

# RETURN

OF

## ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, AND AMMUNITION ISSUED TO FRIENDLY NATIVES

DURING THE YEARS

1865, 1866, 1867, AND 1868.

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, of the 18th August, 1868,*

That there be laid upon the Table of this House—"A Return showing how many Stand of Arms and Accoutrements, and how much Ammunition, have been issued to Friendly Natives during the years 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868, specifying the tribes, or hapus, or individuals, to whom such issues have been made; also, copies of all Instructions or Regulations issued to any Officers or Agents of the Government for the inspection or examination of such arms from time to time, or otherwise ascertaining whether they are in the hands of those to whom they were issued, and specifying what inspections, if any, have been held accordingly, and with what result. Also, similar Returns of all Arms issued to Military Settlers during the same period, and Instructions or Regulations relating to the inspection thereof."

(*Mr. Fox.*)

WELLINGTON.

—  
1868.



RETURN of ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, and AMMUNITION issued to FRIENDLY NATIVES during the Years 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868.

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1865.																
Jan. 28	TARANAKI— Waitara and Waihi Natives	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	8	..	..	..	..	25	Issued by Mr. Parris, Civil Commissioner, to Ihiaia and Pohiana for expedition against murderers of Henare Kote, wife, and child. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Taranaki, A.
Feb. 18	" Natives	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Ditto ditto ditto ditto
Mar. 8	" Natives	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	Issued by Mr. Parris, C.C. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Taranaki, A.
Mar. 22	" Natives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	Ditto ditto ditto ditto
Mar. 28	" Natives	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	Ditto ditto ditto ditto
May 27	Two Natives	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	Issued by Mr. Parris, C.C., for expedition to meet forces from Wanganui. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Taranaki, A.
Nov. 2	Ngamahunga	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	Issued by Mr. Parris, C.C., to occupy post at Warea. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Taranaki, A.
	Urenui Native Military Settlers under Captain Good	41	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	47	Issued by Lieut.-Colonel Lepper to Captain Good. Twenty rifles returned into store, 14th August, 1868.
	Friendly Natives under Captain Corbett	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	Issued to Natives attached to Captain Corbett's Company of Rangers.
	BAY OF PLENTY—															
Mar. 15	Arawas	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	Issued by Mr. Smith, C.C.
June	"	..	..	..	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87	Ditto Mr. Nesbitt, R.M. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Bay of Plenty, A. and B.
June 30	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	Ditto Mr. Maar, R.M.
July 13	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	Ditto ditto.
Aug. 7	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	Ditto Mr. Smith, C.C.
Aug. 17	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	Ditto Mr. Mair, R.M.
	AUCKLAND—															
June 8	Taiwhia Kaitahi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Issued by Mr. Mackay, C.C.
"	Honetana te Iiranga	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	
"	Patene Puhata	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	
"	Haora Tipa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	
"	Rawiri Te Ua	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	
"	Te Moaranui	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	80	
June 13	Hori te Whetuki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	80	
"	Hanaura Taiipari	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	
"	William Naylor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	50	
"	Pita Tuakaka	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	50	
Sept. 21	Thames Natives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	
Nov. 15	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	
..	WANGANUI—															
..	Native Contingent	..	15	82	..	..	3	..	1	..	9	..	110	54,230	110	Issued by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton.

RETURN OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

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Date.	Tribe, Hapu, or Individual to whom issued.	Enfield Rifles.	Medium Rifles.	Sword Rifles.	Sea, or 1842 Pattern Rifles.	Perussion Muskets.	Cavalry and Breech-loading Carbines.	Common Carbines.	Double Guns.	Single Guns.	Revolvers.	Swords.	Accoutrements, Sets.	Ammunition, Rounds.	Total Arms.	Remarks.
1865, Sept. 4	WANGANUI—continued. Native Contingent	6	19	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	40	Issued by Captain Kirwan at Wellington to Wanganui Native Contingent, on proceeding to Opotiki.
"	Guides	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	6	..	6	180	12	Issued by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Wanganui, A.
Dec. 29	Kirapapas	223	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	230	10,800	235	Ditto ditto. 107 rifles returned into store.
"	"	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	4,900	85	Issued by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton. 87 ditto. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Wanganui, D.
"	Friendly Natives	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	2,800	55	Issued by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton through Mr. Booth, R.M., for Natives employed on Water Transport. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Wanganui, C.
July 20	Haimona Eroti	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	Issued by Mr. Booth, R.M. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Wanganui, C.
Oct. —	Guides	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	Ditto Lieut.-Colonel Gorton to Natives under Captain Noake—employed to endeavour to secure murderers of Native policeman. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Wanganui, B.
Mar. 8	EAST COAST— Paora Rerepu	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	20	Sent to Mohaka.
Mar. 18	Waioa chiefs	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	80	Distributed at Waioa, Table Cape, and Waiaapu. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, A. 1 and 2.—B. and H.
Mar. 25	East Coast Natives	..	..	13	..	117	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	33,500	130	Through Mr. G. S. Cooper, R.M.
April 5	Natives going to Taupo	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	
April 11	Waioa Natives	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	
April 17	"	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	
May 12	Table Cape Natives	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	20	
June 14	East Coast Natives	..	..	13	..	160	..	..	..	..	..	..	174	..	174	
June 26	East Coast Chiefs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	12	..	12	
June 28	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	12	22	..	22	
July 8	East Coast Natives	260	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	260	100,100	260	Issued to chiefs at Waiaapu, Hick's Bay, Tuparua, and Poverty Bay.
Aug. 9	"	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	Sent from Wellington by H. M. S. "Eclipse," and distributed by His Honor D. McLean, Esq., to Natives at Hick's Bay, 73 stand; at Tuparua, 73 stand; and remainder in neighbourhood of Waiaapu and East Cape. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, C. 1 and 2, and H.
Aug. 10	East Coast Chiefs	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	11	..	11	Distributed to chiefs of Waiaapu, Hick's Bay, Tuparua, and Poverty Bay. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, K.
Aug. 25	East Coast Natives	140	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140	50,000	140	<i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, D. 1, 2, 3, and H.
Aug. 26	East Coast Chiefs	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	Through Captain Deighton.
"	Hoku Manu	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	Sent to Hick's Bay.
Sept. 8	Henare Potae and Wiremu Pohini	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	45	Through Captain Biggs.
Sept. 13	Poverly Bay Natives	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	50	<i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, F. and H.
Sept. 25	East Coast Natives	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	70,000	200	For Tuparua Natives.
Oct. 3	Raniera Kaulhna	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	40	Through Captain Biggs to chiefs of Poverty Bay.
Nov. 4	Poverly Bay Natives	80	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	82	..	82	Through Captain Biggs to chiefs of Tuparua. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, K.
Nov. 11	"	200	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	212	..	212	

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<b>1865.</b>																
Nov. 18	Paora Rerepu	20											20		20	
Nov. 20	Ihaka	20					2						20		22	
"	Paora Rerepu	1						4				2	6		9	
Nov. 24	Kanahi Kawai	3									1		3		4	
Dec. 12	Poverty Bay Natives	30					20	44					55		55	Through Captain Biggs.
Dec. 18	Henare Potae										12		12		12	Ditto.
Dec. 21	Ihaka										1		1		1	Vide Correspondence—East Coast, K. and M.
Dec. 30	Henare Potae	13	2				3					2	18		18	
Dec. 30	Poverty Bay Natives															
<b>1866.</b>																
Feb. 9	AUCKLAND— Wm. Nera, Heterako, and Hapaku	34													34	Issued by Captain Hamilton, R.M., to Raglan Natives.
Oct. 30	WANGANUI— Kupapas		78				15								88	Issued by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton. 64 rifles and 12 carbines returned into store. Vide Correspondence—Wanganui, F
<b>EAST COAST—</b>																
Jan. 10	Paora Rerepu										1				1	
" 18	Ihaka	75					6				2				2	
" 19	Kopu	75									10				91	
Mar. 19	Ihaka	60					1								75	
Mar. 20	Matingi														1	
"	Ihaka Wanga														60	
"	Paora te Apatu														1	Sent to Wairoa.
Mar. 21	Ihaka (Waiapu)	10					1								10	
April 14	Tareha											1			1	
May 10	Richard (chief)	1													1	
" 4	Mr. Hamlin	1													1	
June 4	Horwine														1	
June 14	Kopu														1	
"	Paora te Ori														2	
June 15	Henare Tamera	20					1								20	
June 19	Tareha	20													20	
Aug. 14	Paora Parua	10													10	
Aug. 20	Karaitiana	10													11	
"	Tareha	10													12	
Oct. 4	Renata											2			1	Issued to Native to replace one rifle burst.

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<b>1866.</b>	<b>EAST COAST—continued.</b>																
Oct. 5	Hu Pucka ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Issued by His Honor D. McLean, Esq. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, M.	
Oct. 6	Karaitiana ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2		
" 8	Karawai Pupu ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1		
" 9	Henare Potae ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	25		
Oct. 10	Henare Tamihana ...	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1		
Oct. 11	Hapuku ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1		
"	Tareha ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1		
<b>1867.</b>	<b>TARANAKI—</b>																Issued by Mr. Parris, C.C., to Natives at Opunake and Umuroa. All returned to store December, 1867. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Taranaki, B.
April 24	Arana Karaka, W. Kingi, and Hone Pihama	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	2,800		
Sept. 4	<b>BAY OF PLENTY—</b>																Issued by Officer Commanding at Opotiki and Major Mair, R.M. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Bay of Plenty, D.
"	Whakatohea ...	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12		
Oct. 25	Ngatiawa ...	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	4		
Feb. and March	<b>AUCKLAND—</b>															Issued by Officer Commanding at Opotiki and Major Mair, R.M. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Bay of Plenty, E.	
May 11	Hone te One ...	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,500	50		
"	Hepata Turingenge ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Issued by Mr. R. O. Stewart, R.M.	
Aug. 29	Ngathiana ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Sept. 27	<b>EAST COAST—</b>															Issued on requisition to Resident Magistrate at Ngaruawahia. Not distributed to Natives, but returned into store. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Auckland, A.	
1868.	Pohiipi Tukairangi ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,500	25		
July 24	<b>AUCKLAND—</b>															By order of Hon. J. C. Richmond. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—East Coast, I.	
Aug. 24	W. te Wheoro ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,000	40		
Aug. 24	<b>WANGANUI—</b>															Issued to Mr. Civil Commissioner Mackay on authority of Mr. Whitaker. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Auckland, F.	
	Kupapas ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	910	90		
Total issues during years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868		113	125	113	13	671	147	194	18	5	110	43,3102	876,880,3609			Issued by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton to Kupapas joining Patea Field Force. <i>Vide</i> Correspondence—Wanganui, H.	



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## T A R A N A K I .

## A.—No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from MR. PARRIS to Lieut.-Colonel LEPPER.

(No. 34.)

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 1st February, 1866.

Adverting to my letter of the 16th instant, in answer to yours of the 13th instant, enclosing copies of two circular letters from the Colonial Defence Office, respecting arms, &c., &c., which have been issued to Natives, I have now the honor to forward for your information a return of arms received by me from the Militia Office, to whom delivered, and for what occasion.

Most of the arms are in the hands of the Natives belonging to Captain Good's party at Urenui, and Komene's party at Taranaki, whom it is absolutely necessary should be allowed to keep them for self-defence, until matters are more finally settled than at present. The few arms in the possession of Natives not belonging to either of the above parties I will take steps to have returned to your office at the earliest opportunity.

Lieut.-Colonel Lepper,  
Commanding T.M.S., New Plymouth.

I have, &c.,  
R. PARRIS,  
Civil Commissioner.

## B.—No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from MR. PARRIS to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.

(No. 46.)

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 15th March, 1867.

In the event of hostilities being renewed in this district in addition to the late murder of Brady, would His Excellency's Government have any objection to authorize a supply of fifty stand of arms and a small quantity of ammunition for William King Matakatea, and Arama Karaka, of Taranaki, who were disarmed during the Major-General's campaign last year. Their position is a very disagreeable one, being in great measure at the mercy of the rebels, especially William King and his people, whose place is five miles from the Opunake camp. If they had arms, it would, I think, have a good effect upon the disaffected Natives, and be a check to their movements.

The two chiefs could be made responsible for the safe keeping of the arms; and as the Commissariat purpose sending a steamer to Opunake soon, it would be a good opportunity to send them there.

The Hon. the Minister for Native Affairs,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
R. PARRIS,  
Civil Commissioner.

## B.—No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Major STAPP.

(No. 113-1.)

SIR,—

Defence Office, Wellington, 23rd March, 1867.

I am directed by Mr. Richmond (acting for the Defence Minister), to request you will place yourself in communication with Mr. C.C. Parris, with a view to sending to certain Natives living at or near Opunake and Umuroa, fifty stand of long Enfield rifles and accoutrements, with 2,500 rounds of ball ammunition, and the usual proportion of caps. They are intended for issue to the men of Arama Karaka's and Wi Kingi Matakatea's pas, and you will be good enough to impress upon Mr. Parris the necessity of seeing that they are properly distributed amongst these people, that receipts in duplicate (one copy to be sent to this office and one to you), promising also to return them when called upon by the Government to do so, are given, and that the two above-named chiefs understand that they are held responsible for the use and safe custody of these arms.

You will consult with Mr. Parris as to the best mode of sending the rifles and ammunition to their destination; but I am to suggest that it will perhaps be most convenient to forward them in a cart under escort of Captain Page's company, and in such case they may be taken right on to Opunake and Umuroa. If this course cannot be adopted, you will by the best and safest means available send them on to Warea, requesting the officer in command of that post to take them temporarily in charge, and arrange through Mr. Parris that the Natives for whom they are intended come up to Warea to receive them there.

