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By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR, Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 7th July, 1845.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the following Despatches for general information.

By Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

Camp before Heke's Pah,
2d July 1845.

SIR,—It is with much more regret than I can express, that I have to acquaint your Excellency that an attempt was yesterday made by the Troops, under my command, in the afternoon, to carry the fortified position or pah of Heke, without success—and we were repulsed with heavy loss. The particulars shall be forwarded to you with as little delay as possible.

I enclose herewith a list of killed and wounded. Many of the latter, I am sorry to say, are severe and dangerous.

It is impossible to say too much in praise of the bravery and good conduct of both Officers and Men.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble Servant,

H. DESPARD,
Colonel Commanding the Troops.

His Excellency
Governor FITZ ROY,
&c., &c., &c.
Auckland.]

Return of killed and wounded of the Force under command of Colonel Despard, 99th Regiment, from the 30th June to 1st July, 1845.

Her Majesty's Ship Hazard.

Lieutenant Phillpotts killed.

1 Seaman killed.

2 Seamen wounded.

1 Private of the Royal Marines killed.

Her Majesty's 58th Regiment.

Captain Grant killed.

3 Serjeants and 11 Rank and File killed.

2 Serjeants and 33 Rank and File wounded.

2 Privates since dead.

Her Majesty's 96th Regiment.

3 Rank and File killed.

3 Rank and File wounded.

Her Majesty's 99th Regiment.

1 Serjeant and 14 Rank and File killed.

Bt. Major Macpherson severely wounded.

Lieutenant Beatty ditto.

Lieutenant Johnston slightly wounded.

Ensign O'Reilly severely wounded.

1 Serjeant and 21 Rank and File wounded.

2 Privates since dead.

Volunteers (Pioneers.)

4 Rank and File wounded.

Mr. Henry Clarke, Interpreter to the Force, severely wounded.