

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 14th July, 1845.*

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

By Command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

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*Camp, Heki's Pah,
3 a. m., July 11th, 1845.*

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Pah is in our possession.

Offensive operations against it were resumed yesterday, and continued till night, and would have been again resumed this morning, but the enemy evacuated the Fortress during the night, fearing to stand another assault. I was made acquainted with the circumstance about midnight, but pursuit was then useless—and from the nature of the country through which the retreat lay, thick wood and no road, an attempt at it would have probably been attended with an unnecessary waste of human life.

I now anxiously await Your Excellency's further instructions, and am very desirous to get the Troops under better cover before the rainy weather again commences.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble Servant,
H. DESPARD,
Colonel commanding the Troops
in New Zealand.

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

P. S.—The body of Captain Grant, of the 58th Regiment, which was missing, has been found. It had been buried outside the Pah, where he fell, and was not mutilated.

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