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#### SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1864.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

WHEBEAS it is provided by the "Militia Acts Amendment Act, 1862," that the number of days and hours for the meeting of the Militia for any District for training and exercise shall be from time to time fixed by the Governor:

And whereas it is deemed expedient to call out for training and exercise certain portions of the Militia of the Militia Districts in the Province of Wellington:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and execution of the power and authority conferred upon me by the said recited Act, I do hereby fix the number of days and hours during which that portion of the Militia within the Militia Districts in the Province of Wellington which may be called out for training and exercise within three months from the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, shall be trained and exercised one day in each fortnight for two hours.

> Given under my hand at the Government House, at Auckland, this sixth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

G. GREY. By His Excellency's command, T. RUSSELL.

#### PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.

#### Act assented to.

THE following Bill, passed by the Provincial Council of the Province of Southland, intituled—

"The Pig and Poultry Nuisance Ordinance, 1864,"

which Bill was reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon, having been laid before the Governor, His Excellency has been pleased to assent to the same.

WILLIAM FOX.

Appointment of Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

> Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 13th April, 1864.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JAMES HAMLYN GREENWAY

to be the Deputy of the Registrar of Marriages, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the District of the Bay of Islands.

WILLIAM FOX.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 9th April, 1864.

H IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be Revising Officers for the Electoral Districts specified opposite their names :---

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Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, 5th April, 1864. TIS Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following Despatch, with its enclosures, from Lieut.-General Cameron, C.B.

# THOMAS RUSSELL.

Head Quarters,

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Pukerimu, 1st April, 1864. Sir,-I have the honor to forward to your Excellency the enclosed Beport of operations in which Her Majesty's Troops and the Colonial Forces, under command of Colonel Warre, C.B., have recently been engaged at New Plymouth, and which have resulted in the capture of the rebel position at Kaitake. These operations were conducted by Colonel Warro with an ability and judgment which reflect the greatest credit upon him, and that so formidable a position should have been taken without any loss of life, and with very few casualties on our side, is to be attributed to the admirable arrange-ments made by Colonel Ware for the at-tack, and to the zeal, intelligence, and gallantry with which they were carried out by the officers and men under his command.

A Company of the Melbourne and Otago Volunteers, under Captain Corbett, were engaged for the first time on this occasion, and distinguished themselves by the spirited manner in which they assaulted and took one of the stockades, considered to be the key of the enemy's position.

#### I have, &c. D. A. CAMEBON,

His Excellency Lt.-General. Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c,

New Plymouth, New Zealand,

åc.

Sir,-It is with much satisfaction I have Sir,---it is with much satisfaction 1 have the honour to report, for the information of the Lieutenant-General commanding; that by the result of a few days' operations, the troops under my command have suc-conded with triffing loss in driving the whole ceeded, with triffing loss, in driving the whole of the rebel Maoris from the several positions they have occupied since March 1863, on the Patua Ranges; and by the successful attack on Kaitake yesterday, have left the rebels no place of refuge on this side of the Katikara

Finding by the tenor of the Lieutenant-Finding by the tenor of the Lieutenant-General's letter of the 12th inst., that the extent of his operations in Waikato would prevent his sending me any further reinforce-ments beyond the 12-pounder Armstrong guns, and 30 non-commissioned officers and gunners, under the command of Captain Martin, R.A., and that the Lieutenant-General appeared to think that this settlement could not be safe from the incursions of hostile natives so long as the rebels remained at Kaitake, I thought it my duty to endeavour to carry out his views either by turning the rebels out of their formidable position at Kaitake, or by establishing military posts on the Timaru River,

to cut off their communication with the south. With this object, therefore, on Monday the With this object, therefore, on montany the 21st inst., I sent the Armstrong guns to Oskura, and placed them in position in the afternoon to try their effect and show the natives that we were able to reach their apparently impregnable position at Kaitake at long range. The practice was excellent, and evidently made so great an impression upon the rebels that I felt we could keep down their fire while the troops rushed their rifle-Pits.

