

ENCLOSURES TO MESSAGE No. 33.

(Military confidential.)

Downing-street,
9th June, 1853.

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 14th December last marked confidential with its enclosures.

I need not on the present occasion advert to the possibility of any interruption of peace but I think it right to state that the condition of the sea defences of the towns of New Zealand as represented by Colonel Wynyard, is such as to require your serious attention, the more so, indeed, as it scarcely probable that I may have it in my power to hold out the expectation of any assistance from this country, for the purpose of placing those defences in a respectable state.

The National resources must be reserved for the maintenance of the great military posts, in the preservation of which the Empire at large is intrusted.

The best security for New Zealand lies in the strength of the Empire. The Colony has not the means, nor is it called upon to fortify itself against a regular, and formidable aggression, but it ought to be able to secure its harbours and towns against sudden, and isolated attack from any quarter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient

humble servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Governor

Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.