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DONALD M'LEAN,
Superintendent.

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* Superintendent's Office,
Napier, October 19, 1866.
THE following Despatch from the
Honorable the Colonial Secretary
is published for the information of the
public.

DONALD M'LEAN,
Superintendent.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, Oct. 17, 1866.

SIR,—The Government has received intelligence of the successful result of the engagement which took place on the 12th instant, between a force composed of Militia and Volunteers from Napier and of friendly Natives in the vicinity, and a body of armed rebel Hau Haus who had encamped at Omarunui, threatening the safety of the town, plundering the settlers and the resident natives, and refusing to give any satisfactory explanation of their intentions.

The Government earnestly trusts that the energy and gallantry displayed by the Colonial Forces under the direction of Officer Commanding the Militia and Volunteers, and the vigor-

ous measures taken for the suppression of the first symptoms of armed insurrection, will have the desired effect of at once restoring and securing peace and safety throughout the Napier district.

The promptitude shown by your Honor in the organization of the necessary measures for the expulsion of these armed fanatics, and the patriotic courage of the Colonial Forces under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Whitmore, deserve high praise; and although the Government has not yet received any official account of the engagement, I have to request your Honor to be good enough to communicate to Lieutenant-Colonel Whitmore and those who served under him the thanks of the Government for their conduct on the occasion referred to, and its sympathy with those who were wounded, and with the survivors of those (fortunately so few) who were killed by the enemy.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor the Superintendent,
Hawke's Bay.