

## Governor – Inwards Naval & Military Correspondence Aug to Dec 1864

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No.72 D. A. Cameron, Headquarters, Auckland 02 Aug 1864  
Enclosing report dated 25 Jul 1864 that 133 natives including some chiefs of rank had come into his camp and delivered up their arms

Enclosure: Colonel H. H. Greer, Camp Tepapa, Tauranga 25 Jul 1864

Enclosure: Precis of Proceedings at Te Papa, surrender of arms &c

Enclosure: Copy of the Bishop of Waipou's note

Enclosure: Return of Arms, Accoutrements &c delivered up by the Maoris who have submitted at Tauranga

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No.73 D. A. Cameron, Tauranga 07 Aug 1864  
Ohiwa, the point where Ministers suggest that the Arawas should be landed for the purpose of cutting off the enemy, is, as Ministers are well aware, a considerable distance lower down the Coast than Matata, at which place it has been reported by Major Drummond Hay that the rebels have constructed a Pah of great strength...

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No.74 T. Russell  
Ministers respectfully inform His Excellency that the Steamer which has been set apart for the mail – light goods & passenger service, between the Bluff & Ngaruawahia, is one of the Boats supplied to the Colonial Government under the agreement with the Commissariat Department 09 Mar 1864 – the services performed by the Boat for the Imperial and Colonial Governments will be adjusted in terms of that agreement. The charge for Passengers not travelling on the public service and for light goods and packages of private individuals will be fixed after communication with Captain Cadell and when fixed will be communicated to the military authorities.

Enclosure: Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary, 11 Aug 1864

Enclosure: Major George Dean Pitt, Auckland 27 Jul 1864

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No.75 Colonel H. H. Greer, Camp Tepapa, Tauranga 13 Aug 1864  
Reports that Chief "Tareha" and four followers came in this morning and gave up their arms (in a good and serviceable condition)

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No.76 Major George Dean Pitt, Head Quarters, Auckland 17 Aug 1864  
Mr Edwards submitting a claim for compensation for the occupation by the Troops of certain lands and premises at Te Awamutu... the present claim appears to be for the occupation of the same premises as those for which Mr David Graham submitted a claim, which was referred for His Excellency's consideration in my letter No.3574 of 25 Jun 1864.

Enclosure: John Edwards, Wellington Place, Hobson Street, Auckland 14 Aug 1864 to General Cameron

Enclosure: John Edwards, Wellington Place, Hobson Street, Auckland 01 Aug 1864

Enclosure: William Seed, Colonial Defence Office, Auckland 12 Aug 1864 to John Edwards

Enclosure: Major George Dean Pitt, Auckland 25 Jun 1864 (Re David Graham)

Enclosure: David Graham, Auckland 17 Jun 1864 to Lieut-Col. Gamble

Enclosure: Major George Dean Pitt, Head Quarters, Auckland 27 Jul 1864

Mr Runciman, Drury, preferring a claim of £922 10s for the occupation of some of his ground for encamping purposes.

Enclosure: Memorandum for His Excellency

Mentions assignees of McLean for land at the Queen's Redoubt

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No.77 D. A. Cameron, Head Quarters, Auckland 22 Aug 1864  
Reports that the line between Waipa and Horotiu rivers would in my opinion be the best we could occupy as a Frontier line...

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No.78 Colonel H. H. Greer, Camp Tepapa, Tauranga, 23 Aug 1864  
Submits estimate for wood required for the erection of a cross in the burial ground at Tepapa, to the memory of the non-commissioned officers and men of the 68<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry who fell in action at the Gate Pah, and Te Ranga, or died of wounds received in those engagements; also an estimate of wood required for the erection of a cross on the site of the engagement at Te Rapa. I beg to add that I have ascertained that arrangements have been made by the 43<sup>rd</sup> Light Infantry for the erection of a monument in memory of the officers and men of that corps in the above mentioned burial ground, and I have therefore not included it in the estimate now forwarded.

