

*New Plymouth, New Zealand,
July 30, 1865.*

SIR,

THE enclosed report from Major Holmes, Commanding Detachment, 43rd Light Infantry, at Warea, having been forwarded too late to transmit with his original report of the skirmish with the rebel natives near the post under his command, I have the honour to submit it for the consideration of the officers in command of the troops in New Zealand.

I have also the honour to forward the original reports furnished by Major Holmes and Ensign O'Brien, 43rd Light Infantry, which I request may be substituted for the copies inadvertently forwarded with my letter of the 29th instant, and that the copies may be returned to me to be filed in this office.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. J. WARRE, Colonel,
Commanding Troops at Taranaki.

*The Deputy Quartermaster-General,
&c. &c. &c.
Head Quarters, Auckland.*

*Camp, Warea,
July 29, 1865.*

SIR,

IN addition to my hurried report of last evening on the subject of the engagement between a patrol under the late Captain Close and the rebel natives at Konga-kumi-kumi, I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Colonel Commanding the very zealous and efficient services rendered by Assistant-Surgeon Grant, 43rd Light Infantry, who was exposed, as I am informed, to a very heavy fire, under which he directed Captain Close's body to be carried under cover.

I am much indebted to Lieutenant Talbot also, who accompanied me with the reinforcement from camp, for the very gallant and zealous manner in which he led, while skirmishing.

Bugler Croughan also behaved in the most exemplary and daring manner, in remaining close by Captain Close's body after he was shot down, amidst a shower of bullets; and in my opinion he has well earned the decoration of the Victoria Cross.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. HOLMES, Major,
43rd Light Infantry, Commanding,
Warea.

*The Garrison Adjutant,
New Plymouth.*

*New Plymouth,
August 3, 1865.*

SIR,

ALTHOUGH I have not yet received Lieutenant-Colonel Colville's written report, he sent Major Russell last evening to give me the particulars of a very successful skirmish that took place yesterday morning near Warea, in which I am assured some thirty Maoris were placed *hors de combat*.

Lieutenant-Colonel Colville, as I have already reported, was sent to punish the rebels who attacked Captain Close's party of the 43rd Light Infantry on the 28th ultimo. To effect this object, Lieutenant-Colville divided his column, sending 100 rank and file of the 70th Regiment, under Major Russell, 57th Regiment, by one native track, while he, with 150 of the 43rd Light Infantry, took another.

Major Russell unexpectedly came upon an encampment of rebel Maoris near the village

destroyed by Captain Cay, on the 13th of June last.

Captain Cay, with about 50 men, fixed bayonets and charged the village, entirely routing the rebels, at least 12 of whom were left dead upon the ground, and 5 were taken prisoners.

Two or three of the men having been wounded in this very spirited affair, some little difficulty appears to have been occasioned in bringing these wounded men away. The Maoris kept up a constant fire from all sides, so that we have to deplore the loss of Lieutenant Balley and three men killed, and Lieutenant Tylden and five men wounded, all of whom were, however, brought back by the troops, and Lieutenant-Colonel Colville's party, after much difficulty, owing to the extremely bad roads, having at last come up, killed five more Maoris, and drove the remainder in all directions.

I believe this account to be substantially correct, but I will forward Lieutenant-Colonel Colville's report, and also Major Russell's, by the first opportunity.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. J. WARRE, Colonel,
Commanding Troops, Taranaki.

*The Deputy Quartermaster-General,
&c., &c., &c.,
Head Quarters, Auckland.*

Foreign Office, October 19, 1865.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Louis Bols as Consul-General at the Cape of Good Hope for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. George King as Consul at Sydney, with jurisdiction over New South Wales, for His Majesty the King of Italy.

Downing Street, October 19, 1865.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, Knt. and C.B., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Kong Kong and its dependencies.

Downing Street, October 20, 1865.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-General Sir William Fenwick Williams of Kars, Bart., K.C.B., to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Whitehall, October 10, 1865.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Arthur Charles Lowe, of Court of Hill, in the county of Salop, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace for the counties of Salop and Worcester, and a Deputy-Lieutenant for the former county, sometime a Colonel in the Army, and Major of the 16th (Queen's) Lancers, second and youngest, but only surviving son of Thomas Humphrey Lowe, late of Bromsgrove, in the said county of Worcester, Esquire, by Lucy, his Wife, eldest daughter and co-heir of Thomas Hill, late of Court of Hill aforesaid, Esquire, sometime Representative in Parliament for the borough of Leominster, all