Considering it right, however, to destroy all their outposts, or places of rafuge, before Att their outposts, or places of range, oenore I attacked their main position, I left two of the Armstrong guns at Oakura to keep up model of the optimized on the state of the optimized on Tuesday the 22nd with the force noted in Table A to attack the Tutu Pa, situated in the Katikara river, four miles above the robel position so successfully attacked by the Lt.-General on the 4th June, 1863. Starting at 3 o'clock a.m., I boped to gain the hush in which the ne is situated by day. the bush in which the pa is situated by day. break, and to take it in reverse by a bush track which I had explored last year; but on arrival in sight of the pa, at the extreme boundary of the Tataraimaka Block, the

position appeared deserted; so I detached Captain Atkinson's Rifle Volunteers, supported by 50 of the 57th Regiment, under Captain Lloyd, to feel their way by the track, while the guns remained within easy range (about 1200 yards) outside the bush. The pa was unoccupied, or occupied only by a few women and children, who ran away as soon as the troops appeared. The Stockade was pulled down and burnt, as also were several whares, not only near the pa, but at some distance from it. Some cattle were taken and driven in, and many acres of cultivation destroyed.

As we observed in our advance that the Chapel on the Tataraimaka Block had been pulled down and packed ready for carrying away,—many of the side-boards being found lying on the road leading to Tutu Pa,—I thought it would distract the attention of the natives from my further operations if I sent to bring away the remaining portions of the Chapel, which, making eight cart loads, were successfully brought to Oakura by Captain Russell, 57th Regiment, with 100 of the 57th and Militia, on Wednesday, 23rd instant.

On Thursday the 24th inst., I again organised a force, as shown in Table B, to attack the rebel position at Ahu-Ahu, and explore the road on the porth side of the Timaru River to ascertain where the native track crossed by which the natives on the ranges obtain their supplies and keep up communication with the south, which track we failed to find on Tuesday. The guns at Kaitake and the constant movement of troops had apparently lulled the natives at Ahu-Ahu into security, as they allowed the troops to approach within about half a mile of the foot of the ranges (where the track coming from the south crosses the river), before any apparent notice was taken of our advance, when by the hurried discharge of muskets at different points it became evident that only a few natives occupied this very formidable position, which crowns the top of a spur about twice the height of that upon which Kaitake is situated. Dividing the 57th into two parties, I sent one under Captain Russell up a very steep incline (covered with rifle-pits) to the left, and the other under Captain Schomberg to the right, by the road which leads round the spur on which the stockade is situated, the spur on which the stockade is situated, supported by the Militia under Captains Carthew and McKellar, T.M. The guns, under a covering party, being left on a small knoll from which they could have shelled the pa and kept down the fire of the rifle pits had it been necessary. The twenty or thirty Magnic hy whom this nage way yery had it been necessary. The twenty or thirty Maoris, by whom this place was very gallantly held, gave way on the advance of the men of the 57th, who, without any cover, pushed up the very steep hill, the Maoris retiring in front of them until the two parties joined. The Maoris, for a short time, made a determined stand, firing very sharply from a small bush-covered hillock on the right from the ; but although only a few feet from their sponents, only two men were wounder and Captain Mace's horse shot,

while the troops were tearing down the Stockade and forcing a passage into the interior. The Maoris made a rapid retreat up the steep hills, densely covered with bush, on the rear, through which the men could not follow them. The pa was ours, with great quantities of vegetable produce of every description,—all of which, including several acres of growing crops of Indian corn, tobacco, taro, &c., was destroyed, after filling two empty carts which I had brought with the column for the purpose. Having burnt and destroyed everything we could, we returned by the same route to Oakura.

