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WAR-OFFICE, October 20, 1864.

THE Secretary of State for War has received Despatches, with their enclosures, from Lieutenant-General Sir Duncan Cameron, K.C.B., Commanding Her Majesty's Forces in New Zealand, of which the following are copies:—

Head-Quarters,

MY LORD, Auckland, August 2, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to report, that in accordance with the intention expressed in my Despatch to your Lordship of 7th June, I have not undertaken any active operations against the rebels during the past month.

I have however the satisfaction of informing your Lordship that on the 25th July 133 natives of Tauranga, including some chiefs of rank, delivered up their arms to Colonel Greer, Commanding at that Station, and signed a declaration of allegiance to the Queen, leaving their lands at the disposal of the Governor.

His Excellency has requested me to accompany him to Tauranga, where he has been solicited by the natives to meet them and arrange the terms of their submission. It is expected that W. Thompson and other chiefs will also be present, in which case it is possible that other tribes, beside those of Tauranga, may be included in the arrangement. I fear, however, that from the want of adhesion among the many tribes composing the native population, it is scarcely to be expected that the meeting about to take place at Tauranga will lead to a general pacification of the country.

I herewith enclose Colonel Greer's report of his proceedings, and I beg to bring to your Lordship's favourable notice the great zeal, judgment, and ability displayed by that officer whilst in command of the troops at Tauranga.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieutenant-General.

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State for War,
War-Office, London.

Camp, Tepepa, Tauranga,
July 25, 1864.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, that

133 native warriors, amongst whom were many chiefs of rank, came into camp and laid down their arms to-day.

Previous to their coming in, Mr Rice explained to them that their land was to be at the disposal of the Governor and the General; and before I accepted their submission and took their arms, each man signed a document, which was read over twice to them, stating that he clearly understood that fact, and also a declaration of loyalty to the Queen.

All Tauranga has now submitted, with the exception of two chiefs, who have perhaps from ten to twenty followers between them.

I have permitted the natives to remain in the village of Oitamoite, and at Maungatapo, pending further instructions; and they are naturally most anxious for some speedy settlement relative to their land.

I beg to bring to notice the tact and ability of Mr Rice in conducting the matter to which this letter alludes, which he carried through satisfactorily, notwithstanding the opposition and obstruction of Mr Mackay, Commissioner of the Thames District, (whom I have been obliged to confine to the neighbourhood of his tent,) and Mr Baker, Interpreter, without compromising the position of the Government or our arms, and at the same time gaining the esteem and goodwill of the natives.

I inclose lists of the arms delivered, of the names and tribes of the natives who have surrendered, and a copy of the document which they signed, also an account of the proceedings, and of the speeches of the natives when they delivered up their arms, which has been furnished to me by the Interpreter, Mr Baker; but as his translation gives a very different meaning in some instances from that which was conveyed to me by Mr Shepherd (Interpreter from Taupo), who acted as Interpreter when the natives were speaking, I have requested the Lord Bishop of Waiaipo, who was present and took notes, to give me a translation, to which he kindly assented.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. H. GREER, Colonel,
Commanding Tauranga District.

The Deputy Quartermaster-General,
Head-Quarters.

