

praying for the detention of the Eighteenth Regiment as a garrison and moral support. An Act has also been passed and transmitted by this mail, binding the Colony to pay whatever contribution the Imperial Government may demand, if the retention of the Eighteenth is sanctioned on these terms. It is requested that a telegram may be sent immediately to General Chute, at Melbourne.—G. F. BOWEN. The steamer leaves Ceylon, for New Zealand, on sixth October.”

No. 9.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the
Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G.

(No. 98.)
MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington,
New Zealand, 31st July, 1869.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 62, of the 21st May ultimo, written in reply to my Despatch No. 30, of the 11th March ultimo, which forwarded a Memorandum from Mr. Stafford, requesting to be informed on what terms Her Majesty's Government would allow a portion of Her Majesty's troops to be stationed in New Zealand.

2. The important Despatch now under acknowledgment was immediately communicated to the Ministers of New Zealand, who laid it before both Houses of the local Legislature. I shall have the honor of reporting elsewhere the steps taken by the Colonial Government in this matter.

3. On the 14th instant I received, through the Acting-Governor of Ceylon, a telegram from the Colonial Office, of which I transmit a verbatim copy. It will be seen that this telegram reached me in an imperfect condition; but the meaning seems to be that the words "peaceful solution," at the end of your Lordship's Despatch No. 62, refer to measures such as, in my confidential Despatch of the 7th December ultimo, I stated to be, in my opinion, desirable, and which received your approval in your confidential Despatch of the 26th February ultimo, namely, (a) "The prohibition of outlying settlements," and (b) "Some general arrangement, having for its object the modified recognition of the Maori King." Doubtless I shall know by the next English mail if this interpretation is correct. Meanwhile I have communicated the telegram to the Ministers, who agree with the above-mentioned views, but greatly fear that a "peaceful solution" is rendered difficult, if not impossible, by the announcement of the immediate removal of the last battalion of the Queen's troops, which, in their opinion, has, to a most dangerous degree, excited the hostile and dispirited the friendly Maori clans.

I have, &c.,
G. F. BOWEN.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

Enclosure in No. 9.

Verbatim Copy of TELEGRAM received on 14th July, 1869, by the GOVERNOR of NEW ZEALAND through the GOVERNOR of CEYLON.

Ceylon Telegraph Department.

From London C. B. Z. F. to Ceylon. From Lord Granville to the Governor of Ceylon.
PLEASE send a—The Following message t is Earge bowen in New Zealand and to the end of my despatch number (62) of the (21) instant the following words such as was confidential despatch of the seventh of December and approved by me in my despatch of the (26) February last.

29 2-5 p.m.

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