

been engaged during the past month, I beg to state that their success has been owing in great measure to the valuable assistance rendered by Captain Sullivan, Senior Naval Officer at this station, and by the officers and men under his command.

A large party of seamen and marines of Her Majesty's ship *Harrier* have been encamped on the bank of the Mangatwhiri river since the 11th ultimo, and their services have been of the greatest advantage to the force under my command, all the boats employed in conveying troops and supplies across to the Koheroa having been entirely manned by them.

At my request Captain Sullivan has superintended the construction of six large flat bottomed boats, especially adapted for the transport of troops up the Waikato. Two of these have been brought overland from Auckland, a distance of thirty-five miles, to the Mangatawhiri, where they have been extremely useful.

Without the aid of such boats, operations up the Waikato could not be carried on, as there is no road on either bank of the river.

For these services I am much indebted to Captain Sullivan, as well as for his cordial co-operation on all other occasions since the commencement of hostilities.

I have also to acquaint your Lordship that the small colonial steamer *Avon*, was brought into the Waikato from the Manukau by Commander Mayne, of Her Majesty's ship *Eclipse*, and is now at anchor off the Bluff Stockade, at Havelock. In reporting to Captain Sullivan the performance of this important and hazardous duty, Commander Mayne speaks highly of the assistance he received from Captain Greaves, Acting Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, by whom the lower part of the river was surveyed last summer.

In justice to Captain Greaves, who is a most zealous and talented officer, I beg to forward Captain Sullivan's letter regarding his services on this occasion.

The *Avon* is the first steamer that has ever been brought into the Waikato, as it was supposed, previous to the survey made by Captain Greaves, that the numerous shoals in the lower part of its course rendered the passage of a steamer impossible.

The *Avon* can carry 200 men; her bulwarks have been made bullet-proof, and she is armed with a 12-pounder Armstrong gun.

I have no doubt that she will be of great service in our operations up the Waikato.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON, Lieutenant-General.

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

Banks of Mangatawhiri,
July 27, 1863.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Colonial steam vessel *Avon* has this day arrived at Havelock, and is now ready for any service in which she can assist you.

2. Commander Mayne to whom I had confided the task of bringing the *Avon* from the Manukau into the Waikato, a river hitherto considered navigable only for canoes, in his report to me, thus speaks of the valuable assistance rendered by Captain Greaves, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General:—"Captain Greaves, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General, accompanied the

"vessel, and it is owing to his knowledge of the "river and unflagging energy that the service was "accomplished so successfully; he preceded the "vessel the whole way sounding and shewing the "channel;" and it is with pleasure I seize this opportunity of tendering him, through you, my hearty thanks for his valuable aid.

I have, &c.,

J. W. SULLIVAN, Commander,
and Senior Naval Officer in New Zealand.

Lieutenant-General

D. A. Cameron, C.B., &c., &c.,
Commanding the Forces in New Zealand,
Queen's Redoubt.

Foreign Office, October 24, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Edmond Pictet as Vice-Consul at Liverpool for the Swiss Confederation.

Downing Street, October 24, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Humphry Evatt, Esq., to be Colonial Surveyor for the colony of Sierra Leone.

By virtue of an Act, passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess:"

I do hereby give notice, that the death of James Haughton Langston, Esq., late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the city of Oxford, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament; and that I shall issue my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said city, at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, 1863.

JOHN EVELYN DENISON, Speaker.

Crown Office, October 27, 1863.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Worcester.
Western Division.

The Honourable Frederick Lygon, of Madresfield Court, in the county of Worcester, in the room of Henry Lygon (commonly called Viscount Elmley), now a Peer of the United Kingdom.