

## No. 103.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 13th May, 1865.

I have the honor to inform you, that in order that as few demands as possible may at the present time be made upon the regular troops, the Colonial Government intend to take on pay for a time, a portion of the Taranaki Militia and loyal Natives (about two hundred and fifty in all), for the purpose of occupying the White Cliffs and the land to the north of Waitara. I should therefore be very much obliged to you, if you would be good enough to direct the Commissariat Department at Taranaki to issue such funds to the paymaster of the Taranaki Militia as may be necessary for the purpose.

This arrangement will only be a temporary one, and the Colonial Government will be responsible for the moneys thus advanced.

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron, K.C.B.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. GREY.

## No. 104.

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Auckland, 15th May, 1865, 8 o'clock a.m.

I have this morning read in one of the local newspapers, a Memorandum of Ministers dated 5th April, reflecting in the most unjustifiable terms upon my conduct.

This Memorandum, equally with others to which I have already drawn your Excellency's attention, has evidently been written by Ministers, in consequence of your having communicated the contents of my private letters to them. I consider it so necessary that the mischief which has resulted from your Excellency's proceedings should be made known to Her Majesty's Government with as little delay as possible, that I propose despatching the steamer "Alexandra" immediately to Melbourne to overtake the mail for England.

I have, &amp;c.,

D. A. CAMERON,

Lieut.-General.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

## No. 105.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 15th May, 1865.

In reply to your letter of this day's date, I have the honor to state that I am as sorry as you can be that the Colonial Ministers should have found it necessary to print for the use of the General Assembly, the Memorandum to which you allude.

I only knew at a late hour last night that they intended to do so, from my receiving from the Colonial Secretary a copy of the Memorandum in the form of a Parliamentary paper. I presume that when they receive a copy of your letter, to which I am now replying, they will be prepared to shew that the course they have taken was justifiable and necessary.

In reference to your statement that I had communicated the contents of your private letters to the Colonial Ministers, I must be excused for saying that I could not regard your letters as private letters, nor could you, I presume, have looked upon them in that light yourself, as you communicated them to Her Majesty's Ministers.

The accusations you brought against myself and my Responsible Advisers were of so serious a character, that if you felt you were justified in making them, they should have been stated in a public letter, as, if they were true, I was clearly unqualified to hold the powers I do. And you will pardon me for saying, I do not think that under any circumstances you should have sent them to Her Majesty's Government without giving myself and my Responsible Advisers an opportunity of seeing the letter which accompanied them, and of at the same time making our remarks on this letter and your statements.

I must add, that I could not have received such statements and have withheld a knowledge of them from my Responsible Advisers. I feared you might intend to use them for the purpose of transmitting them to Her Majesty's Government. But I especially warned my Responsible Advisers that they must in no way treat your communications as official ones, unless you yourself made them public. You did this, by transmitting them to Her Majesty's Government. When I informed them you had done so, I think they were entitled to judge in what way they could best defend themselves from the charges you preferred.

I also thought it was right, when you had formed such opinions of our proceedings and motives, that we should most carefully consider everything that I might request you to do, and I think that there can be no doubt that if I had withheld a knowledge of your opinions and sentiments from my Responsible Advisers, and you had sent them home to the Secretary of State, as you did, that I should hereafter have been most seriously and deservedly blamed.

Lieut.-General Sir D. A. Cameron, K.C.B.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. GREY.

## No. 106.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to Lieut.-General Sir D. A. CAMERON.

SIR,—

Government House, Auckland, 17th May, 1865.

Adverting to your letter requesting me to make an official application on the causes which rendered in my opinion necessary for me to have the services of Major Gray as a second military aide-de-camp, I beg to state that I have delayed making an official application in the hope that I might be able to dispense with the services of a second aide-de-camp, but I find that it is necessary that I should