

expected to attempt to cut off, by Commander Hay, of Her Majesty's ship Racehorse, and Capt Young, of the Honourable East India Company's sloop Elphinstone, demand my thanks to them ; and it is my pleasant duty to report the same to your Excellency.

I have equal satisfaction in corroborating the statements made by Commander Hay, respecting the officers and men under his orders, as I placed him in command of the whole naval party, acting under the directions of Colonel Despard, the military Commander of the operations.

It is melancholy that so many fine young men have fallen in this successful affair ; and it is only due to Mr. Kidd, the surgeon of this ship, to report his great attention and aid, not only to our wounded people, but also to those of the friendly natives.

I have, in conclusion, to acquaint your Excellency, that reports from the officers appointed to command the various different parties connected with these brisk operations invariably gratify me, by reporting most favourably on the conduct of the respective officers and men under them ; but it would be unjust for me to forward particular cases, when all hands have done their duty, gallantly and willingly through this very rough service.

The force landed from Her Majesty's ships, previous to my arrival on the 13th December last, was 171, including officers and marines ; the Castor landed 188 ; the Elphinstone 54 ; when the Calliope arrived, the Osprey's men were sent to their vessel (her services being required for the protection of the British residents on the Hokianga river), and were replaced by 40 seamen and all the marines of that ship, making a total of those engaged in the affair from the ships about 340, 93 of whom were marines, who were brigaded under Captain Langford, R.M., of the North Star with the military, and consequently it is not under my exact province to report upon their proceedings ; but having witnessed the exertions of the officers and men belonging to that distinguished corps on this occasion, I trust your Excellency will hold me excused for bringing the same to your notice.

I have the honour to be, &c.,

(Signed) C. GRAHAM,

Captain and Senior Officer at New Zealand,

To His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir T. COCHRANE, C.B. Commander in Chief, &c., &c.

Admiralty, June 26, 1846.

With reference to the above dispatches, the following naval promotions have taken place, dated 11th January, 1846 :

To be Captain.

Commander George James Hay.

To be Commander.

Lieutenant Robert Jocelyn Otway.

Lieutenant Maxwell Falcon.

Lieutenant Charles Randle Egerton.

Mr. William David Lock, Acting Mate, and Mr. George Don Murray, Midshipman, will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenants, on their passing the required examinations to qualify them for that rank.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
15th December, 1846.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has directed the publication of the following Despatches from Mr. Secretary Gladstone, for general information :

By His Excellency's command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 30.

Downing Street, May 26th, 1846.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several Despatches noted in the Margin, in which you have detailed the several measures adopted by you up to the 19th December, for the pacification of New Zealand.

Her Majesty's Government have also learned by advices from Sydney, that on the 29th December, Her Majesty's Forces were in the vicinity of the Pah of the rebel Chief Kawiti, and that a decisive attack upon it, was likely to take place at an early date.

Her Majesty's Government see no reason for doubting the prudence with which the Military operations have been planned, or the vigour with which they were in the course of being carried into effect ; and they await the result with the sanguine hope that under the blessing of Divine Providence, it may bring about the speedy re-establishment of peace, and thus conduce to the permanent welfare of the Natives, as well as the settlers of New Zealand.

Her Majesty has been advised to give her assent to the Arms' Importation Ordinance ; and you will make known the fact by a Proclamation in the usual and most authentic manner.

I have to signify to you my decided approval of your proceedings with respect to the negotiations with the insurgents, which you declined to renew, and of the principle upon which that refusal was based.

I have likewise the satisfaction of apprising you, that Her Majesty's advisers highly approve of your declaration with respect to the maintenance of the faith of the Crown, in regard to the Treaty of Waitangi ; of your grant of part rations to the loyal Natives engaged in the active service of the Crown ; and of your organizing a small number of the Natives as a portion of Her Majesty's forces by way of experiment—a proceeding in which you have anticipated a conditional instruction, conveyed to you in my Despatch No. 1. (Military) of the 1st January last.

I must not conclude, without assuring you that the general effect of the Despatches, which have been received from you, is to enhance the high opinion which had been formed of you, from your previous services, and to confirm the confidence with which the advisers of the Sovereign look forward to the issue of your labours in New Zealand for the public advantage.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieut.-Governor Grey,
&c., &c., &c.

Military No. 7.

Downing Street,
29th June, 1846.

SIR,—I have received and laid before the Queen your Despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the margin, reporting the capture of the Chief Kawiti's stronghold by Her Majesty's troops, in conjunction with Her Majesty's naval forces, and armed subjects,—the final and com-

No. 22, 29 Dec., 1845.	
" 23, 19 "	
" 1, 2 Jan., 1846.	
" 2, 6 "	
" 3, 6 "	
" 4, 9 "	
" 5, 13 "	
" 8, 22 "	

Nos. 6 to 16 and 19,
8 Nov. to 15 Dec.,
Military, 10 Dec.
and 19 Dec.
Nos. 17 and 18, not
received.