Thinking it very probable that many of the rebels from Kaitake would go to Ahu-Ahu to ascertain their loss, and as Mr. Parris had informed me that Tamati One, the Kaitake Chief, had gone South to seek reinforcements from the Ngatiruanuis, who were hourly expected, I decided to attack the former position the next day. Having arranged that Captain Atkinson, with 150 Taranaki Rifle Volunteers, should proceed by the bush track which leads to the rear of Kaitake, and that Captain Corbett, T.M., with sixty of his men, should advance up an intermediate spur of the ranges from the left, I so divided the remainder of my force that Captain Schomberg, 57th Regt., and Captain Page, T.M., with fifty men each, should threaten the right; Captain Russell, 57th, with eighty men, should threaten the centre; while Captain Lloyd, 57th, with fifty men, and Captains Wright, 70th, and McKellar, T.M., with twenty-five men each, in sup-port of Captain Lloyd, should proceed up the several small spurs on our left to take in reverse the rifle pits which are constructed half way up the steep incline towards the two pahs which crown the crest of the hill. To enable the bush parties to accomplish their long and fatiguing marches, and to arrive simultaneously at a given time, I had arranged that guns should continue firing until 10 o'clock. The three Armstrongs, under Captain Martin, R.A., were placed on the right bank of the Oakura River, to breach the upper pas, and the 24 lbs. howitzer, and the rocket tube, which, owing to Mr. Lar-com's recent wound, and a severe accident which disabled Sergeant-Major Arthur, I entrusted to a junior non-commissioned officer, were placed within about 800 yards of the front of the lower stockade, which they were to endeavour to knock down.

The beautiful practice of the Armstrong guns, under Captain Martin, set fire to a whare within the stockade of the lower of the two upper pas, at the very hour I had named, 10 o'clock A.M., for the simultaneous advance of all the parties, and of this fortunate accident immediate advantage was taken by Captain Corbett's party, who rushed at once upon the pa, and under cover of the smoke, climbed over the stockades, and got into it by a zig-zag entrance between the two lines of palisades, followed very closely by the assaulting parties under Captain Lloyd, who climbed the spurs and rushed the rifle pits, from which a heavy fire had been kept up on the centre and right parties, who with a tremendous cheer for the Queen pushed rapidly forward. The party under Captain Schomberg, 57th, led by Major Butler, mounted the high ground to the right, also taking the rifle pits on that side in reverse; and Captain Russell's party, under my immediate direction, forced their way through the very formidable double line of palisades which extends across the valley, backed by rifle pits, from which the Maoris had been driven by the fire of the parties above, and were escaping as rapidly as possible. Captains Atkinson and Good's Rifle Vo-

Captains Atkinson and Good's Rifle Volunteers had found the bush track so overgrown, that they were, unfortunately, a few minutes late, but they did good service by appearing at the very top of the clearing, by which line they prevented the Maoris escaping, and killed one, Kati Ruaturiwhati, the chief owner of the fand in the Oakura and Tapuae district.

With the exception of Captains Atkinson and Corbett's men, who had a very fatigning night march—and to the latter it is with much pleasure I give the credit of taking possession of the pa on the top of the hill, which is as I always imagined, the key to the whole position—the troops generally only took up their position—the troops generally only took up their positions at 10 o'clock, and in twenty minutes they were in possession of the whole line of works, extending for at least half a mile from the high ground on the right, which Major Butler gained by his successful flank march up a very steep incline to the pas taken by Captain Corbett on the left.

The Maoris made one attempt to recover their prestige by creeping through the bush, and firing a volley upon Captains Schomberg and Page's companies, in which one man was severely wounded and one horse shot. Another Maori was captured in the fern, after deliberately attempting to shoot one of the Mounted Corps, who upon this, as on every occasion, rendered me most valuable assistance. It is surprising even after the place was taken, that more casualties did not occur, so many Maoris concealed themselves in the fern and standing crops of Indian corn, which, with potatoes, &c., covered the cleared ground around the pas to an extent of 30 or 40 acres, and from which and the adjoining bush the Maoris kept up for some time an ineffectual fire, until driven away by a few rockets and shells from the cohorn mortar.

Although the wounds are severe, we did not lose a single man. I need hardly dwell upon the importance of this success, and the Lieutenant-General himself is well aware how impregnable the position appeared.

I am sure the Lieutenant-General will give the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the small force under my command, the credit they so truly deserve for their gallantry and willingness to undergo the fatigue of the four days' operations they have brought to so successful a close. I have taken the liberty of transmitting a nominal and a numerical Return, by which the Lieutenant-General will see what officers were engaged on this occasion.

