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Admiralty-Office, June 24, 1846.

DISPATCHES were this day received at this Office from Captain Charles Graham, of Her Majesty's ship *Castor*, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, of which the following are copies:

Her Majesty's ship Castor, Kawakawa River, Bay of Islands, New Zealand, January 13, 1846.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of my letters, No. 6 (of the 9th January 1846), and No. 7 (of this date), to His Excellency the Commander in Chief on this station, agreeable with the Admiralty instructions, page 89, article 56.

I have the honour to be, &c.

C. GRAHAM,

Captain and Senior Officer at New Zealand.

*To the Secretary of the Admiralty,
London.*

Her Majesty's ship Castor, Kawakawa River, Bay of Islands, New Zealand, January 9, 1846.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report to your Excellency, the proceedings of the squadron under my command since my last communication, dated the 15th December 1845.

His Excellency Governor Grey arrived here on the 18th ultimo, and it being his wish and intention to advance into the country to punish the rebel chief named Kawitti, stationary in a Pah, as mentioned in my last letter, No. 4, I immediately landed the seamen and marines of this ship, with proper officers, amounting to one hundred and eighty-eight (188) persons, with arms, ammunition, rockets, &c. &c. and ordered Lieutenant Otway, who commanded them, to place himself under the immediate command of Commander Hay, of the *Racehorse*, whom I instructed (or rather confirmed the orders of Sir Everard Home) to act with *all* the naval force, under the direction of Colonel Despard.

Her Majesty's ship *Calliope* arrived at the Bay of Islands on the 31st December, and I have, according to your orders, detained that ship.

I have ordered the *Osprey* round to the *Hokiauga* river, to protect British subjects, who are under considerable alarm from the unsettled state of the country.

I shall feel it necessary to detain the *Calliope*, *North Star*, and *Racehorse* for the present; and, in coming to this decision, I have to inform your Excellency, that I do so, after due consultation with His Excellency the Governor, from whom I learn that affairs in the south of this island are in such a state, as may possibly require an extraordinary force and exertions to quell insurrection, even if our proceedings in this district are successful; and peace results.