RETURN showing the Number of Offences committed and Apprehensions, &c.—continued.

Offences.	Number of all Offences committed during the Year ending 30th April, 1878.	Persons Apprehended or Proceeded against by Summons.						Total number of Persons appre-
		Committed for Trial.		Summarily Convicted,		Discharged.		hended or pro- ceeded against by Summons during Year
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	anding the 30th
Brought forward	7,704	189	28	5,375	724	795	125	7,236
Protection of Animals Act, breaches of	15			9		2		11
Personating females	1]	1	·	1
Prisons Act, breaches of	1			1	[l	1
Rape	12	9		1		2		12
Rape, attempted	3	2						2
Railway By-laws, breaches of	60			53	2	7	1	62
Receiving stolen property	8	2		1		5	1	8
Rescuing prisoners	i			ī			;	ĭ
Resisting and obstructing police	27			26		1		27
Resisting bailiffs	i i		•••	ĩ	`			i
Refusing to assist bailiffs	l ī			ī				ĺ i
Robbery with violence	3	2			l í		1	2
Rogues and vagabonds	10	2		8			1	10
Sacrilege	ì	-						
Sale of Spirits to Natives Ordinance, breaches	_	l			'''	•••	1	
of	1			1				1
Shooting with intent	2	2						2
Shipping Act, breaches of, disobedience of	-	_	•••	i	1	•••	'''	-
orders, &c	109			81		10	l	91
Ship desertion	43	:: :		22				22
Shoon steeling	3	₁			1	2	1	3
Suicide, attempted	16	3	1	2	2	4	3	15
Surreptitiously obtaining passages by ships	8		*	8			1	8
Threatening language	20		i	17		3	•••	20
Throwing stones in public places	12			9		3		12
Troches	15			9	, i	5	1	14
Town and Country Police Ordinance,		•••	•••		***	•	•••	
handhar of minor offenses	71	İ		67	1	4		71
Tittoning forgad abagnes	8		•••	5	"1	2		8
Vognanan	466	••••	•••	301	90	55	20	466
Wife desertion	69	•••	•••	28		18		46
Total	8,691	212	29	6,027	819	919	148	8,154

No. 2.

Lieut.-Colonel Lyon to the Hon. the Commissioner, New Zealand Constabulary.

Sir,— Armed Constabulary Head-quarters, Cambridge, 20th June, 1878.

In accordance with Circular No. 181, of 24th April, 1876, I have the honor to forward for your information the following reports of duties performed by the Armed Constabulary in the Waikato and other districts for the past year, and it gives me much pleasure in being able to testify to the attention to duty and general good conduct of the Force under my command.

I have, &c., WILLIAM C. LYON, Lieut.-Colonel, The Hon. the Commissioner, Commanding Reserve Division, A.C.F. New Zealand Constabulary, Wellington.

WAIKATO DISTRICT.

MILITARY DUTIES.

Average Strength of Officers and Men.—The average strength of the Armed Constabulary in this district during the past year has been-3 officers, 9 non-commissioned officers, and 65 constables.

Parades and Drills.—Divine service parade, also heavy marching order parade and drill once a week.

Mails and Despatches.—No mail duties have been performed by members of the Force in this

district during the year. Communication has been maintained between head-quarters and road parties and out-stations by mounted orderlies.

Escorts and Guards.—One non-commissioned officer and eight constables were on duty at Government House, Auckland, during the stay of His Excellency the Governor at that city. Mounted orderlies were in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Sir George Grey, and other members of the Ministry, during their visits to the Waikato.

Target Ranges.—The target ranges at Cambridge and Alexandra have been kept in good repair. Issuer and Storekeeper.—Sergeant-Major Heany is issuer and storekeeper at head-quarters, and is also in charge of a considerable quantity of Public Works stores.

Erection of Redoubts and Stockades.—No new redoubt or stockade has been erected during

the year.