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Colonial Secretary's Office,
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HIS Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the accompanying Despatch, with enclosures, from Lieutenant-General Cameron, C.B.

ALFRED DOMETT.

Lieutenant-General Cameron to the Governor.

Head-Quarters, Queen's Redoubt,
30th September, 1863.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in forwarding, for Your Excellency's information, the accompanying copy of a letter from Colonel Warre, C.B., Commanding at New Plymouth, enclosing reports from Major Butler and Captain Shortt, 57th Regiment.

I have, &c.,

D. A. CAMERON,
Lieutenant-General.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Auckland.

New Plymouth, New Zealand,
26th September, 1863.

SIR,—I have the honor to report, for the information of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, that the Military and Civil Forces under my command have again inflicted a severe chastisement on the rebel Natives.

On the 24th instant, it was reported to me that Mr. Clare, a settler at Bell Block, engaged in his ordinary pursuits on his own land, had been fired at by a party of Natives, who were said to be encamped at a place called Ninia, a short distance over the boundary.

Being aware that a number of natives had lately arrived from the south at Matatawhai, I thought it probable that they might wish to try their strength against the troops on this comparatively open ground, I directed Major Butler to march at 3 o'clock a.m. on the following day with the force noted in the margin*, and although the weather was extremely unfavourable he reached the points indicated by daylight, not however without disturbing the natives who were scattered in several parties about the neighbourhood. A sharp skirmish immediately commenced, which resulted in the natives being driven across the two rivers into the bush leading towards Mataitawhai, with the loss of their principal chief, Enoka, William King's brother, and three or four other natives severely wounded, and without a single casualty on our side.

I beg to forward Major Butler's report, and I have much pleasure in drawing the Lieutenant-General's attention to the admirable conduct of Captain Shortt, the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 57th regiment, and to that of Captain Webster, the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Volunteer Company, who, in spite of the weather, which was very wet and cold, undertook this long night march with the utmost cheerfulness, and as I wished, and intended, proved to the Natives that they cannot attack settlers or commit depredations on their property with impunity.

The troops were very anxious to follow the Natives through the bush, but Major Butler

	Fd. Officer.	Officers.	Serg.	Drs.	Rk. & Mla.
57th Regiment,	1	5	4	3	100
Taranaki Volunteers,	0	2	1	1	53
	1	7	5	4	153

restrained them, and, with great judgment, withdrew them leisurely, the Natives being afraid again to encounter the troops in the open.

I have, &c.,

H. J. WARRE,

Colonel.

The Assistant Military Secretary,
Head-Quarters.

New Plymouth, New Zealand,
25th September, 1863.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that, agreeably to instructions received from you, a force, strength as per margin,* paraded at 2:30 a.m. this morning, and proceeded to reconnoitre the positions of the rebel Natives in the vicinity of the pa at "Kaipakopako," and, if practicable, to entrap them in an ambuscade. I divided my force into two parties, and left town with the first (consisting of three officers and seventy men of the 57th Regiment), at three a.m. Passing the Bell Block, I crossed the Mungaraka river, near Mahoetahi, and proceeded about a mile and a half on the road towards Mataitawa. I here placed half my men under the brow of a small hill, about four hundred yards from the cross-roads, one of which leads up to Mataitawa, and the other back to Bell Block, by the Upper Mungaraka Ford, leaving the remainder in support a short distance in rear. A few minutes after, I thus placed my men, we saw a party of about seven or eight Natives walking up the road from Kaipakopako. When they arrived at the cross-roads, I opened fire upon them, upon which they almost immediately concealed themselves in the fern. I then brought my men down upon them, and followed them down the road towards Manutai, as far as the Ford of the Waiongona river. I did not consider it advisable to follow them across this river, as there were still a large number of Natives in my rear in the neighbourhood of Kaipakopako.

I was unable to ascertain at the time what effect our fire had on the Natives, though I could see from the marks of blood, &c., that one if not more of them had been badly hit; and I have since learned that one native was killed and three more wounded. I then withdrew my men by the road leading straight to Bell Block, recrossing the Mungaraka river by the Upper Ford, near which I was joined by the remainder of my force, under the command of Captain Shortt, 57th Regiment, who, acting under my directions, had left the town about 3.15 a.m., and proceeded to this place, and whose report I have the honor to append.

I then marched the whole of my force back to New Plymouth, which I reached about 11 a.m.

	Fd. Officer.	Capt.	Sub.	Sergts.	Drs.	Rk. & File.
57th Regiment,	1	1	4	4	3	100
Taranaki Militia,	0	2	0	1	1	53
Total,	1	3	4	5	4	153

I would beg to bring to your favourable notice the admirable conduct of the whole of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men under my command, more especially the steadiness with which they endured a most fatiguing march of upwards of twenty miles over very bad roads, and for a great portion of the time under heavy rain.