I at once made arrangements to occupy the of the pas, within which I directed Lieutenant Ferguson, R.E., to construct a redoubt, leaving the stockade to prevent the rebels from attempting to scale the parapets, as the nature of the ground obliges its construction very close to the edge of the bush; and I also directed the whole of the stockading across the valley to be levelled, and the rifle pits filled in.

To Major Butler, 57th Regiment, I am most especially indebted for the cordial cooperation and assistance he renders me on every occasion, and in this for the gallant manner in which, on seeing the place taken, he not only conceived the idea, but led the men under Captains Schemberg and Page to the top of the range on the right, from which he partially intercepted the retreat of the Maoris.

The firing of the Armstrong guns, and especially of that in charge of Sergeant Spink, was most excellent; but it is very evident that such guns are of little use in breaching native pahs. My own Staff officers, Lieutenant C. M.

My own Staff officers, Lieutenant C. M. Clarke, D.A.Q.M.General, and Lieutenant E. Brutton, Gar.-Adjutant, were unremitting in the execution of my orders. Captain F. Mace, Taranaki Militia, volunteered his services, and as on every occasion, rendered me very good service.

very good service. Staff-Surgeon Young was on the ground, and attended promptly to the wounded men; and I would wish specially to bring to the Lieutenant-General's notice, the very considerate manner in which Staff-Assistant-Surgeon M. Jones volunteered to precess, at 5 o'clock in the morning, with Captain Atkinson's party, and at a moment's notice, undertook the five hours' long and fatiguing march through the bush, rather than allow them to proceed without a medical officer. All the officers and men speak loudly in fins praise, although his professional services were not actually required.

The native prisoner, who is a returned slave from Waikato, and of no tribal importance, awaits the orders of the Government in the civil prison. He states that Kaitake was defended by 200 Maoris, under Parengi Kingi, who was the first to run away on hearing the cheers which preceded our advance; a sudden panic seized the whole of the rebels, who, after the departure of their chief, lost no time in effecting their escape.

Two tiabas (spears) were taken at Ahu Ahu, and two native flags from Kaitake. The latter I forward by this mail, one to His Excellency the Governor, and one to the Lieutenant-General Commanding.

The capture of Kaitake has given the most lively satisfaction to the inhabitants of this place.

I beg to forward a return of casualties, which I am happy to say are very small.

#### I have, &c. H. J. WABBE,

Colonel Commanding at Taranaki. Deputy Quartermaster-General,

&c. &c. &c.

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"	2086	" William Neary …	33	17	25th March	Kaitake	Gunshot wound of left thigh	Sev	ere Ball extracted.
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NOMINAL RETURN OF KILLED AND WOUNDED OF THE TROOPS AT AHU AHU ON THE 25TH, AND AT KAITAKE, ON THE 24TH MARCH, 1864.

#### H. J. Warre,

Colonel Commanding Troops, Taranaki.

J. E. Young,

Staff Surgeon.

#### TABLE A.

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H. J. WARRE,

Colonel Commanding Troops, Taranaki.

#### TABLE B.

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STATE OF THE TROOPS EMPLOYED ON THE 24TH MABCH, AT ANUAHU.

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#### H. J. WAREE,

Colonel Commanding Troops, Taranakı.

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#### TABLE C.- PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.

#### NOMINAL RETURN OF THE FORCE ENGAGED IN THE ATTACK ON KAITAKE 25TH MARCH, 1864, UNDER THE COMMAND OF H. J. WARRE, COLONEL, C.B.