Enclosure: Estimate

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No.79 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office, Auckland 25 Aug 1864  
Communication submitted by Brigadier General Carey

Enclosure: Lieutenant H. Burton, Camp Ngaruawahia 12 Aug 1864

That the Native, Hairu (William Thompson's Tribe) who gave himself up on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant to a party of the 2/18 Royal Irish stationed at Kiri-kiri-roa, has arrived at this post under escort, and have to request you will be good enough to inform me what steps are to be taken with regard to him. This man brought in arms.

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No.80 Colonel Logan, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Wanganui 29 Aug 1864  
Reports received from J. White Esq., R.M. &c since the departure of the last mail together with schedule of natives who have taken the oath of allegiance since 11 Jun 1864... An idea appears to exist amongst the friendly upriver natives that there will be another engagement shortly – but as far as the Chief Peti's is concerned I do not at present attach much importance to his threats. As regards the road in the Waitotara Block – no opposition has yet been offered and the work is proceeding steadily. In accordance with the Resident Magistrate's suggestion I proposed giving 50 stand of arms now in my charge (handed over by the Provincial Government for the use of the friendly natives) but the Engineer declined issuing them as he did not anticipate any serious opposition in which opinion I entirely concur...

Enclosure: John White, R.M., Court House, Central Whanganui, 11 Aug 1864

Encloses report from Mr Booth... I would in addition state that Peti is doing all he can to make the people under Wi Tako join him... Peti has asked [his people] to cultivate largely this season so as to have food enough to stand a long campaign. The Kai Iwi natives do not appear to like the road now being made over their land at Kai Iwi; a native named Katene told Wirihamā – the policeman now with Mr Hogg, the engineer on that road, not to stay with the road party of Europeans, as he could not say that some of the Ngarauru or Ngatiruanui people would not attempt to murder some. I would most respectfully suggest that the road party be armed, so as to be able to protect themselves if attacked.

Enclosure: James Booth, W.C.O., Upper Wanganui, Ranana 06 Aug 1864

Report that I stayed at Atene on the night of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant on my way up from Town. On the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> before we left I called upon Peti Turoa, and Aruararua. Peti made particular enquiries about General Cameron as to whether he had commenced military operations at Taranaki. He said when the fighting begins again at Taranaki I shall go there and look on (Ko reira au mataki taki ai). He also said that he intended to go to Taupo when the weather gets warmer. It may be clearly seen from this that Peti intends to fight again and if he can to raise assistance at Taupo. A messenger from Peti passed this place yesterday for Ohinemutu and Tahaua has gone down on his way to Atene this evening.

Peti is surrounded by some of the most violent King natives at Atene and if he should at any time... encouragement to the Waitotaras to join him they could reach his place in the day from the coast, whence he could stop all communication between the Town and this part of the river. I believe it is Peti's wish at present to keep the Wanganui quiet but he is determined not to give up the King movement. It is reported here that the Waikatos have reached the head of this river and that some are at the head of the Mongonui-o-te-ao. There is no news from Pipiriki. Ihaia has not yet returned from Waitotara.

Enclosure: Colonel Logan, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Court House, Central Whanganui 16 Aug 1864  
Information from Hori Kingi, assessor of Putiki, who was told that the Ngarauru had determined to burn down the house lately erected by Aramoho natives for the Waitotara Road party under Mr Hogg. Te Waka, policeman of Aramoho, who assisted in the building of this house, and has just come in states that Wikitoria of Te Ahu told him that the Ngarauru have determined not to allow the road party to cross the Kai Iwi stream. He also states that the Ngarauru are anxious for war, and in consequence of the absence of every influential Chief he considers some aggressive action probable. He also states that a Mr Moore and another European of this Town, were yesterday sent back by the rebel natives from Pakaraka. I have requested Waka and the other four Aramoho men to remain with the engineer on the Road, so as to give him timely warning of any hostile movements. The mounted Policeman Wirihana will visit Pakaraka and Te Ahu every day for the same purpose but I am almost afraid this is insufficient.

