

the Colonial forces, formerly Colour-Serjeant in the 93rd Highlanders, I am directed to transmit to you a new medal which Mr. Cardwell has caused to be prepared, and also a Turkish medal, to replace those which were taken from Mr. Angus Smith when he fell into the hands of the Maoris; and I am to request you will move Earl Granville to cause these medals to be forwarded to Sir George Bowen, with a view to their delivery to Mr. Angus Smith.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. EDWARD LUGARD.

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CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE COLONIAL OFFICE AND THE ADMIRALTY.

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No. 1.

COPY of a LETTER from the SECRETARY to the ADMIRALTY to Sir FREDERIC ROGERS, Bart., K.C.M.G.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 16th July, 1869.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith, for the information of Earl Granville, a copy of a letter from Commodore Lambert, dated the 10th May, No. 40, respecting the state of affairs in New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart., K.C.M.G.

VERNON LUSHINGTON.

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Enclosure in No. 1.

SIR,—

H.M.S. "Challenger," at Auckland, 10th May, 1869.

I beg to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that great uneasiness still exists in this Colony, owing to the present unsettled state of affairs.

2. Te Kooti having again appeared on the East Coast, Colonel Whitmore has removed his forces round from the West Coast, and is now concentrating at Taupo, to be in readiness to move to any point where the Hauhaus may appear. Last month they attacked and destroyed a pa near Arokaka, in the Hawke's Bay District, but effected their escape before the Colonial troops could be brought to the spot; and it is now uncertain where they are, or where they may next appear.

3. Titokowaru, on the West Coast, who, on the evacuation of his pa at Nukumaru, in February, returned to the bush, has been reported as having appeared in the neighbourhood of Patea since the departure of Colonel Whitmore, but no reliable information has been obtained relative to his movements.

4. On the other hand, at a large meeting of the King's party at the Waikato, they expressed themselves as friendly towards Europeans and declared against war in their district.

I am, &c.,

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

R. LAMBERT, Commodore and Senior Officer.

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No. 2.

COPY of a LETTER from the SECRETARY to the ADMIRALTY to Sir FREDERIC ROGERS, Bart., K.C.M.G.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 11th September, 1869.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit, for the information of Earl Granville, extracts from a letter of Commodore Lambert, dated 9th July, No. 66, relative to the Maori disturbances in the neighbourhood of Tauranga, New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart., K.C.M.G.

VERNON LUSHINGTON.

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Enclosure in No. 2.

Extracts from Commodore LAMBERT, 9th July, 1869, No. 66.

"VIRAGO" arrived at Tauranga from Auckland on the 4th June, to remain there for the present, in compliance with an urgent request from the Governor, in consequence of the place being threatened by the rebel Maoris. When Commander Bingham considers it safe to leave Tauranga, he is to proceed to visit Poverty Bay, Wairoa, Mohaka, and Napier, on being relieved by the "Rosario."