Mr. Richmond considers that it will be unnecessary to send bayonets with the rifles, and if Mr. Parris is of the same opinion you will act accordingly. Should you not have the long Enfield in store, you must send the medium rifle.

The Officer Commanding Militia and Volunteers,  
Taranaki.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## B.—No. 4.

Copy of a Letter from Major STAPP to Captain HOLT.

(No. 262-1.)

SIR,—

T.M.S. Office, New Plymouth, 1st May, 1867.

I have the honor to state, for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister, that the rifles, ammunition, &c., have been forwarded to Opunake as directed in letter, date as per margin, duplicate of receipt enclosed.

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
C. STAPP, Brevet-Major,  
Commanding Taranaki Militia and Volunteers.



## B.—Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

Opunake, 24th Aperira, 1867.

KUA riro mai i a matou nga mea kua tuhi-tuhi ki raro nei na te Kawanatanga i homai kia matou hei tiaki mo matou ki to matou, kainga ki Umeroa ki Opunake, mo te takiwa kohore ano i tau te marie a tanga, hi nga wakaaro o te Iwi ara te hou hou i te rongo.

E Wakaae ana hoki matou kei a matou te tikanga mo enei mea katoa kia kana etahi i ngare waihoki me ka tono e te Kawanatanga kia matou kia whakahoki katoa ana mea to whakahoki matou, 50 Enfield rifles, 50 ramrods, 50 pouches and belts, 50 waist belts, 50 ball bags, 50 cap pockets, 4 kegs ammunition (700 rounds each), percussion caps in proportion.

Wiremu Kingi Matakatea, his ✕ mark  
Hone Pihama Hauatana  
Ka hona  
Ko Ihaia  
Piripi  
Ko Te Rei, his ✕ mark  
Ko Wetere, his ✕ mark.

Witness, Geo. Stockman,  
Government Interpreter.  
Witness, J. M. Sheppey.

## B.—No. 5.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. PARRIS to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Office, Wellington.  
(No. 207.)

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 4th December, 1867.

After consulting with the Hon. Mr. Richmond, it was deemed advisable to relieve the Opunake Natives from the responsibility of having charge of fifty stand of Government rifles, accoutrements and ammunition. And on returning therefrom myself last month I hired two carts from Hone Pihama and William King, to bring the arms &c., into town, as reported in my letter of the 18th ultimo, No. 191, believing the improved state of the Native feeling justified the withdrawal of warlike stores from the district. I have also withdrawn the rifles and ammunition from the Taihua, a Native village close to Warea.

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The Under Native Secretary,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
R. PARRIS,  
Civil Commissioner.

## BAY OF PLENTY.

## A.—No. 6.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. SMITH to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Auckland, 22nd March, 1865.

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter addressed to me by the Resident Magistrate of Rotorua, relative to the supply of arms to the Arawa Natives.

The returns furnished by Dr. Nesbitt have been supplemented by me, and a summary added for the purpose of showing, as nearly as possible, the state of the Arawa, as regards the supply of arms.

I beg to request the serious attention of the Government to the present position of our allies, the Arawa tribes, as indicated in the enclosed report. From information derived from various sources, I am satisfied that an attack upon them is contemplated, and they look to the Government to furnish them with the means of defence.

At the request of the Maketu chiefs, I consented to proceed to Auckland, for the purpose of representing their case, and of procuring for them the assistance and advice they require.

I beg now to recommend that 200 stand of arms, with a sufficient quantity of suitable ammunition, be forwarded at once to the care of the Officer Commanding at Maketu, with instructions to issue the same as required. Complaints have been made of the bad quality of the ammunition previously issued, and I believe that much of it was quite unfit for use. Some of the powder I saw tested would scarcely ignite at all, and the Natives to whom it was issued returned it as not worth the carriage inland. Colonel Greer, to whom I mentioned the above, told me that he knew the ammunition which had been supplied to the Arawa was not fit to use.

In connection with the question of arming the Arawa, I would suggest the desirability of adopting some system of inspection or supervision, for the purpose of keeping a check upon those to whom arms or ammunition may be supplied, by requiring the production of the former from time to time, and an account of the expenditure of the latter,—the inspector to report to the Officer Commanding. With such an arrangement, I see no objection to placing a musket and a certain number of rounds of ammunition in the hands of every able-bodied man of the loyal Arawa; and I think such an arrangement preferable to allowing them to supply themselves, or to keep supplies of powder in bulk, which they would not feel it necessary to do if they knew that a sufficient supply for defensive purposes was at hand, and would be issued as needed.

I have also to request instructions as to the course which the Government desire the Arawa to adopt with reference to the Pai Mairire fanatics in the case of residents in the district, and in that of parties passing through it, or visiting it for the purpose of making converts; also whether, in the event of the return of the party led by Kereopa and Patara, any attempt should be made to capture

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these men, in or out of the district. The Arawa chiefs appear anxious to place their services at the disposal of the Government, but very properly hesitate to take any steps which may result in bloodshed and war, except with the sanction and under the direction of the Government, and upon the understanding that they will be efficiently supported in meeting consequences.

I enclose herewith a letter, with translation, received from the Maketu chiefs the day I left.

The Hon. the Native Minister,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
THOS. H. SMITH,  
Civil Commissioner, Bay of Plenty.

## A.—Enclosure 1 in No. 6.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. NESBITT to Mr. PARRIS.

SIR,—

Maketu, 15th March, 1865.

In consequence of the repeated applications for arms by the Natives inland, I have endeavoured to ascertain what quantity of arms and ammunition they have in their possession, and herewith have the honor of enclosing lists of those who have arms and those without.

I find that, exclusive of the Ngatipikiao, whose list I have not yet received, there are 83 Government guns, 67 serviceable Maori guns, and there are 158 men without any arms. There is a scarcity of powder, flints, and small percussion caps.

Under present circumstances, I respectfully suggest that immediate application be made to the Government or military authorities to issue, for the use of the Arawa Natives, 160 stand of arms, 500 flints, and some small percussion caps.

The Natives inland have built and fortified six pas, and if supplied with arms, would be able to protect themselves against any hostile attack, unless made by overwhelming numbers. They are kept in a constant state of alarm by reports of the Waikato and other tribes coming to punish them for arresting Hori Tupaea and his party.

The present state of Puhirua is an additional reason why the friendly Natives should be supplied with arms. This place, situated within this district, is exclusively occupied by votaries of the new religion.

On Sunday week, the Rev. Mr. Spencer, on endeavouring to pass through this place on his professional duties, was ordered to return, on pain of being arrested if he proceeded.

There are letters and messages of mutual recrimination constantly passing between them and the friendly Natives. This place is also becoming a sort of asylum for those who have made themselves amenable to the law, and, from all these circumstances, it is impossible to say when a collision may take place.

I would therefore recommend that application be made to the Government or Colonel Greer to issue the quantity of arms and ammunition mentioned above to the friendly Natives.

The Civil Commissioner, Maketu,

I have &c.,  
W. K. NESBITT, R.M.,  
Rotorua.

## A.—Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 1 in No. 6.

SUMMARY of RETURNS showing the state of the Arawa with respect to supply of Arms.

	Having Arms of their own, serviceable.	Supplied with Government Arms.	Without Arms.
Maketu.—Ngatipikiao ... ..	No return—(say 10)	No return—(say 20)	11
Tutanekai ... ..	Ditto (say 5)	Ditto (say 10)	5
Ngatikereru ... ..	Ditto (say 5)	Ditto (say 10)	16
Rotorua.—Waiohewa... ..	Ditto (say 10)	Ditto (say 20)	11
Ohinemutu ... ..	... 14	... 28	48
Rotoiti.—Kahuwera ... ..	Ditto (say 5)	Ditto (say 10)	14
Mourea ... ..	... 10	... 18	7
Okataiera ... ..	Ditto (say 5)	... 16	16
Tarawera.—Motutawa ... ..	... 12	... 2	26
Kariri ... ..	... 22	... 8	36
Te Tapahero ... ..	... 14	... 17	27
Motiti, &c., &c. ... ..	No return	(say 10)	No return
Approximate Total ... ..	... 112	... A 169	B 217

A.—Major Hay's returns show about 170 as the number of arms supplied by Government to the Arawa Natives. To this must be added 25 stand recently supplied to the Tuhomangi at Tarawera.

B.—This number should be reduced by 25, the number of arms supplied to the Tuhomangi since

the returns from inland were prepared. The state of the Arawa may be shown approximately thus:—

Having serviceable Arms of their own	...	...	...	...	120
Supplied with Government Arms	...	...	...	...	200
Without Arms	...	...	...	...	190
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>510</u>

(This Return does not include Taupo.)

THOS. H. SMITH,  
Civil Commissioner.

#### A.—No. 7.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. HALSE to the CIVIL COMMISSIONER, Bay of Plenty.

(No. 203.)

Native Secretary's Department,  
Wellington, 25th April, 1865.

SIR,—

I am directed by Mr. Mantell to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 22nd March, covering a letter from the Resident Magistrate at Rotorua, relative to the supply of arms to the Arawa Natives.

In reply, I am to inform you that instructions will be sent to Auckland by the mail to-day for the arms and ammunition named in the margin,\* to be forwarded to you at once for issue as occasion may require.

I am further to inform you that if the Arawa can capture any more ringleaders of the Pai Mariri conspirators, by all means let them do so, but they must not be led to expect additional military assistance. Mr. Mantell is aware that local knowledge will be necessary to meet circumstances as they arise in your district, and he relies with confidence upon your discretion and zeal to act as occasion offers to check the spread of seditious conspiracies.

The question of organizing the Natives to whom arms may be issued, or of arranging for their inspection, will be referred to the Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence without delay.

In conclusion, I am directed to request you to be good enough to report, with as little delay as possible, the best mode of rewarding the Arawa for their former services.

I have, &c.,

H. HALSE,

Acting Native Secretary.

The Civil Commissioner, Bay of Plenty.

#### B.—No. 8.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. SMITH to Mr. ROLLESTON.

Civil Commissioner's Office,  
Maketu, 25th July, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, No. 390, requesting me to hand over to Colonel Harington, 1st Waikato Regiment, thirteen Naval rifles in my possession.

I have to report, for the information of the Hon. the Native Secretary, that these rifles had been distributed among the Arawa Natives some weeks before my receipt of your letter, and before I had seen Colonel Greer's letter referred to by you, which letter was sent to Maketu while I was in Auckland.

The whole of the arms sent to me by the s.s. "Queen," on the 23rd May, were issued during my absence in Auckland, in accordance with instructions left by me for the Resident Magistrate of Rotorua.

I enclose copy of a memorandum by Mr. R.M. Mair, with reference to the arms in question.

I have, &c.,

THOS. H. SMITH,

Civil Commissioner.

W. Rolleston, Esq., Under Secretary,  
Native Department, Wellington.

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##### MEMORANDUM.

THE Naval rifles supplied by the Government and served out to the loyal Natives here are an old pattern. I do not think that any harm is likely to result from their issue to the Arawa, for owing to the great weight of both gun and ammunition, and to their not understanding the arrangement of the sights, they are by no means a popular arm, and I believe they would readily exchange them for the ordinary percussion musket.

Maketu, 24th July, 1865.

W. G. MAIR, R.M.

#### C.—No. 9.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel LYON to Captain HOLT.

Head-quarters, Expeditionary Force,  
Opotiki, 11th January, 1866.

SIR,—

In reply to your letter, number and date as per margin, I have the honor to inform

No. 902,  
Dec. 23, 1865.

\* 142 percussion muskets, 500 flints, 5,000 small percussion caps.

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you, that the only arms belonging to the Government that have been issued to Natives are a few old muskets that were taken from the rebels. These were issued to some of the chief Kawakura's people, who are now in Government employ.

I have, &c.,  
The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence,  
Wellington. WILLIAM C. LYON, Lieut.-Col.,  
Commanding Expeditionary Force.

## D.—No. 10.

Tauranga, 17th July, 1867.

Go this my letter to Wellington, to the Governor.

Friend, &c. Great is my regard for you. Friend, this is a word of mine to you. It was you sent the Whakatohea to live on the piece of land at Opape, and now we are killed by the Hauhaus, not having any guns to protect ourselves with; but now give them guns and they will live, or if you answer desiring me to take this word to you and speak face to face, in either case.

TE RANGIMATANUHU.

## D.—No. 11.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Major St. JOHN.

(No. 277-3.) Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 23rd August, 1867.

SIR,—

I am directed to inform you that 20 percussion muskets and 4,000 rounds of ball ammunition have been sent to Lieut.-Colonel Harington, with instructions for the same to be forwarded on to you by the first opportunity.

Twelve of these arms, with fifty rounds of ammunition for each, are to be issued to such of the Whakatohea Natives now residing at Opape as you, in conjunction with the Resident Magistrate, Mr. Mair, may consider suitable persons to be intrusted with them. You will be careful, however, to secure a personal receipt from each Native to whom you issue a musket, with an engagement from him to return the same whenever called upon to do so. The remainder of the twenty stand and the ammunition you will retain in store for the present.

You will report fully on the steps you have taken in this matter, furnishing a nominal return of the Natives to whom you issue arms.

I have, &c.,  
Major St. John,  
Commanding Colonial Forces, Opotiki. J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## D.—No. 12.

Copy of a Letter from Major St. JOHN to Captain HOLT.

(No. 310.) Camp, Opotiki, 4th September, 1867.