Enclosure: Colonel Logan, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Court House, Central Whanganui 17 Aug 1864  
Reports Pehia's return from Taiporohenui, who states that at a meeting at that place by the rebels, Te Ua and Patara Raukatanui (said to have been an assessor of the Ngatiawa of Poutoko) used many similes and illustrations to deepen and confirm the rebellion in the minds of the people...

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No.81 Colonel H. H. Greer, Camp Tepapa, Tauranga 01 Sep 1864  
For the Tauranga District 62 men have come in and laid down their arms; and at Maketu 16 men belonging to the village of Canaan, have also surrendered.  
Enclosure: Return of Arms given in by natives in the Tauranga District

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No.82 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office, Auckland 05 Sep 1864  
Encloses confidential reports from Colonel Warre, C.B. With regard to the request made for another Interpreter the Lieut-General would beg to recommend that one should be appointed...

Enclosure: Colonel Warre, Taranaki 02 Sep 1864 – mentions Nikorima of Waihi  
Enclosure: Major George Dean Pott, 08 Sep 1864 – mentions suspension of William Atkinson... he has no person acquainted with the native language to assist him... any person even temporarily appointed as Interpreter would be of great assistance to Mr Parris...

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No.82a Te Hira Te Tuiri and the whole Runanga of Hauraki, 03 Sep 1864 to Mr Clarke  
Letter in Maori with translation: We have heard of the Boundary named by Ngatirangi. It is wrong, that piece of land at Katikati belongs to Ngatitamatera. The papers relative to it are in the Native Secretary's Office at Auckland.

Enclosure: Colonel H. H. Greer, Camp Tepapa, Tauranga 05 Sep 1864  
After the departure of the *Sandfly* yesterday... the natives who went to ascertain the intentions of the one hundred Ngatipero's, said to be willing to surrender, had returned, and stated that the Ngatipero's declined having any communication with them. They also stated that there was a considerable party of Thames natives, in arms, close to the Ngatipero's – this maybe the party which was reported to me to have gone to Taranaki – and as I have not been able to ascertain anything further relative to natives having gone from this to Taranaki, I would not now recommend that Enoka's statement should be

credited, unless corroborated... I beg to add that two natives have just surrendered, giving up one double barrelled gun, one musket and one bugler's sword, as well as ammunition.

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No.83 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office, Auckland 09 Sep 1864  
Re a site at the Waikato heads on which a Store can be erected by the Royal Engineer's Department for the use of the Commissariat.

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No.84 Colonel Logan, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Wanganui 20 Sep 1864  
I proceeded up the Wanganui River with His Honor the Superintendent of Wellington and reached Hiruharama the highest friendly settlement. Everything appeared perfectly quiet and on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant 23 natives took the oath of allegiance at Ramama...

Enclosure: Translation of a letter from Te Ua, Aotearoa 24 Aug 1864 Re road at Kai Iwi

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No.85 Colonel Logan, 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Wanganui 21 Sep 1864 1pm  
A message has just arrived stating that the military are now at Tataraimaka and the natives state that the war will commence at once – at present everything appears quiet in the Waitotara district.

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No.86 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 29 Sep 1864  
Re communication received from Waikato district

Enclosure: T. Spencer, Interpreter to the Forces, Te Awamutu 21 Sep 1864  
That having obtained leave to go to Tamahere on Public Service I saw at Rewarewa (a small village on the road to Tamahere) a Frenchman by the name of Louis. He informed me that he resided at Matamata, which village he left on Friday last, 16<sup>th</sup> instant. He also informed me that he supplied W. Thompson with a pair of boots and also a pair of Trousers. That Chief left for Taupo the same day he supplied him with them.

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No.87 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 30 Sep 1864  
Removal of George Duncan Hay? From Arawa country?

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No.88 D. A. Cameron, Head Quarters, Auckland 05 Oct 1864  
Opinion re military operations (2 copies)  
Enclosure: Note G. Grey

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No.89 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 07 Oct 1864  
Re Communication received from Tauranga

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No.90 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 10 Oct 1864  
Since the Lieut-General's application for the use of the *Prince Alfred*, has requested him to delay his preparations for military operations in the South until he hears again from His Excellency...

