

Enclosure 2 in No. 14.

The UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office, to the Rev. R. TAYLOR.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 21st November, 1867.

I am directed by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo.

With regard to your suggestion that a mark of distinction should be bestowed upon the son of the New Zealand chief Hoani Wiremu Hipango, who has accompanied you to this country, I am desired to acquaint you that His Grace would not feel justified in recommending that Her Majesty should confer a title or mark of distinction on the young man in the absence of any recommendation from the Governor, but that His Grace will submit to the Queen Sir George Grey's Despatch, in which he requests that the youth may be presented to Her Majesty.

It would not be possible for His Grace to take into his consideration the Petitions from the New Zealand chiefs which you enclose, unless they were forwarded through the Governor; but even if so forwarded His Grace could not anticipate or reverse the decision of the Local Government or Legislature in the matters to which the petitions relate.

The Rev. R. Taylor.

I am, &c.,

C. B. ADDERLEY.

No. 15.

COPY of a DESPATCH from His Grace the Duke of BUCKINGHAM, to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 77.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 26th November, 1867.

I have to acknowledge your Despatch No. 89, of the 6th of September, in which you transmit copies of certain resolutions adopted by the House of Representatives, and an Address from that body to Her Majesty expressing their opinion respecting the course adopted by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies in relation to certain allegations made by Colonel Weare of the 50th Regiment, and praying that no such course may be again permitted—that certain conditions may be imposed or enforced on some of Her Majesty's Departments of State—that all the proceedings of the House of Representatives and Her Majesty's other loyal subjects in New Zealand may receive the most favorable construction, and that the papers respecting Colonel Weare's charges may be laid before both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

I am to inform you that before the receipt of your Despatch No. 89, directions had been already given for placing the whole of the papers connected with Colonel Weare's charges before Parliament. I am further to inform you that the Address of the House of Representatives has been laid before Her Majesty, and that Her Majesty has not thought fit to give any directions concerning it other than to command me to assure the House of Representatives of New Zealand that the proceedings of that House, and of Her Majesty's other loyal subjects in New Zealand, will always receive the most favorable construction.

I have, &c.,

BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

No. 16.

COPY of a DESPATCH from His Grace the Duke of BUCKINGHAM to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 78.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 26th November, 1867.

I have the honor to transmit to you, with reference to your Despatch No. 34, 27th September, 1867, and to former Despatches in reply, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Foreign Office containing the result of inquiries addressed by Lord Stanley to Her Majesty's Minister at Florence respecting Courts of Arbitration in Italy.

It has been reported to Lord Stanley that no Courts of Arbitration exist in the several countries mentioned in the margin.

I have, &c.,

BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

Guatemala,
Salvador,
Costa Rica,
Nicaragua,
Honduras,
Peru,
United States of
Columbia.