

2. I also have the honor to enclose some extracts from the *Lyttelton Times*, in continuation of those already forwarded by me to your Lordship with reference to the same subject.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley, &c.

ARTHUR GORDON.

[The enclosures are eighteen extracts, principally telegrams, from the *New Zealand Times*, and nine extracts from the *Lyttelton Times*, several letters to the Editor being included.]

### No 15.

His Excellency Sir A. H. GORDON to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

(No. 78.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, New Zealand, 3rd December, 1881.

In my Despatch No. 73, of the 5th ultimo, I had the honor very hastily to inform your See No. 10. Lordship of the events which had that day taken place at Parihaka.

2. I have now the honor to enclose copies of official telegrams and reports of newspaper correspondents, which give a full and detailed account of the proceedings which accompanied the arrest of Te Whiti on the 5th November, and the subsequent course of events upon the West Coast.

3. I may say, shortly, that about 1,500 men, women, and children have been arrested, without difficulty or resistance; that the settlement of Parihaka has been completely broken up; that the Maori population, not only at Parihaka and its neighbourhood, but over a district at least sixty miles in length, have been deprived of all firearms; that Te Whiti and his deputy, Tohu, have been committed for trial on a charge of sedition; and that the old chief Titokowaru has been called upon to find sureties to keep the peace, and has been imprisoned in default of procuring them.

4. The enclosures I now forward are bulky, but on the whole I have thought it better to furnish, it may be, a superabundance of details rather than a meagre and deficient narrative. So large a mass of matter may, however, repel a reader; but I venture to recommend to your Lordship's particular attention the accounts of the occupation of Parihaka and the reports of the proceedings against Te Whiti and Titokowaru, before the Magistrate's Court. The speeches made in Court by Te Whiti and Tohu are interesting, and the letters at pages 74 and 78 well merit perusal.

5. I should perhaps add that the action taken by the Government undoubtedly meets with the entire approval of the great majority of the people of the colony.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c.

ARTHUR GORDON.

[The enclosures comprise nineteen official telegrams, dated from 26th October to 22nd November, and numerous extracts from the *Lyttelton Times*. As printed in the Imperial Blue Book, they extend from page 224 to page 265.]

### No. 16.

His Excellency Sir A. H. GORDON to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 3rd December, 1881.

Your Lordship will probably observe that in the last paragraph of Mr. Rolleston's memorandum, enclosed in my Despatch No. 79, of this day's date, it is stated that Te Whiti is possessed with an idea that the Imperial Government will interfere in his favour, and that this notion has contributed largely to a postponement of a settlement of existing difficulties. In my memorandum of the 8th ultimo, of which I have the honor to enclose a copy, I have requested an explanation of this statement, but I have up to this time received no reply.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c.

ARTHUR GORDON.

### (Enclosure.)

THE last paragraph but one of Mr. Rolleston's memorandum of the 24th ultimo contains the statement that the mind of Te Whiti is possessed with a view "that the Imperial Government will interfere in his favour—a notion which no doubt has contributed largely to a postponement of existing difficulties." The Governor has read this statement with surprise, as in the very large number of reports of speeches made by Te Whiti, and of meetings and conversations with him, which His Excellency has perused, he has never perceived the slightest indication of the existence of any such view, and requests that he may be furnished with the evidence upon which this opinion has been formed.

Government House, Wellington, 8th November, 1881.

A. H. G.

### No. 17.

The PREMIER to His Excellency Sir A. H. GORDON.

*Memorandum for His Excellency.*

THE Premier presents his respectful compliments to the Governor; and has the honor to forward herewith a memorandum prepared by Mr. Rolleston, in compliance with His Excellency's request, in his memorandum November 8th.

Wellington, December 13th, 1881.

J. HALL.