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No.91 Camp Tepapa, Tauranga 13 Oct 1864  
Encloses copy and translation of letter by William Thompson to the Ngatirangi tribe

Enclosure: Matamata 08 Oct 1864 (Letter and translation) To Maungapohatu, to Parata – mentions Captain Heal – that he might remain at the coast with his surveying. He must not come to Tawhitinui or to Pouatu - signed Wi Tamehana Te Wehara

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No.92 Thomas Russell, 17 Oct 1864  
Ministers state that in their opinion [1] Paora – a spy should be kept in custody; [2] That the submission of Maoris willing to surrender should be accepted; [3] That Moore, if there be suspicious circumstances to justify it, should be detained in custody; [4] That Col Warre should be authorised to attack the rebels on any occasion on which it appears to him he can do so with advantage and success.

Enclosure: Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 15 Oct 1864  
Re Confidential Report No.24 received from Col. Warre C.B.

Enclosure: Col Warre, New Plymouth 13 Oct 1864 – Confidential Report No.24  
Mentions: Puketapu natives, William King's natives, Mr Parris, Topitopi, Taylor's Pah, Paora...

Several women and children have given themselves up and are now residing with their relatives at the Hua... Colonel Logan informs me that Mr Moore, a storekeeper from Whanganui is attempting to come up the Coast having a pass from Matutaera and Te Ua. As this man has notoriously been supplying the Rebel with Blankets and Stores – and as the object of his mission to the Rebel is extremely doubtful I trust I shall be supported in keeping him in custody until further instructions are received. I find that Te Kepa who was killed on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant is an adopted son of Wm King's – being a half-caste by Wm King's wife's sister. He died in Hospital after undergoing amputation. He was perfectly sensible for a long time previous to the operation, and as Mr Parris had much conversation with him, he has doubtless obtained some valuable information. Both Te Kepa and Te Roiroi were very troublesome Rebel Natives and the latter was wounded at Katikara, I believe.

12 o'clock noon. Mr Parris has just forwarded to me the accompanying letter – the writer is a Puketapu native of no tribal importance; and his account of Puketapu separation from the Atiawas, and yet his being delayed by the Puketapu confirm me in the belief that the rebels are seeking any excuse to delay our further operations until the arrival of Wm King and Rewi from the South.

Enclosure: Letter from Hemi Tamewaro 11 Oct 1864  
Mentions Matilda his wife and Mary Kahui his daughter

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No.93 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 17 Oct 1864  
Re repayment of £186,000 advanced from the Imperial Chest to the Colonial Government

Enclosure: Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor  
Enclosure: Commissariat General, Auckland 14 Oct 1864  
Enclosure: G. Grey, Government House, Auckland 07 Nov 1864

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No.94 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 18 Oct 1864  
Re Prize money on account of lands captured from the Rebels

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No.95 Head Quarters Queen's Redoubt 21 Oct 1863  
Colonel Warre expresses intention of driving a body of Ngatiruanuis from land to the north of Bell Block

Enclosure: Confidential Report No.13, Col. Warre, New Plymouth 16 Oct 1863

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No.96 Major George Dean Pitt, Assistant Military Secretary's Office 24 Oct 1864

Enclosure: Colonel Arthur Leslie, commanding 40 Regiment, Te Awamutu 19 Sep 1864  
The 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment having formed part of the Force which, under the immediate orders of Lieut-General Sir Duncan Cameron, KCB., captured the enemy's position at Ngaruawahia on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1863. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Lieut-General, the claim for prize money which I now prefer on the part of the Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment under the under my command present on that occasion, a portion of the land having been put up to Public Auction and having realised the sum of £8,350.

Enclosure: Colonel Alfred F. W. Wyatt, 65 Regiment, Camp Te Awamutu, Upper Waikato 19 Sep 1864