SIR,— I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of arms, as per margin, and to enclose a copy of the receipts given for the twelve stand issued to the Whakatoheas. Of the remaining eight, I have issued four, on Major Mair's requisition, to the Ngatiawas of Opape.

I have, &c.,  
The Under Secretary,  
Colonial Defence Office, Wellington. J. H. H. ST. JOHN, Major,  
Commanding Opotiki District.

## E.—No. 13.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Major St. JOHN.

(No. 376-3.) Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 16th October, 1867.

SIR,— I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 311, of the 7th ultimo, covering a communication from Mr. Wilson as to a party of Hauhaus being at Ruatoki, and suggesting that the friendly Natives at Whakatane be armed.

In reply, I am directed by the Defence Minister to authorize you to issue arms to those Natives. Mr. Mair and Mr. Wilson will be able to point out the individuals to be trusted if, all are not; and, in making this issue, I am to request your careful attention to the instructions conveyed in my letter of the 23rd August last, No. 277-3, as the same course in respect of taking receipts for the arms is to be adopted in this case.

The Colonial Storekeeper at Auckland has been instructed to send to your address, by the earliest opportunity, fifty percussion muskets (with fifty rounds of ammunition for each); but if, it be considered urgent that the Natives at Whakatane should be armed at once, you must issue such arms as you have on charge, exchanging the rifles you serve out for muskets when you receive the latter.

Only twenty rounds of ammunition per arm are to be issued at one time to the Natives.

I have, &c.,  
Major St. John,  
Commanding Colonial Forces, Opotiki. J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## E.—No. 14.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. J. A. WILSON to Major ST. JOHN.

SIR,—

Whakatane, the Mill, 4th September, 1867.

I have the honor to state that, having arrived here yesterday from Te Awa-o-te-Atua, I find the Hauhaus, in considerable numbers, have been several days in possession of Ruatoki, Otamuku, Opomiaio, and the upper portion of the Whakatane Valley, and have swept away many horses belonging to the loyal Whakatane Natives. For this loss the Natives are making claims on the Government for the compensation to which they are entitled. I especially regret this, as had the loyal Natives been sufficiently armed, they would have prevented the enemy's incursions by occupying a position at the head of the valley, for although eighty fighting men in number, they have only thirty stand of arms among them, and those that are armed have only forty rounds of ammunition each.

There is a large amount of property, Native and European, in the Whakatane District now lying at the mercy of the rebels, who are daily augmenting their force. Sixty well-armed men were counted in one party to-day, and have been heard to consult whether or not they should march down Whakatane Valley to-night or to-morrow night.

Considering these circumstances, and the fact that the loyal Natives themselves are in danger, and the English who are here, I beg to suggest that fifty stand of arms, if they can be spared from Opotiki, with ammunition, may be issued for a time to the Natives who bear this letter, as the expenditure thus incurred would be as nothing compared to the compensation claims that would probably otherwise ensue. Unfortunately too many such claims have been made already in the Bay of Plenty District.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Officer Commanding Opotiki District,  
Opotiki.

J. A. WILSON,  
Crown Agent.

## AUCKLAND.

## A.—No. 15.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. GISBORNE to Dr. POLLEN.

(No. 1023.)

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 9th September, 1867.

The attention of the Government having been drawn to the report that seventy stand of arms have been issued from the Militia Store at Auckland for the use of Ngatihaua Natives, I am directed by Mr. Stafford to request you to be good enough to furnish, as soon as possible, a full report, showing what arms and ammunition, and by whose authority and under what circumstances this issue was made, and what security has been taken for the proper preservation of these arms, &c., and for their return into store when required.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Government Agent, Auckland.

W. GISBORNE,  
Under Secretary.

## A.—No. 16.

Copy of a Letter from Dr. POLLEN to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

(No. 1211.)

SIR,—

Office of the General Government,

Auckland, 13th September, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Gisborne's letter No. 1023, of date September 9th instant, in which, with reference to a report that seventy stand of arms had been issued from the Militia Stores at Auckland for the use of Ngatihaua, I am required "to furnish a full report showing what arms and ammunition, and by whose authority and under what circumstances this issue was made, and what security has been taken for the proper preservation of these arms, &c., and for their return into store when required."

I enclose copy of the requisition made to the Colonial Storekeeper, and copy of a letter from the Civil Commissioner to Mr. Searancke, R.M., Ngaruawahia, to whom the arms and ammunition were sent, and in whose custody they still are. The packages are unbroken, and may be returned into store whenever it is thought to be desirable.

The circumstances under which the arms, &c., were withdrawn from store were these:—After the late Native meeting at Peria, a deputation from the friendly section of the Ngatihaua Tribe, having Te Raihi and Hargraves, Native Assessors, and Hotene, William Thompson's eldest son, at its head, waited upon the Civil Commissioner in Auckland, and informed him that they were threatened with an attack by the Hauhau Kingites, in consequence of their determination to protect Mr. Firth in the occupation of the land which he holds under agreement with the late William Thompson. The deputation represented to Mr. Mackay that they themselves and their friends were without arms (having only two or three old shot guns) to resist the threatened aggression, and they required that, as men who throughout the war had been loyal, they should receive the protection of the Government against the violence which they feared, or if that protection could not be given, that they should at least receive aid in their efforts to defend themselves.

On the 21st August the deputation came with the Civil Commissioner to this office, and repeated to me the statement of their danger, and the demand for protection or aid already made to Mr. Mackay. I was impressed, at this interview, with a conviction that the fears of the men were real; and as there were grounds to believe that the danger in which they declared themselves to stand was at least not wholly imaginary, it was resolved, after consultation with Mr. Mackay, that forty stand of arms and some ammunition should be sent to the Resident Magistrate at Ngaruawahia, with instructions to issue them only when an emergency arose. With this arrangement the deputation was satisfied.

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I assumed that Mr. Mackay would have reported the circumstances of the case in due course, or I should myself have done so.  
 The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  
 Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
 DANIEL POLLEN.

## A.—Enclosure in No. 16.

Colonial Government, New Zealand.

Colonial Store Department, 21st August, 1867.

REQUISITION for the under-mentioned WARLIKE STORES.

Articles or otherwise.	Total number or quantity required.	For what purpose.
Rifles ... ..	40	Protection of loyal Natives of the Tribe Ngatihaua, threatened by Hauhaus.
Sets of accoutrements ... ..	40	
Ammunition (rounds) ... ..	2,400	
Caps ... ..	3,000	

Recommended. (Signed) JAMES MACKAY, junr.

Approved, 21st day of August, 1867.

(Signed) DANIEL POLLEN,  
 Agent, General Government.

## A.—Enclosure 2 in No. 16.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BRAITHWAITE to Mr. SEARANCKE.

Civil Commissioner's Office,  
 Auckland, 29th August, 1867.

SIR,—

I have the honor, in the absence of Mr. Mackay, to inform you that the warlike stores, as per margin,\* have been forwarded to your address this day, and to request that you will be so good as to take charge of them upon delivery until you receive instructions as to their distribution.

The Resident Magistrate, Ngaruawahia.

I have, &c.,  
 EDW. BRAITHWAITE,  
 Chief Clerk.

## A.—No. 17.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. GISBORNE to Dr. POLLEN.

(No. 1191.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
 Wellington, 24th October, 1867.

SIR,—

In reply to your letter No. 1211, of the 18th ultimo, relative to the issue of seventy stand of arms, and of ammunition, from the Militia Store at Auckland, for the use of the Ngatihaua Natives, I am directed by Mr. Stafford to request you to be good enough to take the necessary steps for the return of the arms and ammunition in question into store at Auckland.

Natives who fight against us are able by some means to supply themselves with arms, and it appears incredible that Natives friendly to us should never have any arms of their own. The demand of the latter for arms is becoming so general that it must be resisted, except in those cases where there has been a previous surrender of arms, or when the Government enrol Natives for active service.

The Government Agent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
 W. GISBORNE,  
 Under Secretary.

## A.—No. 18.

Copy of a Letter from Dr. POLLEN to Mr. GISBORNE.

(No. 1294.)

Office of the Agent of the General Government,  
 Auckland, 12th November, 1867.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you in reply to your letter No. 1191, of date 24th October ultimo, that Mr. Searancke has been directed to return to the Militia Store at Auckland, without delay, the arms and ammunition placed in his charge for the use of the Ngatihaua Natives in case of emergency.

W. Gisborne, Esq., Under Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
 DANIEL POLLEN.

\* Rifles, 40; accoutrements, 40; ammunition, 2,400; caps, 3,000.

## B.—No. 19.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. MACDONALD to Dr. POLLEN.

(No. 1024.)

Colonial Secretary's Office.

SIR,—

Wellington, 9th September, 1867.

With reference to my letter No. 1023, of this day's date, I am directed by Mr. Stafford to state that the Government does not wish any more arms to be issued without special authority, unless, of course, to Militia and Volunteers in case of urgency.

The Agent of the General Government,  
Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
A. C. P. MACDONALD  
(for the Under Secretary).

## B.—No. 20.

Copy of a Letter from Dr. POLLEN to Mr. GISBORNE.

(No. 1231.)

Office of the Agent for the General Government,

SIR,—

Auckland, 2nd October, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1024, of date the 9th September ultimo, informing me that the Government does not wish any more arms to be issued without special authority, unless, of course, to Militia and Volunteers in case of urgency.

W. Gisborne, Esq., Under Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
DANIEL POLLEN.

## C.—No. 21.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Captain MITCHELL.

(No. 508-1.)

Colonial Defence Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 6th September, 1867.

In reply to your letter No. —, of the 20th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that your requisition for articles for repairs of arms will not be approved of by the Defence Minister for the present. At the same time I am to state that no arms, &c., are to be issued to friendly Natives without the authority of the Government.

Captain Mitchell, Colonial Storekeeper,  
Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## C.—No. 22.

Copy of a Letter from Captain MITCHELL to Captain HOLT.

(No. 35.)

Colonial Store Department,

SIR,—

Auckland, 14th September, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in the margin, and in reply to the second paragraph, relative to the issue of arms, &c., to friendly Natives, have to state that your instructions shall be carried out.

I presume that the instructions alluded to above are intended to cancel those contained in your letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Under Secretary, Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
JOHN MITCHELL,  
Colonial Storekeeper.

## C.—Enclosure in No. 22.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Captain MITCHELL.

(No. 57-1.)

Colonial Defence Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 13th July, 1865.

I am directed by the Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence to instruct you to issue to Mr. Civil Commissioner Mackay any arms and ammunition he may ask for, on his sending in the usual requisition.

Captain Mitchell, Storekeeper, Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## D.—No. 23.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. STEWART to the CIVIL COMMISSIONER, Auckland.

(No. 90.)

Resident Magistrate's Office,

SIR,—

Raglan, 22nd July, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter as per margin, requesting return of arms issued to friendly Natives at Raglan, and a list showing the condition of the arms now in store here, and in reply to transmit herewith the two returns required.

The return of arms issued is, you will perceive, very general, but I have been unable to get any further information. I have, however, given notice to the Natives that they must produce the arms for inspection.

The Civil Commissioner, Auckland.

I have, &c.,  
R. O. STEWART, R.M.

No. 246,  
July 8, 1867.

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## E.—No. 24.

Copy of a Letter from Corporal POWELL to Lieut.-Colonel MOULE.

SIR,—

Raglan, 10th January, 1868.

Having just completed my round of inspection of arms and accoutrements, I beg to report generally upon the condition in which I found them.

The arms and accoutrements in the possession of settlers were, with some few exceptions, in a most satisfactory condition, but those in the possession of Natives were in a most disgraceful state of rust and dirt; and out of 52 which have been issued to them 9 were missing, and out of 100 fowling-pieces 37 were missing. These were issued previous to July, 1867; since that date I am happy to state there have been no deficiencies.

Unless some method can be adopted to enforce the Natives to pay attention to the arms, &c., in their possession, I am apprehensive that they will become soon quite unserviceable.

I have, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM POWELL,  
Corporal in charge.

Lieut.-Colonel Moule, Waikato Militia.

## F.—No. 25.

Copy of a Letter from Captain MITCHELL to Captain HOLT.

(No. 185.)

Colonial Store Department,  
Auckland, 29th July, 1868.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that I have issued to Mr. Civil Commissioner Mackay for the Native chief Wiremu Te Wheoro, on the authority of Mr. Whitaker, forty musket rifles and accoutrements, and also 4,000 rounds rifle ball ammunition.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN MITCHELL,  
Colonial Storekeeper.The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

## F.—No. 26.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. HARTWRIGHT to Mr. MITCHELL.

(No. 387-1.)

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 7th August, 1868.

SIR,—

In reply to your letter No. 185, of the 29th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the Defence Minister has approved the issue to Wiremu Te Wheoro of forty musket-rifles and 4,000 rounds rifle ball ammunition, which you report having made on the authority of Mr. Whitaker.

I have, &amp;c.,

HENRY HARTWRIGHT.

Captain Mitchell, Colonial Storekeeper,  
Auckland.

## W A N G A N U I.

## A.—No. 27.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BULLER to Major ROOKES.

SIR,—

Resident Magistrate's Office,  
Wanganui, 7th June, 1865.

I do myself the honor to suggest that the six Natives (named in the margin) who have consented to accompany Major Von Tempsky's force in the capacity of guides, should be each armed with a double-barrel gun, a revolver, and a tomahawk or cavalry sword, and should wear the uniform of Yeomanry Cavalry.

I have, &amp;c.,

WALTER BULLER,  
Resident Magistrate.Major Rookes,  
Commanding Militia and Volunteers, Wanganui.Haato Rio,  
Te Waka,  
Kereti,  
Te Penia,  
Urapana,  
Paramena.

## A.—No. 28.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Major ROOKES.

(No. 3371.)

