

Blue Book, and are supposed here to contain certain reflections, expressed or implied, on my conduct and on that of the Colonial Ministers, it is hoped that my replies, respectfully submitting explanations on the points to which my attention had thus been directed, will also be published with the next set of papers presented to the Imperial Parliament: I refer especially to my Despatches Nos. 63, 74, 76, and 81 of 1869, and "Confidential" of the 30th August ultimo.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 18.

EXTRACT from a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., dated Government House, Wellington, New Zealand, 18th September, 1869.

(Confidential.)

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's "Confidential" Despatch of the 14th July ultimo, informing me that Her Majesty's Government propose to send out a silver-mounted sword in order that it may be presented to the gallant chief Te Kepa (Major Kemp), in the name of the Queen, in token of Her Majesty's recognition of his services. At the same time your Lordship directs me to submit the names of some other Maori chiefs who may be specially deserving of similar marks of Her Majesty's favour, on account of the important services which they have rendered, and are rendering, to the British Government against the insurgent Natives.

It will be easily understood that the task of selection among a number of proud and jealous clans and warriors is difficult and delicate. After careful consultation with those best qualified to advise on this matter, I concur with the views expressed in the accompanying Memorandum furnished to me by Mr. McLean, the Minister for Native Affairs and Defence, who has been so long and so intimately acquainted with the Maoris. Te Kepa (Major Kemp) will represent the loyal Wanganui clan on the West Coast; and I beg to submit, in addition, the names of the following five chiefs of the Arawas, Ngatiporous, Ngatikahungunus, and other loyal clans on the East Coast, viz:—

- (1.) Ropata (Robert) Wahawaha.
- (2.) Pokeha (Fox) Taranui.
- (3.) Henare (Henry) Tomoana.
- (4.) Ihaka (Isaac) Whaanga.
- (5.) Mokena (Morgan) Kohere.

The two first mentioned are, like Te Kepa, Majors in the Native Contingents, and all five have distinguished themselves in action against the insurgents.

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No. 19.

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

(No. 134.)

Government House, Auckland,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 14th October, 1869.

In continuation of my previous reports of my official visits to various parts of this Colony, I have the honor to state that I left Wellington on the 20th September ult., and arrived at Auckland on the 4th inst., after a very interesting and (as I am assured) not unprofitable journey and voyage along the West Coast of the North Island of New Zealand, during which I visited Wanganui, Wereroa, Patea, Taranaki, Whaingaroa, and other places important in connection with the recent or existing disturbances.

2. Accompanied by Mr. Fox, the Prime Minister of the Colony, and by one officer of my Staff (Captain Pitt, R.A.), I proceeded, in the first instance, from Wellington to Wanganui. I found that town in a far more satisfactory condition than at the period of my former visit to it in last November, when Titokowaru