

*Queen's Redoubt,
August 25, 1863.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, that when returning from Baird's Farm, in command of the escort with the convoy from Drury, this day, on arriving at Williamson's clearing, I heard firing in my front, and, on proceeding to the spot, found that my advanced guard was engaged, in the immediate vicinity of the road, with a party of Maories. The main body of my escort rushed up, and we quickly drove the enemy into the bush. It appears that a party, consisting of twenty-five men of the 40th Regiment, under a non-commissioned officer were employed in felling bush near the road; they had left their arms piled on the edge of the road under charge of a sentry. Suddenly a number of Maories rushed upon the arms and took possession of them, the sentry firing at them. The Maories had surrounded the men in the bush, and had shot two men dead when my advance guard came up and engaged them. Reinforcements from Williamson's Clearing, Martyn's Farm, Kerr's Farm, and Razor's Back, as well as a party of thirty men of the escort proceeding to Drury under the command of Captain Bishopp, Transport Corps, with Assistant-Surgeon Carberry, 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment, joined me shortly after the firing commenced; and we skirmished with the enemy for about an hour and a quarter, driving them into the bush, and following them in for a short way. A party of the 65th Regiment, under Captain Ord, endeavoured to get behind the Maories and cut off their retreat, but were unsuccessful. The casualties of the troops under my command consisted of one man 2nd Battalion, 18th Regiment, wounded. The loss of the Maories appears to have been one man killed and left on the field, and five men wounded and carried away. Two rifles, a few muskets, some tomahawks, ammunition, &c., fell into our hands.

I beg to bring to the notice of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, the services of Captain Ord, 65th Regiment, Captain Bishopp, 2nd Battalion, 18th Regiment, Lieutenant Warren, 65th Regiment, commanding at Kerr's Farm, Lieutenant Thacker, 2nd Battalion, 18th Regiment, commanding at Williamson's Clearing, Lieutenant Clarke, Madras Cavalry, attached to Transport Corps, and Lieutenant Pagan, 65th Regiment, and Ensign Haines, 2nd Battalion, 18th Regiment, who were with the escort under my command.

The whole of the officers and men behaved extremely well.

Judging from the enemy's fire, I should say there were at least 200 of them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. COOK,
Captain 40th Regiment.

*The Assistant Military Secretary,
Head Quarters, Queen's Redoubt.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 17th day of November, 1863.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the eleventh and twelfth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled

"An Act to prohibit the importation of sheep, cattle, or other animals, for the purpose of preventing the introduction of contagious or infectious disorders," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, by Order in Council, to make such regulations with respect to the Importation of sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals, as Her Majesty may consider to be necessary, in order to prevent the introduction of any contagious or infectious disorder. And Whereas it is considered by Her Majesty to be necessary, in order to prevent the introduction into this country of contagious or infectious disorders, that the following regulations should be made with respect to the importation of sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and under the authority of the said Act, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that, in addition to all other regulations for the time being in force under the said Act, the following Regulations be from henceforth observed and obeyed by all persons engaged in the importation of sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals into any part of the United Kingdom (that is to say):

I. If the carcases of any sheep, cattle, horses, or animals, taken on board any ship or vessel for the purpose of importation into the United Kingdom, which may have died during their passage or voyage, shall remain on board such ship or vessel at the time of her arrival in any port of the United Kingdom, it shall be the duty of the Master of such vessel to report the fact of such carcases being on board to the Collector or Principal Officer of Her Majesty's Customs for such port, immediately upon the arrival of such ship or vessel; and no such carcase shall be discharged or landed from such ship or vessel without the permission in writing of such Collector or Principal Officer of Customs; and it shall be the duty of the Master of such vessel, if such Collector or Principal Officer of Customs shall so require, again to proceed to sea, and to discharge and throw overboard into the sea all such carcases within such time, and at such place, or at such distance from the nearest coast or shore, and at such a state of the tide, as such Collector or Principal Officer of Customs shall direct.

II. The importation of any sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals on board any ship or vessel the Master of which shall not comply with these regulations, is hereby prohibited; and all sheep, cattle, horses, or other animals, which shall be brought into any port of the United Kingdom on board any such ship or vessel, shall be forfeited to Her Majesty.

Arthur Helps.

Whitehall, November 23, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Neil John MacQuarrie to the church at Trumisgarry, in the parish of North Uist, in the presbytery and Island of Uist, vacant by the transportation of the Reverend Donald Macdonald, to the church and parish of Sleat, in the presbytery of Skye.

Whitehall, November 18, 1863.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Horace Townsend, of Derry, in the county of