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington 12th June, 1865.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, No. 303, relative to the formation of a troop of Native Cavalry to be called "guides," and to be placed under Major Von Tempsky, and forwarding a letter from Mr. Buller, Resident Magistrate, Wanganui, stating that six Natives (therein named) had consented to accompany Major Von Tempsky as guides, and suggesting that they should be armed with a double-barrelled gun, revolver, and tomahawk or cavalry sword, &c., I am directed by the Hon. Mr. Weld to inform you that he approves of the employment of six Natives in accordance with your request, and the measures you have taken. The question of the formation of a larger troop will be duly considered on the return of the Hon. Major Atkinson to Wellington, which is daily expected, but no more are to be engaged at present.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.Major Rookes,  
Commanding Colonial Forces, Wanganui.



## B.—No. 29.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

(No. 355-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 2nd October, 1865.

As Captain Noake is about to proceed on a special mission to endeavour to secure the murderers of the Native policeman, I am directed by the Defence Minister to request you will let that officer have any arms, accoutrements, &c., he may apply for, and which are in your power to supply. You will also be good enough to render him every assistance.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## C.—No. 30.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BOOTH to Mr. ROLLESTON.

Resident Magistrate's Office,

SIR,—

Pipiriki, 12th December, 1865.

In reply to your letter No. and date as per margin, I have the honor to state that the following (Not quoted) are the only occasions on which I ever issued any arms to Natives in my district, viz. :—

On the 20th July last, four smooth-bore muskets to four of Hamiona Hiroti's men. 2nd, On the 11th November last, I got on requisition, from the Militia Office, Wanganui, forty short carbines, and fifteen cutlasses for the use of the men employed on water transport.

The smooth-bore guns now in the hands of the Natives, were issued by my predecessor Mr. White.

The new rifles which most of the Natives now also possess, were issued at Wereroa by Major (then Captain) McDonnell.

W. Rolleston, Esq., Under Secretary,  
Native Office, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
JAMES BOOTH,  
Resident Magistrate.

## C.—No. 31.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

(No. 58.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,

SIR,—

Wanganui, 4th October, 1865.

I have the honor to forward for your information copy of a letter I received from Mr. Booth, R.M., applying for arms and ammunition for the Wanganui River Transport Corps, and also a copy of my reply, showing the action I took upon the matter, which I trust will meet with your approval.

The Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
E. GORTON, Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding W.M. District.

## C.—Enclosure 1 in No. 31.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BOOTH to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

(No. 99.)

Resident Magistrate's Office,

SIR,—

Pipiriki, 2nd October, 1865.

I have the honor to request that you will furnish arms and ammunition to forty men of the Wanganui River Transport Corps. The most useful weapon for canoes will be the short carbine with a cutlass. Some of the Natives have already had rifles issued to them; these being unsuitable for canoes, will be returned into store.

In addition, I have the honor to remark that the River Transport men, although employed by the Imperial Government, are in reality militiamen, and as such I have, on their behalf, made this application.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,  
JAMES BOOTH, R.M.,  
Superintendent, Water Transport.

## C.—Enclosure 2 in No. 31.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to Mr. BOOTH.

(No. 55.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room.

SIR,—

Wanganui, 3rd October, 1865.

In reply to your letter No. 99, of yesterday's date, I have already given instructions to the Quartermaster to furnish you with forty percussion carbines, and 2,800 rounds of ammunition, for which you will be good enough to sign receipts in duplicate. As most of the Natives of the Wanganui River have been, I am informed, armed with the long rifle, I beg to suggest that you had better not issue the carbines to those who have rifles in their possession until they give in the latter weapons, which I shall feel obliged by your returning to the Quartermaster's stores.

James Booth, Esq., R.M.,  
Superintendent, Water Transport, Pipiriki.

I have, &c.,  
E. GORTON, Lt.-Col.,  
Commanding W.M. District.

## RETURN OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

## D.—No. 32.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

(No. 249.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,  
Wanganui, 29th December, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for your information that I have issued the arms, ammunition, and tents, as per margin,\* to Major McDonnell, for the use of the Kupapas who intend accompanying the expedition which leaves to-morrow for operations in the field.

I enclose a requisition received from Major McDonnell, bearing the approval of Dr. Featherston.

After Captain Holt's letter No. 901-2, of 23rd instant, I reluctantly complied with the requisition, feeling in my own mind nearly certain that some of the Kupapas for whom these arms were required must have been armed before. But Major McDonnell feeling sure they had not, and Dr. Featherston hoping I should do everything in my power so as not to cause any delay, I approved of the requisition and issued them accordingly. I was compelled to purchase 5,000 gun caps, which Major McDonnell informed me were required for the use of the Kupapas possessing that weapon.

I beg to enclose copies of memoranda, date as per margin, I wrote to Major McDonnell concerning the issue of these arms, by which you will perceive I have called upon him to send in a return showing the number on the rifle, and the name of each Native to which the eighty-five arms are issued, and the tribe to which they belong. I also requested him to inform these Natives that the arms must be returned into store immediately on their return from the West Coast. Trusting the above will meet with your approval,

I have, &amp;c.,

E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

The Hon. the Defence Minister, Wellington.

## D.—Enclosure 1 in No. 32.

## REQUISITION.

REQUIRED for the use of the 200 Kupapas who accompany the expedition to Waitotara and Patea—

10,000 rounds ammunition,	100 stand of arms,
10,000 caps for fowling pieces,	15 tents.

Wanganui, 28th December, 1865.

THOS. McDONNELL,  
Major Commanding N.C.

Out of the above requisition the following has only been issued: 85 stand of arms, 4,900 rounds ammunition, 7,350 percussion caps, 5,000 gun caps, 12 circular tents.

Dec. 29, 1865.

E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel  
Commanding W.M. District.

## D.—Enclosure 2 in No. 32.

MEMORANDUM for Major McDONNELL, commanding Native Contingent.

WITH reference to your requisition, bearing the approval of His Honor Dr. Featherston, for arms, ammunition, &c., to be issued to the Kupapas who intend accompanying the expedition to Waitotara and Patea, I must particularly call your attention to the fact that 230 Kupapa Natives residing up the Wanganui River have already received arms from the Government, and I have been instructed to collect them again from these Natives, who are not employed on actual service.

You having, during our conversation a short time ago, informed me that the Natives for whom you require arms have not received any before, I have directed the Quartermaster to issue eighty-five stand, the number you now require. The remaining portion of the Kupapa Natives accompanying the expedition, I understand from you, are a portion of those who were armed before.

I have directed the Quartermaster to forward you a list of the Natives who have already been armed; and I must request you will be good enough, as soon as you possibly can, to send me in a list of the Natives, showing the tribe they belong to, who received the eighty-five stand now to be issued to you; and also that you will instruct those Natives that these arms must be returned into store immediately on their return from the West Coast.

Wanganui, 28th December, 1865.

E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel.

## D.—Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 2 in No. 32.

## MEMORANDUM.

THE enclosed list of the Kupapa Natives who have already been armed up the Wanganui River is forwarded to Major McDonnell, commanding Native Contingent, for his guidance with regard to the issue of the eighty-five stand of arms yesterday. Enclosed is also a blank form of the return called for in my memo. of yesterday's date, No. 87-65, which I shall feel obliged by Major McDonnell filling in, signing, and returning as soon as he possibly can.

Wanganui, 29th December, 1865.

E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

\* 85 rifles, 4,900 rounds of ammunition, 5,000 gun caps, 7,350 percussion caps, 12 circular tents.

## D.—No. 33.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

(No. 921-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,

Wellington, 3rd January, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the number and date quoted in the margin, and am directed to convey to you the Hon. Colonel Russell's approval of the steps you report having taken with regard to the issue of arms, ammunition, &c., to the Kupapas under Major McDonnell.

No. 249,  
Dec. 29, 1865.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. HOLT,

Under Secretary.

## D.—No. 34.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to Captain HOLT.

(No. 89.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,

Wanganui, 14th February, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister, that seventy-four out of the eighty-five rifles issued to Major McDonnell for the Kupapas in December last, have been returned into store, and I trust the remainder will be returned in the course of a day or two.

I have, &amp;c.,

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Colonel Defence Office, Wellington.

EDWARD GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,

Commanding Militia District.

## D.—No. 35.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

(No. 1098-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,

Wellington, 21st February, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in the margin, and to express the satisfaction of the Hon. Colonel Russell (acting for the Hon. the Defence Minister) at the number of arms recovered from the Kupapas.

No. 89,  
Feb. 2, 1866.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. HOLT,

Under Secretary.

## A.—No. 36.

Extract from Letter written by direction of DEFENCE MINISTER to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON, as to establishing a post at Pipiriki garrisoned by Native Militia, on the withdrawal of the Military from the different posts on the Wanganui River.

(No. 1088-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,

Wellington, 15th February, 1866.

SIR,—

All the rest of the Natives who have been on service with the Major-General (that is, the Kupapas and friendly Natives, &c.) must now give in the arms and ammunition, which have been issued to them by the Government.

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Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Colonial Forces, Wanganui.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. HOLT,

Under Secretary.

## D.—No. 37.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BOOTH to the NATIVE SECRETARY.

Resident Magistrate's Office,

Pipiriki, 17th March, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that I have been requested by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton to collect all the arms and ammunition which have been issued to the friendly Natives in this district.

I have also the honor to forward the translations of a letter from the Wanganui chiefs respecting this matter.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Native Secretary, Wellington.

JAMES BOOTH, R.M.

## D.—Enclosure in No. 37.

[TRANSLATION.]

FRIEND MR. BOOTH,—

Koriniti, 13th March, 1866.

Your letter has come to us, demanding, in the name of the Government, that the guns and powder be given up. We agree to return to the Government the powder, the guns, and the caps; but friend Mr. Booth, great is our sorrow on account of this order. The Pakehas are all withdrawn from our river, and almost before they are gone we are requested to give up the Government arms and

ammunition. Do you, the Pakehas, wish to give us up to destruction? If the guns, powder, and caps are taken from us, we the loyal subjects of the Queen will be destroyed.

This rather is our thought: let good deeds be done throughout the Island, and then withdraw the guns.

If after this letter the Government still say to us "Send in your arms and ammunition," let them open a store where we, the loyal Natives, may be able to purchase the means of protecting our wives and children. That is all,

FROM HAMIONA HIROTI,  
FROM ERUETI TURANGAPITO,  
And from the rest of the Chiefs and the People.

## D.—No. 38.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. DURIE to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—  
Resident Magistrate's Court,  
Wanganui, 18th March, 1866.  
I have the honor to report that Lieut.-Colonel Gorton, commanding the Wanganui Militia District, has requested the assistance of this office in the disarming the friendly Natives. Lieut.-Colonel Gorton is no doubt acting under instructions in this matter, and I shall be glad to render him any assistance in my power; but before taking any steps in that direction I beg respectfully to submit to the Government my own opinion of the extreme undesirability of disarming the friendlies at the present juncture. The Imperial Troops are being immediately withdrawn from Pipiriki, and the Native Contingent is threatening to break up. The defence of the river must shortly be left almost entirely to the loyal Kupapa Natives, and I do not see that we can reasonably expect this duty of them, if we proceed to deprive them of the means by calling in the Government arms.

Mr. Booth, R.M., Upper Wanganui, is equally opposed with myself to the proposed measure, and will report to you by this mail.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
D. S. DURIE, R.M.,  
and Acting District Magistrate.

## D.—No. 39.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. STEVENS to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

(No. 1238-2.)  
Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 23rd March, 1866.  
SIR,—  
I am directed to acquaint you that a letter from the Resident Magistrate, Wanganui, having been laid before the Hon. Colonel Russell (acting for the Defence Minister), strongly deprecating the calling in of the Government arms from friendly Natives at this juncture, a reply, of which the accompanying is a copy, has been written him from the Native Office, and I am to request you will be pleased, until further orders, to act in accordance therewith.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,  
FRAS. STEVENS, Chief Clerk,  
(in the absence of the Under Secretary).

## D.—Enclosure in No. 39.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. ROLLESTON to Mr. DURIE.

(No. 250.)  
Native Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 22nd March, 1866.  
SIR,—  
I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Native Minister, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th March, in which you state that Lieut.-Colonel Gorton, commanding the Wanganui Militia, has requested your assistance in the disarming of the friendly Natives, and express your opinion of the extreme undesirability of such a step at the present juncture.

In reply I am to inform you that Lieut.-Colonel Gorton, in calling in the arms of the Kupapas after the close of General Chute's late campaign, has acted under instructions, and that all the arms of that portion of the Native Contingent who declined further service, amounting to fifty-two stand, were voluntarily returned, and that on the 14th February Colonel Gorton reported that seventy-four out of eighty-five rifles issued to Major McDonnell for the Kupapas had been delivered in, and that he trusted the remainder would be returned in a day or two.

I am to add that the Government consider it much more desirable to have their arms in their own control, ready for issue at a moment's notice, than in the hands of men so capricious and so little under command as the Natives appear to be. Lieut.-Colonel Gorton will however be directed to confer with the Resident Magistrate before taking further action in this matter.

The Resident Magistrate, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,  
W. ROLLESTON,  
Under Secretary.

## D.—No. 40.

EXTRACT.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 28th February, 1866.  
(No. 1143-2.)  
INSTRUCTIONS to Lieut.-Colonel Gorton that a part of the Native Contingent is to be placed at the

disposal of Lieut.-Colonel Butler, commanding at Waingongora; Lieut. Gudgeon to command the Natives at Pipiriki; and Captain McDonnell to concert with Captain Kemp to raise a Native Force of fifty men for service at Waingongora.

