

John Morrison and the New Zealand Medal

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Correspondence between The Colonial Office and the War Office No. 22 Copy of a letter from the Under Secretary of State for War to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies 20 Jan 1870

Sir, With reference to my Letter of the 13th instant, relative to the extension of the grant of the New Zealand Medal to the Local or Volunteer Forces employed against the Maoris, I am directed by Mr Secretary Cardwell to transmit to you, for Earl Granville's information, a copy of a Letter which has been received from Mr John Morrison, the Agent of the Colony, on the subject. Signed Edward Lugard.

Enclosure in No. 22 Office of the New Zealand Government Agency, 3 Adelaide Place, King William Street, E.C. 15 Jan 1870

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the number and date as per margin, transmitting Copies of a Letter, and of its Enclosures, from the Colonial Office, on the subject of the proposed grant of the New Zealand Medal to the Local or Volunteer Forces employed against the Maoris; and in consequence of Her Majesty having been pleased to approve of the grant of the Medal to such of them as survived at the date of the General Order, directing me to communicate with the Royal Mint as to the cost of providing the 5000 medals applied for, and the machine for stamping them.

In reply, I have the honour to state that immediately your instructions were received, an application was made to the Deputy Master of the Mint for the information, and, on behalf of the Government of New Zealand, I beg to state that I shall be prepared to defray the cost of the Medals and the machine.

The Deputy-Master has been requested to inform me the earliest date upon which the Medals and the Machine can be ready for transmission to the Colony; for, if the package be not of great weight or size, I would seek to send them to the Government of New Zealand by the Overland Mail of next week. Signed John Morrison.