

ships, and bound to provide for the removal of troops when decided upon, but without authority to consider whether that removal was wise or not.

Leaving this subject, I observe that when you wrote your Despatch you were aware that the question whether the 2-18th Regiment should be retained in New Zealand was under the consideration of the Home Government.

On that subject, as on others, it was, I repeat, your right and duty to give them sound advice and full information. But it was not necessary for this purpose, nor, I think, fitting, that in a public Despatch, written for another purpose, and still more in a letter addressed to a third person, you should reprobate in advance one of the alternatives presented for the adoption of Government, and, in fact, adopted by them, as “probably leading to a cruel and lingering war of races”—a disgrace alike to common humanity and to British colonization;”—as naturally productive of “results similar to those which would have followed the removal of “the last British soldier from Ireland in 1798 or from India in 1857;” and as discredited by the unanimous opinion of a long list of authorities in Europe and New Zealand, which you describe as comprising “all those best qualified to form “an opinion on the subject.”

Such language, while it is calculated to embarrass the Government which you serve, unless they adopt your views, is by no means necessary to exhibit either the grounds or the strength of your conviction on the matter upon which you are called upon to advise.

I do not doubt that the course which you have adopted is that which you deem expedient for the public service, but I think you will see, on reflection, that it is not conducive to the best interests of the public service, or that harmony which I anxiously wish to see established and maintained between the Colony of which you are Governor and Her Majesty’s Government.

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G. I have, &c.,
GRANVILLE.

No. 19.

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

(No. 13.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 28th January, 1870.

I transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a correspondence with Sir George Grey relating to the non-publication, in Papers presented to Parliament, of certain correspondence with the War Office on the subject of Colonel Weare’s allegations.

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G. I have, &c.,
GRANVILLE.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE COLONIAL OFFICE AND THE WAR OFFICE.

No. 1.

COPY of a LETTER from the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for WAR to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

SIR,— War Office, 31st July, 1869.

With reference to your letter of the 21st May last, on the subject of the disposal, on the withdrawal of the Imperial troops from the Colony, of lands granted to the War Department by the Government of New Zealand, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cardwell to acquaint you, for Earl Granville’s information, that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury have approved of the transfer to the Colony of all lands held by the War Department from the Colonial Government, together with the buildings erected thereon; and instruc-