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 You will be good enough to issue the necessary arms, ammunition, tents and camp equipage, &c., on Captain McDonnell's requisition, and, generally, you will assure yourself that the force is in every respect in an efficient state for active service in the field.

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 Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
 Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

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 J. HOLT,  
 Under Secretary.

## D.—No. 41.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to Captain HOLT.

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,  
 Wanganui, 5th June, 1866.

SIR,—

As Major McDonnell, commanding the Native Contingent, proceeded to Pipiriki a few days since, I instructed him to call at the different settlements up the river to collect the rifles issued to the Kupapas.

I have therefore the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Major McDonnell showing the result, for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister.

I have, &c.,  
 The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence,  
 Wellington.

E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
 Commanding Wanganui Militia District.

## D.—Enclosure in No. 41.

Copy of a Letter from Major McDONNELL to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

Wanganui, 4th June, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to state for your information that on my way up to Pipiriki I called at the different settlements up the river about the rifles issued to the Kupapas. At each post I was told that the rifles were safe in their hands, but that they would not deliver them up until the Hauhaus had made peace (alluding to the Natives of Mangaio and the West Coast). "If," they said, "we give up these arms now the Hauhaus will hear of it, and probably thinking we are disarmed might come and attack us and war be renewed. Wait until the country is quiet, then we will return the guns."

I have, &c.,

T. McDONNELL,  
 Major Commanding Native Contingent.

## E.—No. 42.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BOOTH to the Hon. the NATIVE SECRETARY.

Resident Magistrate's Department,

(No. 38.)

Pipiriki, 20th June, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that a representation has been made to me by the Pipiriki friendly Natives to the following effect:—In case of an attack from rebel Natives, we are without arms or ammunition to defend ourselves; when we took the oath of allegiance, Mete Kingi told us we were to be armed with the old pieces of the Native Contingent; we ask you now if you will represent this matter to the Government.

Should the Government think it prudent to place arms in the hands of trustworthy Natives in case of an attack, the said arms could, in the meantime, be kept in the magazine here, and issued when required.

I have, &c.,

JAMES BOOTH,  
 Resident Magistrate.  
 The Hon. the Native Secretary, Wellington.

## E.—No. 43.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Mr. BOOTH.

Colonial Defence Office,

(No. 4098.)

Wellington, 30th June, 1865.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Hon. the Native Secretary, I am directed to acquaint you that the Officer commanding Militia District, Wanganui, has been directed to order the issue of the arms and ammunition you may consider sufficient for the friendly Natives at Pipiriki, but I am to impress upon you that the Government will hold you responsible for the issue of these arms, in order that none but trustworthy Natives may receive them; you will also see after their safe custody, and that they are returned into store whenever the Government may see fit to order so.

I have, &c.,

J. HOLT,  
 Under Secretary.  
 James Booth, Esq., R.M., Pipiriki.

## RETURN OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

## E.—No. 44.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Major ROOKES.

(No. 4099.)

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 30th June, 1865.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence to request you will give the necessary instructions to the Quartermaster to issue, on the requisition of Mr. Booth, R.M., such arms and ammunition as he may require for the use of the friendly Natives at Pipiriki. If there are the ordinary Enfield rifles in store, they are to be issued in preference to the medium rifles. You will also be good enough to direct that the arms and ammunition are sent to Mr. Booth without delay, after receipt of his requisition.

Major Rookes,  
Commanding Militia and Volunteers, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## E.—No. 45.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Mr. BOOTH.

(No. 256-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 13th September, 1865.

SIR,—

With reference to the letter from this office, noted in the margin, I am directed by the Minister for Colonial Defence, to request you to be good enough to furnish him with further information as to the distribution which you have made of the arms therein mentioned.

James Booth, Esq., R.M., Pipiriki.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

No. 4098,  
June 30, 1865.

## E.—No. 46.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. BOOTH to Captain HOLT.

(No. 102.)

Resident Magistrate's Office,  
Pipiriki, 2nd October, 1865.

SIR,—

In answer to the request of the Hon. the Defence Minister, dated Wellington, 13th September, No. 256-2, that I will furnish him with further information as to the distribution of arms in my district, I have the honor to state that after I had received the authority for distribution of arms at Pipiriki, my suspicions were aroused by the evident desire of the Natives to have possession of the arms at once. I made an excuse, therefore, and delayed—most fortunately—the distribution of arms, as many of the men who were most anxious for guns went over afterwards to the enemy.

I have issued no arms excepting to Hamiona and to some of his tribe, after the capture of Wereroa, when the relief force was starting for Pipiriki. I gave receipts at the Militia Office, Wanganui, for all the arms I then took.

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Defence Office, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
J. BOOTH,  
Resident Magistrate.

## F.—No. 47.

Copy of a Letter from Sir G. GREY to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

MY DEAR COLONEL GORTON,—

Waingongoro, 24th October, 1866.

Mr. Gudgeon goes down to Whanganui to bring up the Kupapas, and I rely upon your giving him every aid in your power to accomplish this service with the least possible delay. You must also give the Natives any aid they require. Pray do this energetically, and without delay. McDonnell is in want of ammunition; send some up in the "Sturt" or "Waipara."

I have &c.,  
G. GREY.

P.S.—If there are any revolvers in store, issue one to Mete Kingi, who goes down to bring the Kupapas up.

G. G.

## F.—No. 48.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to Captain HOLT.

(No. 888.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,  
Wanganui, 30th October, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Hon. the Defence Minister, that I have been obliged to issue the arms named in the margin to the Kupapas who left this morning for

73 medium rifles,  
15 breech-loading  
carbines.

the front. Enclosed is one of the requisitions I received from Lieutenant Gudgeon, on which he remarked that some of the Natives for whom he required arms had been armed before, but had left their arms up the river, thinking they would get breech-loading carbines. On reference to my minute on that requisition, you will perceive I most reluctantly issued them rifles again; but had I not done so, the whole of the Kupapas would probably have refused to go.

I do trust that the Government will send Major McDonnell instructions, ordering him to have all the arms of the Kupapas returned into store immediately he can dispense with their services.

Last year, out of eighty-five rifles, eighty-two were returned; and I hope to get some explanation about the other three, now that the Kupapas are assembled together again.

I have a roll of the Natives who received arms on this occasion, and shall be able to find out those who do not return them.

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Colonial Defence Office, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

F.—Enclosure in No. 48.

Wanganui, 29th October, 1866.

REQUIRED for Kupapas of Ngatihau, Putiki, and Ngatiapa—

8 Breech-loaders, pouches and belts,  
34 Enfield medium rifles.

W. E. GUDGEON,  
Lieutenant, N.C.

*N.B.*—The Ngatihau have many of them arms; but they have left them behind, thinking they would get breech-loaders.

W. E. GUDGEON,  
Lieutenant, N.C.

I EXCEEDINGLY regret to be obliged to approve of arms being issued twice to Natives, but, as Lieutenant Gudgeon tells me my refusing it would most probably prevent the Kupapas from going to the front, I must approve of the issue, on the distinct understanding that every effort is used to get the arms back again before the Kupapas return to their homes.

29th October, 1866.

E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

F.—No. 49.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Major McDONNELL.

(No. 2110-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 3rd November, 1866.

SIR,—

By direction of the Hon. the Defence Minister, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, copy of a letter which has been received from Lieut.-Colonel Gorton, and to inform you that, on dismissing the Kupapas, you will (unless you see some special objection) take in the arms, &c., that have been issued to them.

Major McDonnell,  
Commanding Colonial Forces, Patea,

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

F.—No. 50.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

(No. 2111-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 3rd November, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in the margin, and, by direction of the Hon. the Defence Minister to inform you, that Major McDonnell has been instructed that, on dismissing the Kupapas, he is (unless he sees some special objection) to take in the arms, &c., that have been issued to them.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

F.—No. 51.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to Captain HOLT.

(No. 944.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,  
Wanganui, 17th November, 1866.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Government, that out of the seventy-three medium rifles and fifteen breech-loading carbines issued to Kupapas last month, sixty-four and twelve have been returned into store, leaving a deficit of nine medium and three breech-loaders. There were other articles deficient, a return of which is annexed.

I enclose copies of two letters from Lieutenant Gudgeon, explaining as well as he is able how they became so.

I may here state that it was with great difficulty the arms were obtained from those Kupapas who came in the "Waipara;" in fact, the permanent staff were employed in disarming the Natives as they left the steamer. Some of the Kupapas had rifles which had been issued to them for the Wereroa expedition. I tried to get these from them; they refused to give them up, and had I persevered it might have ended in a disturbance.

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Colonial Defence Office, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
EDWARD GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel.

No. 888,  
Oct. 30, 1866.

## RETURN OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

## F.

*Return of Deficiencies in handing in Arms, Accoutrements, Camp Equipage, by Lieutenant Gudgeon, Native Contingent, belonging to the Kupapas.*

Wanganui, 15th November, 1866.

9 Medium Rifles.  
3 Breech-loading Carbines.  
7 Slings, medium.  
3 Slings, Breech-loading.  
17 Snap-caps and Chains.

6 Breech-loading Pouches.  
6 Waist Belts.  
9 Cap Pockets.  
1 Tent Pole.  
8 Camp Kettles.

EDWARD GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

## F.—Enclosure 1 in No. 51.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant GUDGEON to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

SIR,—

Wanganui, 17th November, 1866.

In answer to your memo. No. 226-66, 16th November, I have the honor to reply that I believe the unexplained deficiencies are in possession of the Kupapas, with the exception of the tent and pole, which I believe to have been placed by them outside the Militia Office, where they were found. The seven medium slings are doubtless attached to the rifles now in possession of Ngatiapa. The six breech-loaders' slings returned as deficient, I find, by referring to my receipt, to be a mistake, as twelve were returned to store, leaving a deficiency of only three. The seventeen snap-caps and chains were most likely lost in the bush, as the Maoris would certainly not take them, as they disapprove of them. The six breech-loaders, pouches, and belts, and the nine cap pockets are in the possession of the chiefs to whom the carbines were issued, and it will be very difficult to get them from the chiefs, as they will not scruple to deny having received them. As regards the eight camp kettles, I imagine the Kupapas to have sent them overland, as I saw nothing of them on board the "Sturt." Had they been there I must have done so.

I have further the honor to report that I have spoken to the Ngatiapa chief Hunia Heke about the rifles (seven medium and two breech-loaders) in their possession. He said "The Governor says we must give them up; but we will not do so until our Committee or Runanga has decided what we are to do." I think the only way to get them is by the Governor himself writing them a letter.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding W.M. District.

W. E. GUDGEON,  
Lieutenant, N.C.

## F.—Enclosure 2 in No. 51.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant GUDGEON to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

SIR,—

Wanganui, 15th November, 1866.

I have the honor to report that sixty-four medium rifles and twelve breech-loaders have been returned into Quartermaster's Stores, Wanganui, against seventy-three medium and fifteen breech-loaders issued to Kupapas, leaving a deficiency of nine medium and three breech-loaders. Of these the Ngatiapa Tribe have in their possession seven medium and three breech-loaders, which they managed to keep by avoiding the steamer and riding overland. They say since that they ought to keep the rifles as payment for their services.

The Ngatiapa chief Aperahama Tipai keeps a breech-loader by order of His Excellency the Governor.

The two remaining rifles are in possession,—one of a man now at Ketemarai, and which I will take on the strength of the Native Contingent immediately on my return; the other is in possession of a man at Aramaho named Pete, from whom there will be no difficulty in obtaining it.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding W.M. District.

W. E. GUDGEON,  
Lieutenant, N.C.

## F.—No. 52.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to Captain HOLT.

(No. 947.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,

SIR,—

Wanganui, 19th November, 1866.

I have the honor to forward a nominal return of those Kupapas who have failed to return arms which were issued to them last month from this office. One of the arms in question Lieutenant Gudgeon reports has been retained by Chief Aperahama Tipai by order of His Excellency the Governor.

I would suggest that His Excellency be requested to order the remaining portion of these Natives to return their arms at once into store. Unless that is done, I am afraid they will never be recovered again.

I have, &c.,

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Colonial Defence Office, Wellington.

EDWARD GORTON,  
Commanding W.M. District.



## Enclosure in No. 52.

RETURN OF ARMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS still in possession of KUPAPAS of the NGATIAPA TRIBE.  
19th November, 1866.

Rank and Name.	Name of Tribe.	Place of Residence.	No. of Rifle.	Description of Arms.	Remarks.
Chief Hunia Heke ... ..	Ngatiapa	...	1255	Breech-loader	Lives, I think, at Wangahu.—Pouch, belts, and cap pocket.
Chief Hapurona ... ..	..	Rangitikei	1426	..	Pouch, belt, and cap pocket.
Chief Aperahama Tipai ... ..	..	Turakina	305	..	Retained by order of Sir G. Grey.
Private Wiremu ... ..	..	...	3272	Medium	Pouch, belt, and cap pocket. Place of residence unknown.
Private Aterea Kaka ... ..	..	...	878	..	.. .. .
Private Matina ... ..	..	Rangitikei	888	..	.. .. .
Private Pauro ... ..	..	...	2267	..	.. .. .
Private Piripi ... ..	..	...	1780	..	.. .. .
Private Hone Huia ... ..	..	...	78	..	.. .. .
Private Karina ... ..	..	Turakina	2233	..	.. .. .

The above-mentioned men had the arms issued to them as above, but, from their habit of changing, they may not now be in possession of the individuals, but are certainly in that of the tribe. Their place of residence I cannot give in every case, but their district is between Wanganui and Rangitikei.

