native policy, which I have viewed throughout with remarkable satisfaction.

I must, however, observe that, although, I consider the instructions which you quote from my despatch of the 5th of June to have been justified by the circumstances of the moment, having been written while war was supposed to be still raging, and while "conditions of peace" were still in question, which you have since explained to be impossible, from the want of any authority capable of binding the Maori tribes; yet those instructions have little bearing upon the present condition of circumstances, or upon the question of the future amount and maintenance of the Military force in