I have, &c.,

H. BUTLER,

Major Commanding 57th Regt.

Col. Warre, C.B.,

Commanding Troops, Taranaki.

New Plymouth, New Zealand,
25th September, 1863.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that, according to instructions received from you, I marched at 3.15 a.m. this morning with a party, strength as per margin,* and arrived at Mungaraka river a little after daybreak. I divided my men, placing half the number in ambuscade, and overlooking the Mungaraka ford, having a small belt of bush on my right, the other half in support, well concealed on some high ground a short distance to my rear, which commanded the whole country.

A few minutes after my arrival I observed natives ascending the hill on the other side of the river, who were immediately fired on by the party under Major Butler, and pursued by him. Hearing natives talking on the other side of the belt of bush to my right, I withdrew my ambuscade and took my men round by the rear of this belt, as I was informed that it was exceedingly swampy. I came suddenly on a body of natives, who retired, firing, into the bush, where I did not think it advisable to pursue them, not being aware how many natives were about. On my being joined by Major Butler's party, the enemy opened fire at long ranges from various parts of the bush.

The men behaved well, though it was with some little difficulty that I could restrain their impetuosity and eagerness to pursue.

I have, &c.,

W. A. SHORTT,

Captain 57th Regiment.

Major Butler,

Commanding 57th Regt.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Auckland, 5th October, 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that the following gentleman is duly recognised as Consular agent for the country set opposite his name.

HENRY DRIVER, Esq., of Dunedin,—United States of America.

ALFRED DOMETT.

NOTE.—This notice is republished in consequence of an error in the one published in Gazette No. 51, of the 30th ultimo, page 433, where Mr. Driver is Gazetted as Consul instead of Consular Agent.

* 57th Regiment—1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 2 Sergeants, 31 Rank and File.
Militia—2 Captains, 2 Sergeants, 50 Rank and File.

Colonial Defence Office,
Auckland, 5th October, 1863.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Colonial Defence Force, under the "Colonial Defence Force Act, 1862," viz. :—

- Chief Inspector George Stoddart Whitmore to be Commandant. Date of Commission, 1st July, 1863.
- James Townsend Edwards to be Commandant. Date of Commission, 30th July, 1863.
- Richard Blackburn Leatham to be Inspector. Date of Commission, 15th July, 1863.
- William Robertson to be Inspector. Date of Commission, 14th August, 1863.
- Samuel Deighton to be Inspector. Date of Commission, 1st September, 1863.
- Herbert Vernon Lillierap to be Sub-Inspector. Date of Commission 31st July, 1863.
- John Alexander Percy to be Sub-Inspector. Date of Commission 2nd August, 1863.
- Paul Kingdon to be Sub-Inspector. Date of Commission, 3rd August, 1863.
- Maillard Noake to be Sub-Inspector. Date of Commission, 11th September, 1863.

T. RUSSELL.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Judicial Department,
2nd October, 1863.

THE following Certificate and Declaration are published in conformity with the Provisions of the "Execution of Criminals Act, 1858."

ALFRED DOMETT.

We do hereby testify and declare that we have this day been present when the extreme penalty of the Law was carried into execution on the body of Richard Harper, convicted at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court, held at Auckland on the 4th day of September instant, and sentenced to Death ;

and that the said Richard Harper was, in pursuance of the said sentence, hanged by the neck until his body was dead.

Dated this 22nd day of September, in the year 1863, at the Stockade, Mount Eden, the place of execution.

- L. O'Brien, Sheriff.
- Patrick Flynn, Gaoler.
- John T. Crowe, Turnkey.
- T. M. Philson M.D., Medical Practitioner.
- J. O'Neill, V.J., Justice of the Peace.
- John Frederick Lloyd, Minister of St. Pauls.
- Thos. Kerr, Clerk.
- Chas. Williamson
- Jos. Rogers
- Thomas Shoal
- H. Adams
- Thomas Cole
- William Paine
- John King
- Samuel W. Ruddell
- Richard Harnett
- Jas. Cooper
- John Shirlock
- Richard Merrick
- Phillip Halloran
- Thomas White
- John Hawthorn
- Job Perkins

} Other Spectators.

I, THOMAS MOORE PHILSON, M.D., Medical Officer in attendance at the execution of Richard Harper, at the Stockade, Mount Eden, do hereby certify and declare that I have this day witnessed the execution of the said Richard Harper, at the said Gaol ; and I do further certify and declare that the said Richard Harper was, in pursuance of the sentence of the Supreme Court, hanged by the neck until his body was dead.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of September, 1863, at the Stockade, Mount Eden, the place of execution.

T. M. PHILSON, M.D.,
Provincial Surgeon.