W. E. GUDGEON,  
Lieutenant in charge of Kupapas and N.C.

## F.—No. 53.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Mr. BOOTH.

(No. 2203-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 3rd December, 1866.

I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. Mr. Richmond, acting for the Defence Minister, to enclose herewith a nominal return of Native Kupapas recently on service on the Patea District under Major McDonnell to whom arms were issued from the Militia Office at Wanganui, but who did not return them into store with the rest, on their return to Wanganui, when the services of the Kupapas were dispensed with. Aperahama Tipai, it is understood, retains his breech-loading carbine with the express sanction of His Excellency the Governor; but as it is not desirable that the remainder of the Natives mentioned in the return should be allowed to keep their arms, I am to request you will be good enough to endeavour quietly, and without causing excitement, to obtain the arms from them, and, on receipt, that you will send them down to Lieut.-Colonel Gorton, at Wanganui.

I have, &c.,

J. HOLT,

James Booth, Esq., R.M., Upper Wanganui.

Under Secretary.

## G.—No. 54.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.

(No. 604.)

SIR,—

Camp Waihi, 21st March, 1867.

I have the honor to inform you that the Native Contingent selected their land yesterday. I reported in my letter to Government, No. 561, of the 16th instant, that this corps are under the impression that they will receive rations after they are struck off pay. I know from your instructions to me you are most anxious that they should be disarmed when they are struck off pay, which could be easily done provided the Government did not compel them to remain on their land until their term of service is completed, which I think would be hardly fair without arms or rations, especially the former. I do not think they would object to give up their arms at once, if they were informed they could go to their homes, and need not live on their land to obtain their Crown Grant.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. J. C. Richmond, Wellington.

E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District, and Local Forces Patea.

## G.—No. 55.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to the OFFICER COMMANDING COLONIAL FORCES, Patea.

(No. 213-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 30th March, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Lieut.-Colonel Gorton's letter, of the 21st instant, No. 604, having reference to the disarmament of the Native Contingent when struck off pay.

In reply, I am directed to point out to you that one of the conditions of service upon which land is granted to the Native Contingent is, "that they should hold and occupy it with a portion of their number for a period of three years from the date of their embarkation for Opotiki." Those, therefore, who remain on their land, will for the present be allowed to retain their arms; and I am to request you

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will report further as to the number who wish to leave, where they propose going to, and whether you consider it advisable or otherwise that they should be allowed to take their arms with them.

The Officer Commanding Colonial Forces,  
Patea.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## H.—No. 56.

*Extract from a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel Gorton (No. 508, 22nd August, 1868), reporting as to the arming, &c., of the Kupapas, for service with the Field Force under Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell.*

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As I expected, the majority of the Natives required arms, I may say nearly all those who had arms before have left them behind. I have issued sixty-eight stand to-day, and shall have to issue more on Monday.

I tried to make every Native sign for his rifle, but found they were so fearfully slow about it, and then did not know what they were signing, that I put every Native's name down, and the rifle and accoutrements he received.

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I have, &c.,  
ED. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

The Hon. Colonel Haultain, Wellington.

## H.—No. 57.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to the Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN.  
(No. 514.)

SIR,—

Wanganui, 24th August, 1868.

In my letter No. 508, of 22nd instant, I informed you the Kupapas intended going overland to-day, and the p.s. "Sturt" was to leave for Patea that night. The steamer left, but failed to get in, and returned last evening which caused some of the Kupapas to change their mind, and about eighty of them from the Wanganui Tribe went on board the "Sturt" early this morning when the vessel left again for Patea.

This morning I issued forty rations to the Ngatiapa, and eight to the Wanganui, who started for Patea on horseback. After the majority of them had gone, the p.s. "Sturt" came back again, the weather being unfavourable. The Kupapas on board landed, and on Lieutenant Gudgeon taking a list of their names it was found there were eighty-three. They wished to march overland, so I gave them rations, and they left in the afternoon on foot.

I am unable to say positively how many Kupapas have gone, but I have directed Lieutenant Gudgeon to send me a list of their names when he gets to Patea, specifying the tribes to which they belong. I feel sure 131, the number for whom rations were drawn, are on the road. I have issued to these Natives the arms, accoutrements, and ammunition named in the margin.\* I did not intend giving them any ammunition here, but told them they would get it at Patea. They however insisted upon having some to go overland with, and I gave them ten rounds each; the extra ten is for a man who had a rifle before.

As these arms are to be returned into store at Patea before the Natives leave that district, I do hope you will allow me to instruct Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell to take them on the strength of his district, and let me strike them off the strength of mine, otherwise it may ultimately lead to confusion in the store accounts.

I have, &c.,  
EDW. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

The Hon. Colonel Haultain, Wellington.

## H.—No. 58.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.  
(No. 533-2.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 26th August, 1868.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 508, of the 22nd instant (conveyed by special messenger), reporting as to the Wanganui Kupapas for service with the Patea Field Force, and to request you will not, after receipt of this letter, issue any more arms to those Natives. Your refusal to comply with Kawana Hunia's request for a supply of powder for the services of the Ngatiapa Kupapas has been fully approved by the Government.

I have, &c.,  
T. M. HAULTAIN.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

## H.—No. 59.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. STEVENS to the OFFICER COMMANDING MILITIA DISTRICT, Patea.  
(No. 550-2.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 29th August, 1868.

By direction of the Defence Minister, I have the honor to instruct you that the arms

\* 90 rifles, 70 ball bags, 70 waist belts, 900 rounds ammunition, 1,365 percussion caps.

which were issued by Lieut.-Colonel Gorton to the Kupapas, prior to their leaving Wanganui for Patea on the 24th instant, are to be taken on the strength of your district.

The Officer Commanding Militia District,  
Patea.

I have, &c.,  
FRAS. STEVENS,  
Chief Clerk.

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I.—No. 60.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Lieut.-Colonel GORTON.

(No. 901-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 22nd December, 1865.

SIR,—

The Government having become aware that a very large quantity of arms, many of them of the best and most valuable description, have for some time been issued to Natives under various pretences, and without due means having been taken for their recovery, I am directed by the Hon. Colonel Russell (in the absence of the Defence Minister) to inform you that it has been determined so objectionable a course of action must at once cease; and I am therefore to instruct you to take steps, without delay, for the recovery of all arms which may be in the hands of any Natives within the district under your command, who are not actually employed on active service by the Government, and to be very careful that no issue of arms whatever takes place for the future to any Natives, except for immediate use when they are enrolled for and employed on active service.

Lieut.-Colonel Gorton,  
Commanding Militia District, Wanganui.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

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I.—No. 61.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel GORTON to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

(No. 229.)

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,  
Wanganui, 27th December, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Captain Holt's letter No. 901-2, of the 23rd instant, in which it was stated "the Government having become aware that a very large quantity of arms, many of them of the best and most valuable description, have for some time been issued to Natives under various pretences, and without due means being taken for their recovery," I beg to report, in defence of myself, that I called the attention of the Government to the fact on two or three occasions, which are to be found in my letters and documents attached to them, numbers and dates as per margin.

The only arms that have been issued to the Natives since I have had command here are six breech-loading carbines to Captain Noake, R.M., for Native guides, for which I received special instructions contained in Captain Holt's letter No. 355-2, dated 2nd October, 1865. Ten rifles to Rangitikei Natives who have joined the Native Contingent. I also issued forty percussion carbines to Mr. Booth, R.M., on the distinct understanding that forty long rifles should be returned into store in their stead. The correspondence relating to this subject was forwarded in my letter No. 58, dated 4th October, 1865, which the Government was pleased to approve in letter No. 414-2, of the 10th October, 1865.

I will take care that the instructions contained in Captain Holt's letter No. 901-2, of the 23rd instant, are strictly adhered to; but I am afraid I shall have great difficulty in recovering the arms from the Natives up the Wanganui River, who, I feel convinced, in some instances have more than one description of weapon in their possession.

The Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
E. GORTON, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding W.M. District.

No. 58.  
October 4, 1865.  
No. 122.  
October 4, 1865.  
No. 133.  
October 24, 1865.

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A.—No. 62.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. F. A. WELD.

Superintendent's Office,  
Napier, 18th March, 1865.

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose a requisition for 400 stand of arms and 20,000 rounds of ammunition, for the purpose of arming the friendly Natives in outlying parts of the Province when it may be necessary to do so and the Natives can be relied upon.

I learn from a conversation I had with the Adjutant of Militia that there are about 1,300 able-bodied men (Europeans) in the Province liable to serve in the Militia. There are issued 597 Enfield rifles, and 125 breech-loading carbines. It will be seen from this that there are about 600 of the above 1,300 still unarmed, and we hardly possess arms enough to give them.

It follows, therefore, that we have no arms to place in the hands of Natives beyond the 100 stand already issued; and as from the experience of Wanganui and Tauranga the value of their assistance has been abundantly proved, I consider it of the greatest importance to avail ourselves of such aid. I trust, therefore, that no time may be lost in sending up the additional arms and ammunition now applied for.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
DONALD McLEAN.

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## A. 2.—No. 63.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. F. A. WELD to His Honor D. McLEAN.

(No. 95.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 21st March, 1865.

SIR,—

In reply to your Honor's letter of the 18th instant, forwarding a requisition for arms and ammunition for the purpose of arming the friendly Natives in Hawke's Bay, I have to inform you that the General Government have only 130 percussion muskets fit for use in store at Wellington. These muskets will be immediately packed, together with twenty barrels of ball ammunition and a complement of caps, ready for shipment to Napier.

The Government are daily expecting a number of percussion muskets from Rangitikei, which would probably be available for service in Hawke's Bay. Two shipments of rifles are also expected from England shortly, they having left on the 15th and 17th of December last respectively. Until these arms arrive it will be impossible for the Government to supply your Honor's requisition (with the exception of the 130 muskets already mentioned) from the stores either here or from Auckland.

I have, &amp;c.,

F. A. WELD.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

## B.—No. 64.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. F. A. WELD.

SIR,—

Napier, 26th June, 1865.

The whole of the arms supplied for Natives have been distributed at the Wairoa, Table Cape, and Waiapu. Applications are made from the East Cape for an additional supply, and I should be glad if you would cause me to be furnished with 400 stand; and ammunition for the Natives of the East Cape and of this district, to whom I have not yet issued any. Fifty or a hundred revolvers, with ammunition, would be very acceptable; and ten or twelve swords for the chiefs. If double-barrelled guns could be procured to form part of the 400 stand, they would be preferred by Natives. A supply of eight boxes of percussion caps for double-barrelled guns are also much wanted.

I have, &amp;c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

## C. 1.—No. 65.

Copy of a Letter from Captain KIRWAN to Captain HOLT.

SIR,—

Militia and Volunteer Orderly-room,  
Wellington, 10th July, 1865.

With reference to your letter No. 27-7, dated 7th July, 1865, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence, that I shipped on board Her Majesty's s.s. "Eclipse," on the afternoon of Saturday last, the 8th instant, eighteen cases containing rifles and accoutrements, and 143 quarter-barrels of rifle ball ammunition, as per margin,\* addressed to His Honor the Superintendent of Napier.

I think it right to state that I met with great civility, and got every assistance from both officers and men of Her Majesty's s.s. "Eclipse."

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Colonial Defence, Wellington.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOHN S. KIRWAN.

## C. 2.—No. 66.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Napier, 26th July, 1865.

I have the honor to acquaint you that I proceeded in Her Majesty's s.s. "Eclipse" to the East Cape with a party of Military Settlers who were detached from Napier to aid the chief Morgan against Patara and his Hauhau confederates.

On the 13th instant, the Military Settlers, fifty in number, commanded by Captain Fraser, were landed at Te Awanui, about three miles south of Waiapu; they marched to Morgan's Pa that night, accompanied by a party of friendly Natives who came from Waiapu to meet them. The chief Morgan came on board at Awanui, and informed me that the women of his tribe taken prisoners at Tiki Tiki had been released, but that a nephew of his who had been wounded in a previous engagement had been killed by the Hauhaus after entering Tiki Tiki, and cut to pieces in the most barbarous manner.

Captain Freemantle used every exertion to get the Military Settlers landed, and while on shore superintending this duty, the "Eclipse" struck on a rock, not indicated on any charts. After landing the Military Settlers a heavy gale set in, and the "Eclipse" sailed round the East Cape to Whangaparaoa for shelter.

I expressed to Captain Freemantle a desire to land at Hicks' Bay; on the 16th the "Eclipse" anchored there. The following day I supplied seventy-three stand of rifles and ammunition to Natives of this place who are most loyal. On the 19th the "Eclipse" anchored off Waiapu; the surf was too heavy to communicate with the shore. On the 20th I proceeded in the "St. Kilda" to Tuparoa, held a conference with the chiefs, landed seventy-three stand of arms and ammunition, and returned the following morning to the "Eclipse" with a Native to point out the enemy's pas, near Morgan's, which were shelled from the "Eclipse." The loss sustained by the enemy, as nearly as I can gather, was one killed and seven wounded.

\* 2,160 long rifles, 260 accoutrements, 100,100 rifle ball ammunition, 150,150 percussion caps.

The shelling of the pas, taken in connection with some previous skirmishing by the Military Settlers, Volunteers, and friendly Natives, greatly disconcerted the enemy, whose loss in killed and wounded was considerable. Patara, with one or two followers, left for Opotiki, avowedly to enlist additional support, but it is doubtful whether he will return to a place where he was met with such a warm reception.

Hearing that Patara had left, I followed to Hicks' Bay in the "St. Kilda" to intercept him, but he escaped before the party detailed for his apprehension reached the place he was expected to pass.

