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CHARLES BROWN,
Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 25th January, 1862.

SIR,—With reference to my letter, of the number and date noted in the margin, informing your Honor that changes in connexion with the Taranaki Militia Force were in the immediate contemplation of the Government, I have the honor to enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter dated the 24th instant, which by my direction the Deputy Adjutant General has written on this subject to the Officer commanding that Force.

That letter will place your Honor in possession of the intended arrangements affecting the Taranaki Militia; and, with reference to the construction of Public Works alluded to therein, I further enclose for your information a copy of a letter dated the 24th instant, which has been written from this department to Mr. F. A. Carrington communicating to him his appointment as Engineering Surveyor in Taranaki, and his instructions in relation thereto.

Your Honor will perceive that it is contemplated that the particular works to be constructed should be determined on, in consultation between the Superintendent, the Officer commanding the Garrison, and the Engineering Surveyor.

The General Government confidently relies on your Honor's co-operation in the attainment of the objects in view and on the willingness of the Provincial Government of Taranaki to render every aid, which it may be in their power to afford, to Mr. Carrington in the performance of his duties.

The Government will always be glad to receive from your Honor, in connexion with the construction of the works referred to, any suggestions or information which you may consider that the public interests require.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM FOX.

His Honor the Superintendent,
Taranaki.

Deputy-Adjutant General's Office,
Auckland, 24th January, 1862.

SIR,—Referring to the letter of the number and date noted in the margin from the Honorable Colonial Secretary to yourself, I am directed by the Government to inform you of the following changes which have been determined upon in connexion with the Taranaki Militia Force.

1. All pay issued to any of the Colonial Forces, except of the permanent Staff specified in paragraph 7, and except as hereinafter directed, to cease one week after receipt of this letter.

2. Any militiaman desiring to be put on pay, may receive the same at the rate of four shillings (4s.) a day, on condition of his being employed either in such Militia service as may be specially ordered or on Public Works conducted under the

superintendence of the Engineering Surveyor of the General Government.

3. That as many men as may be necessary for the garrisoning of the Omata Stockade (say 50 rank and file, 2 sergeants, and 1 Lieutenant) shall be employed on that service till further orders. All others receiving pay to be placed on the Public Works as above.

4. That in selecting Sub-Engineers, Foremen of Works or Overseers of the Public Works above referred to, preference be given to Commissioned Officers of the Militia and Volunteer Corps, provided they possess the requisite qualifications to the satisfaction of the Engineering Surveyor.

5. The arms to be retained by the men till further orders.

6. There are to be only two parades per month, for the inspection of arms.

7. A Staff consisting of one Adjutant, one sergeant, one corporal and one bugler, are to be retained with the salary appointed. (See estimates).

8. The men employed on Public Works at four shillings per diem will not receive rations, but those employed at garrison duty at the Omata Stockade will receive the present rate of military pay and rations as heretofore.

9. New Volunteer regulations and instructions have been forwarded.

In communicating to you these arrangements, which will probably have the effect of terminating the present official position occupied by yourself. I am directed to express to you the thanks of His Excellency the Governor, and of his Responsible Advisers, for your valuable services and their full appreciation of your gallant conduct whilst in the command of the Militia and Volunteers.

I am also to request you to convey to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Militia and Volunteer Forces in Taranaki, the thanks of His Excellency the Governor and the Government; and to express the high sense which they entertain of the courage and devotion displayed by that Force under extraordinary difficulties.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. C. BALNEAVIS,
Deputy-Adjutant General of Militia
and Volunteers.
Major Herbert, Commanding Militia
and Volunteers, New Plymouth.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 24th January, 1862.
STR.—With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, expressing your willingness to ac-

cept the appointment of Engineering Surveyor in the Province of Taranaki with a salary of four hundred pounds per annum, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor is pleased to appoint you to that office, and to convey to you the following instructions with regard to its duties.

The object of the Government is to promote the construction of Roads, Bridges, and other Public Works in the province of Taranaki and to employ for that purpose the services of those of the settlers who may be willing to place them at the disposal of the Government on certain terms.

The nature of these terms will be best explained by the enclosed copies of communications which Mr. Fox has addressed to his Honor the Superintendent of Taranaki and the Officer commanding the Militia there, on the subject of the Militia Force in that Province.

The determination of the particular works to be constructed Mr. Fox considers will be best arrived at after a consultation between the Superintendent of Taranaki, the Officer commanding the Garrison, and yourself, and those officers will be requested to be good enough to co-operate with you for that purpose.

In the event of any disagreement in this matter, which Mr. Fox does not anticipate, the question will have to be referred for the decision of the General Government. You will of course, however, report, for the information of the Government what works may have been agreed on between the Officers named and yourself and keep it fully informed of the progress of such works.

The responsibility of the execution of the works decided on will entirely devolve on you, subject to any instructions which you may receive from the General Government.

I am to address you in a future communication on the mode of payment of the expenses that will be, from time to time, incurred in the construction of these works, and of keeping the accounts of such expenditure.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. GISBORNE.
F. A. Carrington, Esq.,
&c., &c.