

favour me with this information at your earliest convenience, after making the necessary arrangements, so that the Colonial Government may be enabled to take steps for replacing (so far as may be found practicable) Her Majesty's troops with detachments of the local forces.

Major-General Sir T. Chute, K.C.B., Melbourne.

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

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Enclosure 2 in No. 10.

Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN to Commodore LAMBERT, C.B.

Government House, Wellington,  
New Zealand, 19th July, 1869.

SIR,—

At the urgent request of my Responsible Advisers, the Ministers of New Zealand, I have the honor to transmit the enclosed copy of a Memorandum laid before me by them, respecting the removal of the 2-18th Regiment from New Zealand; of which I have also sent copies to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to Major-General Sir Trevor Chute, K.C.B.

You will, of course, understand that I forward this Memorandum to you simply for your information. I have stated to the Colonial Ministers that no control or discretion whatsoever has been left to me in the matter of the removal of the 2-18th Regiment; that I am not aware if any discretion has been left to General Chute; and that, at all events, the final instructions for the removal have been sent, not to the Governor, but to the Major-General Commanding, acting in concert with the Senior Naval Officer.

Commodore Lambert, C.B., H.M.S. "Challenger,"  
Wellington.

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

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No. 11.

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

(No. 101.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 4th August, 1869.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 38, of the 25th March ultimo, informing me that there is no objection to the employment of Captain Young, of the 2nd Battalion 18th (Royal Irish) Regiment, "as my acting Military Secretary during the continuance of the "present warlike operations in New Zealand."

2. I beg leave to express my sense of the consideration which has been shown for the Colony and for myself in this matter. Captain Young joined my staff on the 1st July ultimo. As he has passed the Staff College, and is the author of a practical and useful pamphlet on defensive works, my Ministers have requested me to send him to the Waikato, in consequence of the general apprehension of an attack from the rebel Maoris in that quarter, with the object of repairing and improving (of course at the expense of the Colonial Treasury) the stockades and redoubts in those districts and in the approaches to Auckland. I have given Captain Young directions accordingly, and will forward to your Lordship copies of the reports which he will address to me.

3. The employment of Captain Young in this manner appears to come clearly within the scope of the offer of European commissioned and non-commissioned officers to assist in the organization of the Colonial forces and defences, made by your Lordship in your "confidential" Despatch of the 26th February ultimo. But if the Military authorities should object to the active employment of Captain Young under my orders, it will be better that he should rejoin his regiment; for it would not be fair to expect the Colonial Government to pay him for performing only the routine office-work of a Military Secretary. Moreover, as it is hoped that the "warlike operations in New Zealand" will not be permanent (though there is no immediate prospect of their cessation), it is submitted that Captain Young's temporary employment in this country ought not to preclude him from professional employment on the regular staff of the army as an officer that has passed the necessary examinations at the Military College.

4. I did not fail to consult my Responsible Advisers on that paragraph of your Lordship's Despatch of the 26th February ultimo, in which it is stated as follows:—"It appears to me to deserve the consideration of your Government,