I enclose a report from Mr. Deighton of two skirmishes with the Hauhaus on the 18th and 19th instant. From what I could gather from different sources, the loss of the enemy has been greater than Mr. Deighton was aware of when writing. Much credit is due to Captain Fraser and the officers and men who are now engaged against the enemy at Waiapu; their coolness and bravery is much spoken of, and appreciated by the Native allies, who are most decided in their support of the Government.

Having only arrived this afternoon, I am unable to convey the full details of arrangements entered into with the friendly Natives. I may briefly state that I have distributed all the arms and ammunition I received at Wellington to the several tribes in the vicinity of Waiapu and the East Cape whose loyalty was reliable. I have also arranged a position to be taken up and garrisoned by them at Awanui, one of the best landing places, and made such other arrangements as appeared necessary to bring present hostilities to a successful issue.

In furtherance of the present operations at the East Cape, I would earnestly urge upon the Government the necessity of taking measures for the occupation of Opotiki. The friendly Natives fully expect that this will be done. It will certainly be more easily effected now than at any future time; while such a diversion would prevent the friendly Natives from being outnumbered and cut up in detail, as they feared would have been the case at Waiapu, if appeals for assistance had not been so promptly met by the Government.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

#### D. 1.—No. 67.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Napier, 16th August, 1865.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to cause additional arms to be sent to this Province, as I have distributed all those that were furnished to me at Wellington to the friendly Natives of the East Cape.

I understood, when at Wellington, that there was a large supply of arms at Auckland, some of which should be sent here.

The Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

#### D. 2.—No. 68.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. Major ATKINSON to His Honor D. McLEAN.

(No. 184-2.)

Colonial Defence Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 24th August, 1865.

With reference to your Honor's letter of the 16th instant, in which you request a further supply of arms, I have the honor to inform you that 140 long Enfield rifles, with accoutrements complete, will be forwarded from here to your address by the "Lord Ashley" steamer, to sail to-morrow, and instructions have been sent to the Colonial Storekeeper in Auckland to forward to you at the earliest possible moment 50,000 rounds of ammunition.

His Honor the Superintendent, Napier.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

#### D. 3.—No. 69.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. Major ATKINSON.

SIR,—

Napier, 31st August, 1865.

In reply to your communication of the 24th instant, acquainting me that 140 long Enfield rifles, with accoutrements complete, would be forwarded to me by the "Lord Ashley," I have the honor to inform you that the arms, &c., have arrived, and I herewith enclose a receipt for the same, less one frog and one cap pocket.

The Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

#### E.—No. 70.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Napier, 26th August, 1865.

I have the honor to enclose the translation of a letter from Iharaia Houkamau, the chief of Hicks' Bay, applying for thirty stand of arms, and acknowledging the receipt of clothes sent to him for his Native soldiers.

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The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

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## E.—Enclosure in No. 70.

[TRANSLATION.]

To MR. McLEAN,—

Wharekahika.

Friend, salutations to you in our united friendship. Friend, I have received the clothes for the soldiers. Here is my word to you: send me some rifles, thirty (in number), as thirty of my men are unarmed and seventy are.

Send me the guns quickly—do not forget the pistols. Friend, I have sent my gun, a single-barrelled piece, to be repaired. The number and my name are on it. That is all.

From your friend,

IHARAIA HOUKAMAU.

## E.—No. 71.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND to His Honor D. McLEAN.

(No. 334.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 6th September, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in the margin, and to inform your Honor that the Government are satisfied to leave the question of arming the loyal Natives of Hicks' Bay to your discretion.

Aug. 26, 1865.

His Honor the Superintendent, Napier.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. C. RICHMOND.

## F.—No. 72.

Copy of a Letter from Captain KIRWAN to Captain HOLT.

(No. 151.)

Militia Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 25th September, 1865.

I have the honor to inform you, for the information of the Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence, that the arms, accoutrements, and ammunition stated in the margin\* were shipped on board the s.s. "Lord Ashley" on Saturday and Sunday, addressed to His Honor the Superintendent of Napier.

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Under Secretary, Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. S. KIRWAN,  
Commanding Wellington Militia District.

## G.—No. 73.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to His Honor D. McLEAN.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 22nd December, 1865.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter of the 16th instant, reporting that the chief Hokopaura and his people had taken the oath of allegiance, and surrendered thirty-seven stand of arms and some powder. I have to request you to be good enough to inform me what has been done with these and other arms taken from the Natives on the East Coast.

In connection with this subject I have to state that the Government has become aware that a very large quantity of arms, many of them of the best and most valuable description, have for some time been handed to the Natives under various pretences, and without due means having been taken for their recovery; the Government is desirous that so objectionable a course of action should at once cease, and that steps be taken without delay for the recovery of all arms now in the hands of any Natives not actually employed on active service by the Government, and for preventing the issue of arms for the future, except for immediate use when Natives are enrolled and employed on active service.

His Honor D. McLean, Esq.,  
Government Agent, Napier.

I have, &amp;c.,

E. W. STAFFORD.

## G.—No. 74.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

SIR,—

Napier, 29th December, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting the surrender of thirty-seven stand of arms by Hokopaura, inquiring where those and other arms taken on the East Coast are, and stating that the Government had become aware that a very large quantity of arms of the best description have been for some time handed to Natives under various pretences, without due means having been taken for their recovery.

In reply, I have the honor to acquaint you that the arms taken from Hokopaura, as well as from other Natives on the East Coast, which have been conveyed to Napier, are deposited for safety in the Provincial Government Buildings.

I have to state that no arms have been issued, under any pretence whatever, to Natives in this district, except in cases where it was found absolutely necessary from motives of public safety to do so.

\* 200 long rifles, 200 sets accoutrements, 70,000 rounds rifle ball ammunition.

The Natives that have been armed have been, and still are, in the field fighting against the Hauhaus. No arms have been issued to the Natives of Ahuriri, and very few to the friendly Natives of Poverty Bay, as their professions of friendship, except in a very few instances, were considered exceedingly doubtful.

The arms have been chiefly distributed in Morgan's districts, where the Natives have given ample and repeated proof of their fidelity.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

### H.—No. 75.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

SIR,—

Napier, 27th December, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, asking for a return of arms and accoutrements, &c., the property of the Government, which have been issued by my order to the Natives.

I herewith enclose the return called for. I should state, for the information of the Government, that the arms and ammunition have been supplied chiefly to the Ngatiporou, or Morgan's tribe, at the East Cape, and delivered to the chiefs at the following settlements:—Hicks' Bay, Waiapu, Tuparoa, Te Mawae.

I expected to have been able to register the name of each Native to whom arms were supplied, but I found that it was difficult to do so. The heavy surf rendered it impossible at times to land some of the cases, which had to be opened, arms taken out, and landed a few at a time. This was more particularly the case at Waiapu and Tuparoa, where the greatest quantity was landed.

About 500 stand have been delivered to the chiefs on this part of the coast, including Hicks' Bay and Te Mawae. The rest of the arms have been supplied to the chiefs at Table Cape, Te Wairoa, Mohaka, Poverty Bay, and a few at Taupo.

With the exception of one chief, Te Matenga of Nuhaka, who became a Hauhau after receiving ten stand of arms, all the rest have displayed the utmost fidelity and loyalty to the European cause. Te Matenga was deprived of his arms when he became a Hauhau.

I enclose the copy of a letter from Mr. Deighton, who was intrusted with the distribution of arms at the Wairoa and Waiapu.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

DONALD McLEAN.

### H.—Enclosure in No. 75.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. DEIGHTON to His Honor D. McLEAN.

SIR,—

Napier, 15th December, 1865.

In reference to a letter from the Defence Office, asking for a return of arms distributed to the friendly Natives on the East Coast, I have the honor to state that about 200 muskets were handed over to Kopu Pitiera, at the Wairoa, and about 250 to Mokena, at the Waiapu. The former can be accounted for more minutely on my return to the Wairoa, and the latter upon reference to a nominal roll of the friendly Natives at the Waiapu.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

I am, &c.,

S. DEIGHTON, R.M.

### H.—No. 76.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to His Honor D. McLEAN.

(No. 25.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 15th January, 1866.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, enclosing a return of arms, accoutrements, &c., belonging to the Government, which have been issued by your orders to the Natives.

There is an apparent conflict in the statements conveyed in your letter and its enclosures with the information supplied by Lieut.-Colonel Whitmore, commanding the Napier District. The return signed by Captain and Adjutant Withers, on the 6th instant, gives a total of 340 stand of arms issued to you from 1st July to 31st December, 1865. In your letter you refer to an issue of 500 stand to the chiefs on the coast about Hawke's Bay, including Hicks' Bay and Te Mawae, and to the rest of the arms having been supplied to Natives in other districts. Mr. Deighton in his letter, which you enclose, speaks of about 450 issued to Natives at the Wairoa and Waiapu. Lieut.-Colonel Whitmore, in a return dated the 6th instant, a copy of which I enclose, shows a total of 1,046 stand of arms, besides 59 revolvers, issued on your requisition.

The Government would be obliged by an explanation as to those discrepancies, and a statement of the mode in which the arms specified in Colonel Whitmore's return, and any others which you may have received, have been disposed of.

His Honor D. McLean,  
Government Agent, Hawke's Bay.

I have, &c.,

E. W. STAFFORD.

## RETURN OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

## I.—No. 77.

REQUISITION for ARMS, APPOINTMENTS, &c., required for the arming and equipping the Local Forces on the East Coast.

Required.	Rifles.	Appointments, Sets.	Remarks.
For Local Force ...	300	300	Required chiefly for arming friendly Natives.

Napier, 22nd November, 1865.

DONALD McLEAN.

## I.—No. 78.

Copy of a Letter from Captain WITHERS to Captain HOLT.

(No. 57-2.)  
SIR,—Militia and Volunteer Office,  
Napier, 26th December, 1865.

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. McLean, the Government Agent for the Province of Hawke's Bay, has desired me to request that 300 rifles may be forwarded to Napier for use on the East Coast so soon as possible, as they are much required.

Captain J. Holt, Under Secretary,  
Wellington.I have, &c.,  
E. WITHERS,  
Captain and Adjutant.

## I.—No. 79.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Lieut.-Colonel WHITMORE.

(No. 924-2.)  
SIR,—Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 3rd January, 1866.No. 57-2.  
Dec. 26, 1865.

In reply to Captain Withers' letter noted in the margin, requesting that 300 rifles may be forwarded to Napier for use on the East Coast, I am directed by the Hon. Colonel Russell (acting for the Defence Minister) to state that, as a very large number of rifles (between 2,000 and 3,000, it is believed) are already issued to Natives in different parts of the Colony, it is not considered expedient, unless under very special and most urgent circumstances, to issue any more arms to them. It is not stated for whom these arms are required, but, judging from a requisition for a similar number recently received from His Honor Donald McLean, Esq., it is presumed they are for the use of the friendly Natives. You will however be good enough to inform the Defence Minister definitely on this subject.

I am further directed to request you will cause a return to be prepared and sent to this office with the least possible delay, showing, so far as lays in your power, what number of arms have been already issued, and what arrangements, if any, have been made for such arms being returned to the Government.

Lieut.-Colonel Whitmore,  
Commanding Militia District, Napier.I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## I.—No. 80.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel WHITMORE to Captain HOLT.

(No. 75-2.)  
SIR,—Militia and Volunteer Office,  
Napier, 6th January, 1866.

In reply to your letter No. 924-2, dated Wellington, 3rd January, 1866, I have the honor to inform you that the 300 rifles asked for in Captain Withers' letter No. 57-2, of the 26th ultimo, are required for the friendly Natives at Te Wairoa, who are stated to be without sufficient arms, although engaged with the enemy. Captain Withers' letter was written at the request of His Honor Donald McLean, Esq., as no reply had been received to a requisition for the same number of rifles which was forwarded to Wellington early in December, 1865. The return of arms called for is enclosed, and His Honor assures me that he will fully report what steps have been taken to ensure their return.

The Under Secretary for Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.I have, &c.,  
G. S. WHITMORE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding Napier District.

## I.—No. 81.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

SIR,—

Napier, 6th January, 1866.

I have the honor to acquaint you that an application was made by me some time ago, through the Militia Office, for 300 stand of arms for the Wairoa Native Contingent. Those arms were required to arm the friendly Natives, before any successful onward movement could be made at the Wairoa.

No reply to this requisition has been received, most of the friendly Natives who are willing and ready to join the Government are without arms, and the Wairoa expedition may fail through neglect in furnishing the arms applied for.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
DONALD McLEAN.



## I.—No. 82.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to His Honor D. McLEAN.

(No. 23.)

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Wellington, 13th January, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter of the 6th instant, on the subject of your application for 300 stand of arms for the Wairoa Native Contingent.

Under the circumstances stated by your Honor, I have directed these arms to be sent by the steamer which goes to Napier on the 15th instant; but the Natives to whom they are issued must clearly understand (for which the officer issuing these arms will be held responsible) that they are to be returned to store so soon as the special service on account of which the arms are issued is completed, and that each Native to whom a rifle or gun is given signs a receipt for it, with a written undertaking to return it when demanded.

His Honor Donald McLean,  
Government Agent, Hawke's Bay.

I have, &c.,  
E. W. STAFFORD.

## I.—No. 83.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Captain KIRWAN.

(No. 950-2.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 10th January, 1866.

I am directed by the Hon. Colonel Russell (in the absence of the Defence Minister) to instruct you to send by the first opportunity 300 rifles and accoutrements, complete, to the Officer Commanding Militia, &c., Napier.

Captain Kirwan, commanding Militia District,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## I.—No. 84.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Lieut.-Colonel WHITMORE.

(No. 953-2.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 11th January, 1866.