		S	treng	th.		
Rank and Names.	Corps.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Rank & File	Remarks.	
Lieut. C. M. Clarke, D.A.Q.M.G. " E. Brutton, Gar. Adjt Surgeon J. E. Young Assistant-Surgeon M. Jones Captain W. G. Martin Lieut. C. Ferguson	Staff. Staff. Med. Staff. Med. Staff. R. A. R. E.	2		35 2		
Major H. Butler    Captain T. W. J. Lloyd    "F. S. Schomberg    "H. R. Rússell    Lt. W. R. Thompson, Ag. Adjt.    "R. A. H. Cox    "A. C. Manners    "J. F. Down    "J. F. Down    Captain A. B. Wright		8	3	175	Regular Troops. S. D. R. & F. 11 4 232	
Ensign H. Whidbourne Captain F. J. Mace	<pre></pre>	1	1	26 20		
,, J. G. Corbett	Melbourne & Otago Volun- teers.	13	1	218		
Captain H. A. Atkinson	Taranaki Rifle Volunteers.	11	2	151	Militia and Volunteers. S. D. R. & F. 25 3 389	
Total		36	•7	627		

#### H. J. WARRE,

Colonel Commanding Troops, Taranaki.

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#### MILITIA AND VOLUNTEERS.

Colonial Defence Office

Auckland, 12th April, 1864. IS Excellency the Governor has been H pleased to make the following appointments, viz. :-

#### In the Auckland Militia.

aptain George William Drummond Hav to be Major. Date of Commission-18th

March, 1864. Sub-Inspector Thomas McDonnell, of the Colonial Defence Force, to be Captain. Date of Commission—18th March, 1864. ieutenant William Steele, Forest Rifle

Lieutenant Volunteers, to be Captain. Commission-29th March, 1864. Date of

William Johnstone, Forest Rifle Ensign Volunteers, to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission-29th March, 1864.

John Crawford to be Ensign. Commission-29th March, 1864. Date of

- Assistant Surgeon John Carey to be Surgeon. Date of Commission—5th April, 1864. Assistant Surgeon William Baynor, Auck-land Rifle Volunteers, to be Assistant Surgeon. Date of Commission—22nd July, 1863
- Bernard Charles Beale to be Assistant Sur-Date of Commission-5th April, geon. **1864**.

In the Wairarapa Militia.

Charles Robert Miller to be Ensign. Date of Commission-1st April, 1864.

In the Dunedin Volunteer Naval Brigade. Robert Paterson to be Captain. Date of

Commission-30th March, 1864. Date of

William Stavely to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission-30th March, 1864. William Henry Mumford to be Sub-Lieuten-Date of Commission-30th March, ant. 1864.

In the Dunedin Rifle Volunteers.

Joseph O'Meagher to be Lieutenant. Date

of Commission- 5th April, 1864. James Henry O'Loughlin to be Ensign. Date of Commission-5th April, 1864. T. RUSSELL.

#### Colonial Defence Office,

Auckland, 12th April, 1864. IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the following resignations, viz.

Lieutenant Robert Wallace, Auckland Militia.

Lieutenant F. Nelson, Auckland Militia. Ensign G. O'Connell, Auckland Militia. Captain N. Edwards, Nelson Rifle Volunteers.

T. RUSSELL.

Colonial Defence Office, Auckland, 12th April, 1864.

IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to supersede the undermentioned Officer, viz .:-

Assistant Surgeon ALFRED AGASSIZ, of the Auckland Militia,

from the 14th March, 1864, for being absent without leave.

#### T. RUSSELL.

ERRATUM.-In Gazette No. 3 of the 26th January last, folio 22, the date of the Commission of Sub-Inspector David Hutchison, Colonial Defence Force, should have been 26th October, 1863, instead of 20th January, 1864.

T. RUSSELL.

#### NOTICE.

THE undermentioned person has been duly licensed under Clause 16 of the "Cus-toms Regulation Act, 1858," to act as a Custom House Agent at the Port of Auckland, until the 31st day of December, 1864 :

CHABLES BURBILL STONE, Lower Queen Street.

17 J. WILLIAM YOUNG.

Deputy Commissioner,

Customs, Auckland, 5th April, 1864.

#### CUSTOMS.

Notice of Bonding Warehouse at Wanganui.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Warehouse situated at Market Place, Wanganui, licensed and approved under the "Customs Regulation Act, 1858," and and known as Fininmore's, will, from and after this date, be known as Anderson's, fresh security having been taken on the 23rd instant.

#### S. CARKEEK,

Deputy Commissioner.

Custom House, Wellington, this 30th day of March, 1864.

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