

It has been a source of great gratification to me to receive this mark of the appreciation of the Legislative Council of such assistance as it has been in my power to render during the Native disturbances, and I shall have much pleasure in making known to the officers of the squadron the Resolution forwarded by you.

The Hon. J. Richardson,
Speaker of the Legislative Council.

I have, &c.,
R. LAMBERT, Commodore.

Enclosure 3 in No. 9.

SIR,—

H.M.S. "Challenger, Wellington, 24th August, 1869.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, forwarding a vote of thanks to myself and the officers of the squadron under my command, passed unanimously by the House of Representatives on the 18th instant.

It has been a source of great gratification to me to receive this mark of the appreciation of the House of Representatives of such assistance as it has been in my power to render during the Native disturbances, and I shall have much pleasure in making known to the officers of the squadron the Resolution forwarded by you.

I have, &c.,
ROWLEY LAMBERT,
Commodore and Senior Officer.

No. 10.

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

SIR,—

Admiralty, 1st November, 1869.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the enclosed extract from a letter from Commodore Lambert, dated the 8th September last (90), relative to the state of affairs in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
VERNON LUSHINGTON.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure in No. 10.

EXTRACT from a LETTER, dated the 8th September, 1869, from COMMODORE LAMBERT.

H.M.S. "Challenger," Sydney.

"No change had taken place in the state of affairs in New Zealand up to the date of my departure (25th August).

"Confidence was a little restored by Major-General Sir T. Chute having sanctioned the retention of the 18th Regiment in the Colony, pending a reference to the Imperial Government; seeing this reassurance on the part of the Colonists, and knowing that 'Blanche' and 'Rosario' would not be long before arriving in New Zealand, I was induced to leave before the arrival of 'Blanche,' the 'Challenger' requiring to be docked for a leak in the sternpost and to be caulked outside."

No. 11.

COPY of a LETTER from Sir F. R. SANDFORD to the SECRETARY to the ADMIRALTY.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 5th November, 1869.

I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, extracts of a Despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, forwarding copies of Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Council and by the Assembly of New Zealand, containing an expression of their thanks to Commodore Lambert and to the officers of the squadron on the coast of the Colony, for the cordial co-operation they have afforded during the Native disturbances.

I have, &c.,
F. R. SANDFORD.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.