I have the honor to inform you that 300 rifles, with accoutrements, are being sent by this opportunity to your address, in compliance with a requisition forwarded by Captain Withers in his letter of 26th ultimo, and referred to in yours of 6th instant.

If these rifles are issued direct to His Honor the Superintendent, I am directed to request you will be good enough to be careful to obtain His Honor's receipt for them; or if to some other officer, to require His Honor's application for them in writing. If they are issued to the Natives under your direction, it must, I am directed to impress upon you, be on the clear understanding that every officer who supplies arms to the Natives will be held responsible that they are returned by the Natives as soon as the special service for which they are issued has been accomplished, and that each Native to whom a rifle is given signs a receipt for it, and a certificate to the effect that he will return it when demanded.

Lieut.-Colonel Whitmore,  
Commanding Militia, &c., Napier.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## I.—No. 85.

Copy of a Letter from Captain KIRWAN to Captain HOLT.

(No. 160.)

SIR,—

Militia Office,  
Wellington, 15th January, 1866.

In reference to your letter of the 11th instant, No. 950-2, I have the honor to inform you that I carried out the instructions therein contained, viz., 300 long rifles and accoutrements forwarded this day by the s.s. "Rangatira" to the Officer Commanding Militia and Volunteers, Napier.

Captain Holt, Under Secretary,  
Colonial Defence Office, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
JOHN S. KIRWAN,  
Capt. and Adjutant, Wellington Militia.

## J.—No. 86.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Major FRASER.

(No. 922-2.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 3rd January, 1866.

I am directed by the Hon. Colonel Russell (acting for the Defence Minister) to request you will cause a return to be prepared and sent to this office, with the least possible delay, showing, so far as lays in your power, what number of arms have, up to the present time, been issued to Natives, to what tribes they have been issued, and what arrangements (if any) have been made for such arms being returned to the Government.

Major Fraser, commanding Colonial Forces,  
Turanganui.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## RETURN OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

## J.—No. 87.

Copy of a Letter from Major FRASER to Captain HOLT.

(No. 13, W.-F.)

SIR,—

Camp Te Tawa,  
Upper Wairoa, 31st January, 1866.

In reply to the circular sent to me by you, No. 922-2, of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have never issued any arms to Natives, Mr. McLean having invariably given his own orders on the subject, and the issue having been made by magistrates or others acting under him.

I have also the honor to inform you that I am not aware of any arrangements having as yet been made for the arms issued at this place being returned to the Government.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington.

JAMES FRASER, Brevet-Major,  
Commanding Colonial Forces,  
Turanganui and Te Wairoa.

## K.—No. 88.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN to His Honor D. McLEAN.

(No. 1733-2.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 3rd August, 1866.

The Officer Commanding Militia and Volunteers at Napier having reported that he has issued to you eighty-eight Government revolvers, I should feel obliged by your Honor informing me what has become of the same, and what probability there is of their being returned into store.

I have, &amp;c.,

His Honor Donald McLean, Wellington.

T. M. HAULTAIN.

## K.—No. 99.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor D. McLEAN to the Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN.

SIR,—

Wellington, 6th August, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, stating that the Officer Commanding the Militia and Volunteers at Napier has reported that he had issued eighty-eight revolvers to me, inquiring what has become of them, and what probability there is of their being returned into store.

In reply, I have the honor to state that I have told the chiefs Morgan, Hotene, and Ropata, Henare Potae, Ihaka, and Kopu, that I hold them responsible for the safe custody of all arms issued to their several tribes; and when the war is ended and no danger of further outbreak anticipated, the arms, including the revolvers referred to, will either be given up by the Natives, or produced for inspection at any place or time on the coast that may be appointed by the Government. I would recommend the latter course as most preferable.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

DONALD McLEAN.

## L.—No. 90.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Captain WITHERS.

(No. 282-3.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 23rd August, 1867.

I am directed to request you will, on application, issue to the Taupo chief Pohipi Tukairangi, or to such persons as he may send to you on his behalf, twenty-five long Enfield rifles, with accoutrements, and as much ammunition as the pouches belonging to the same will hold. If the Natives do not press for bayonets and side belts, it will be as well to retain them in store; but if they object to this, you can issue them.

You will be careful to take receipts for these arms and the ammunition, with an engagement, signed by Pohipi, or on his behalf that they will return the same whenever called upon to do so.

I have, &amp;c.,

Captain Withers,  
Adjutant, Militia, Napier.

J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## L.—No. 91.

Copy of a Letter from Captain WITHERS to Captain HOLT.

(No. 182-3.)

SIR,—

Militia and Volunteer Office,  
Napier, 24th September, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 315-3, of the 18th instant, inquiring why I had not reported the manner in which I had carried out the instructions conveyed to me in your letters of the numbers and dates as per margin.

In reply, I beg to say, that as nothing whatever was mentioned in either of those letters about reporting on the instructions conveyed therein, I did not consider it necessary to do so especially until they were fully carried out, excepting through the monthly return for August, where it will be seen that 4,000 rounds of percussion ball ammunition, with a due proportion of caps, was issued in that month. This was put on board the s.s. "Taranaki" at 12 o'clock p.m. on the night of her arrival

at this port, and for which I have since received the receipt of the Officer Commanding at Tauranga. I have further to report, that only five stand of long rifles, with 300 rounds ball ammunition, have as yet been issued for the use of the Taupo chief Pohipi Tukairangi, for the following reason:—The chief's son called at the Militia Office in company with Mr. G. S. Cooper, R.M., and took those away, giving a receipt for them, stating that he could take no more that time, but that the chief himself would call shortly and take the remainder (twenty-five stand).

Regretting that I should have misunderstood your wishes, and trusting that this explanation may be satisfactory,

The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
E. WITHERS,  
Captain and Adjutant, Militia and Volunteers,  
Napier.

## L.—No. 92.

Copy of a Letter from Captain WITHERS to Captain HOLT.

(No. 283-3.)

SIR,—

Militia and Volunteer Office,  
Napier, 27th September, 1867.

I do myself the honor to report that I yesterday completed the issue of arms, accoutrements, and ammunition for the chief Pohipi Tukairangi of Taupo, consisting of twenty stand of arms and accoutrements complete, with 1,200 rounds of rifle ball ammunition. The chief having requested by letter to G. S. Cooper, Esq., R.M., that the bayonets and waist-belts should be furnished with the arms, I issued them, as directed in the latter part of your letter No. 282-3, of the 23rd August. The chief's son, Henry, gave a receipt for the above articles, in which it stated that they are to be kept in good serviceable order, and to be returned complete in every respect whenever called for.

I have, &c.,  
E. WITHERS,  
Captain and Adjutant, Militia and Volunteers.

## M.—No. 93.

Copy of a Letter from Captain BIGGS to Captain HOLT.

SIR,—

Poverty Bay, 25th August, 1867.

I have the honor to inform you that Henry Potae, the chief of Tokomaru, has called in all the Government arms in his district. He has now got 111 stand in his possession, and expects to have the remainder in the course of a week. The reason for doing this is, that he was unable to prevent the Maoris using the rifles for pig and cattle hunting, and he was afraid that, if left in the Maoris' hands, the arms would soon be unfit for service.

Potae has requested that two men may be appointed whose duty it shall be to clean and keep in good order the arms.

I would strongly recommend the appointing of two men as Potae requests, their pay might be the same as the Maoris at present in occupation of the Wilson Redoubt, Turanganui, 1s. per day pay and rations at 1s. per day, or as Tokomaru is an out-of-the-way place, 2s. a day and no rations.

Potae has done this entirely on his own responsibility, and it may be made a precedent to collect the arms along the East Coast into depôts, say Waiapu, Tokomaru, Uawa, Turanganui, Nuhaka, and Te Wairoa. The arms could then be inspected occasionally by a person appointed to do so, and when there is no further danger from the rebels, returned into store at Wellington. As long as Maoris have arms in their possession they will use them for common sporting purposes, and there is no means of preventing it.

The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
REGINALD NEWTON BIGGS,  
Captain, commanding District.

## M.—No. 94.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Captain BIGGS.

(No. 340-3.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 28th September, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, in which you report that Henry Potae, the chief of Tokomaru, had called in all the Government arms in his district, and recommended the appointment of two men to clean and keep them in order; and you also suggest the desirability of collecting all the arms along the East Coast into depôts, in order that they may be occasionally inspected.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that your recommendations are approved by the Defence Minister, and you are authorized to employ two men at 2s. a day to clean the arms in the Tokomaru district. I am further to request you will suggest what course you would consider the best for securing a monthly inspection of the arms issued to Natives.

Captain Biggs, commanding Colonial Forces,  
Poverty Bay.

I have, &c.,  
J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## RETURN OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

## M.—No. 95.

Copy of a Letter from Captain BIGGS to Captain HOLT.

(No. 340-3.)

SIR,—

Napier, 26th October, 1867.

No. 340-3,  
Oct. 23, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, number and date as per margin, in which I am directed to appoint two men at 2s. a day each to keep the arms in proper order in the Tokomaru districts. I have to request you to inform me how these men are to be paid, and from whom I am to obtain the money.

The only way in which an inspection of arms on the coast can be secured without some person being specially appointed, is that the Resident Magistrate of the district be requested to inspect the arms as he is travelling along the coast.

The Under Secretary, Defence Office,  
Wellington.

I have, &amp;c.,

REGINALD NEWTON BIGGS,  
Captain, commanding Colonial Forces.

## M.—No. 96.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Captain BIGGS.

(No. 3-3.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,

Wellington, 4th January, 1868.

In reply to the first portion of your letter of the 26th October last, I am directed to inform you that the money to pay the men whom you employ to clean the arms in the Tokomaru District can be obtained from Captain Withers, at Napier, who has been instructed to issue it to you on receiving the necessary vouchers duly signed and certified.

Captain Biggs, commanding Colonial Forces,  
Poverty Bay.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## M.—No. 97.

Copy of a Letter from Captain BIGGS to Captain HOLT.

SIR,—

Poverty Bay, 16th January, 1868.

In accordance with your instructions, conveyed in your letter of 28th September, 1867, No. 340-3, I appointed two men at Tokomaru, on the 3rd of November last, to take charge of the Government arms at that place. The pay was to be 2s. per diem. The men have requested me to send them some money; I have therefore to request you to inform me how they are to be paid. They complain of being badly off for clothes.

The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence  
Office, Wellington.

I have, &amp;c.,

REGINALD NEWTON BIGGS,  
Captain, commanding Colonial Forces.

## M.—No. 98.

Copy of a Letter from Captain HOLT to Captain BIGGS.

(No. 72-3.)

SIR,—

Colonial Defence Office,

Wellington, 5th February, 1868.

In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo, as to the payment of the men in charge of Government arms, &c., at Tokomaru, I am directed to refer you to my letter of the 4th January, No. 3-3, in which you were informed that Captain Withers, Paymaster at Napier, would issue the pay to you on receiving the necessary vouchers duly signed and certified.

Captain Biggs, commanding Colonial Forces,  
Poverty Bay.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. HOLT,  
Under Secretary.

## M.—No. 99.

Copy of a Letter from Captain BIGGS to Captain HOLT.

SIR,—

Poverty Bay, 29th June, 1868.

I have the honor to inform you that, owing to conversation between the Hon. the Defence Minister and myself relative to the collecting the arms in the hands of the Natives into certain places, there to be under the charge of a Native, I appointed Hone Hays, a half-caste, to attend to the arms at Tuparoa; he commenced collecting them on the 20th of March last. At first the Natives objected to having all the arms in one place, so Hone Hays went to the different pas and cleaned the arms there, and had them kept in one whare in each pa. The Natives have now agreed to let them be removed to Tuparoa.

I find that Henare Potae informed me wrong as to the number of arms he had got together, for on inspection there are only 66 Government arms in his store; I therefore told one of the men in charge that he would not be required after the end of this month. Henare Potae accounts for the difference in the following way. When he told me he had got 113, he reckoned as got those which the people had promised to give in; when he sent for them, the Natives would not part with them. I

trust that by the end of this year that all will be collected into depôts. I do not like pressing the Natives too much to give them up, as they are likely to be made suspicious.

The Under Secretary, Colonial Defence  
Office, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

REGINALD NEWTON BIGGS,  
Captain, commanding Colonial Forces.

M.—No. 100.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. STEVENS to Captain BIGGS.

(No. 460-3.)

SIR,—

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, and to convey to you the approval of the Defence Minister of your action in regard to the collection of arms in the hands of the Natives.

Captain Biggs, commanding Colonial Forces,  
Poverty Bay.

Colonial Defence Office,  
Wellington, 17th July, 1868.

I have, &c.,

FRAS. STEVENS  
(for the Under Secretary).

No. 101.

RETURN of ARMS, AMMUNITION, and ACCOUTREMENTS issued to MILITARY SETTLERS during the  
Years 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868.

Year.	Rifles.	Breech-loading Carbines.	Revolvers.	Swords.	Accoutrements, Sets.	Ammunition, Rounds.	Total Arms.	Remarks.
1865	4556	217	99	99	4830	1,040,010	4971	The Patea Native Contingent and Urenui Military Settlers are included in the Return of Arms, &c., to Friendly Natives.
1866	...	...	...	...	...	133,100	...	
1867	...	...	...	...	...	107,050	...	
1868*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

\* The whole of the Military Settlers were disbanded by His Excellency the Governor on the 31st October, 1867, *vide Gazette* No. 55, 22nd October, 1867.

When the Military Settlers were struck off pay and placed on their land, they were required to parade once a month for the inspection of their arms, &c., as Militiamen. Since December, 1867, the parades have been quarterly only.

