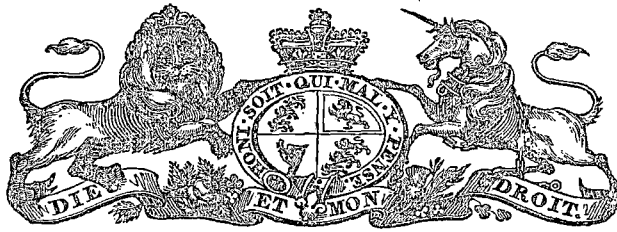


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RETURN OF TROOPS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

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TASMANIA.
No. 67.

Downing-street, 14th December, 1865.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that instructions have been given to Major-General Chute, the Officer Commanding the Troops in New Zealand, to avail himself of the present opportunity of the withdrawal of certain of the Regiments serving in that Colony to restore, pending further arrangements, to the different Australian Governments the Force to which they are respectively entitled.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.

TASMANIA.
No. 20.

Downing-street, 5th March, 1866.

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 85, of the 23rd November last, forwarding a letter from the Colonial Secretary of Tasmania, urging the return of the Troops sent to New Zealand.

I informed you in my Despatch, No. 17, of the 26th ultimo, that instructions would be given for the return of the Three Companies of Infantry to Tasmania; and I enclose, for your information, and for communication to your Responsible Advisers, a copy of the Despatch on the subject which was addressed to Major-General Chute by the last mail, by Lord Hartington's desire.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.

Sir E. LUGARD to Major-General CHUTE.

(COPY.)

War Office, 24th February, 1866.

SIR,

WITH reference to the letter from this Department, dated 27th November last, in which you were instructed to take advantage of the reduction in the Force in New Zealand to restore the Garrisons to the Australian Colonies, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you that it has been decided to carry immediately into effect an arrangement which was some time since proposed; namely, the allotment to Australia of one Battalion of Infantry and the Head Quarter Wing of a second, to be distributed as follows:—

- 4 Companies and Head Quarters of Wing of Regiment at Sydney.
- 1 Company ditto ditto Queensland.
- 5 Companies and Head Quarters of Regiment at Melbourne.
- 3 Companies ditto Tasmania.
- 2 Companies ditto at South Australia.

Lord Hartington trusts that ere this reaches you the requirements of these Colonies will have at all events in part been supplied. But Her Majesty's Government are most anxious that no time should be lost in carrying the measure as above explained into effect; and I am to instruct you to take immediate steps accordingly.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) EDWARD LUGARD.

Major-General CHUTE.