tain by the retirement of so zealous an officer.

TARANAKI.—The bush parties went out this morning about 4 a.m. to the neighbourhood of Kaipokapoka in consequence of reports brought in yesterday of a large number of natives seen about Sentry Hill, but were not able to discover any, although innumerable tracks were seen, and some volleys were fired off as they returned.

These valleys were supposed to be an account These volleys were supposed to be on account of the return of W. King to Waitara, he having arrived there this morning with only three followers. — York, Nov. 27.

Wairox.—The monotony of camp life at the

Wairon has been relieved by the amusement of a little skirmishing, though as it unavoidably happened without any great result. Having heard that about 1,000 natives were collected at the old rifle pits towards Tanpo, Colonel Lyon with a party of men from the Wairoa redoubts and a party of the Wairoa Rifle Corps started at with a party of then from the warron reconsistant and a party of the Wairon Rifle Corps started at midnight of the 25th, and came up to the spot at peep of day. Unfortunately the vigilance of the Maori sentry prevented the party from stealing upon them unawares, as did the Auckland Rifle Volunteers headed by Colonel, then Major Lyon, at Otau, on the 17th September last, when eleven Maoris were killed and thirty-seven wounded. On the alarm being given on Thursday morning, the Maoris rushed helter skelter into the bush, Colonel Lyon's men sending their compliments after them in the shape of a volley, with what result of course is not known. Two of the Wairon Rifles got a capital shot at one of them as he was gliding into the bush, and it is believed that he got his quietus. His comrades would no doubt have bauled his carease off if he was dropped, so that it might not be found by our men. Col. have hauled his carease off if he was dropped, so that it might not be found by our men. Col. Lyon burnt all their huts and a quantity of fern roots which had been collected for food, and on roturning home through Urangahudhau the men helped themselves to the new potatoes growing in the cultivations. If the Maories were properly followed up from pillar to post—their food destroyed and their lives insecure—we should see hear of the case of the root of the roo should soon hear of the end of the war,

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

THE adjourned meeting of the Provincial Council took place on Saturday last, some twenty mem-bers being present besides the Speaker. The principal business discussed was the attempt made by the Wellington party in the House of made by the Wellington party in the House of Representatives to obtain the removal of the seat of Government from Auckland. Mr. Wynn manual-that this Council do adjourn until this day-week. Mr. J. O'Neill introduced the question of the seat of Government, alluding to the injustice sought to be done to Auckland; and was followed by Mr. Rowe, who proposed that the Council should meet again on Wednesday or Thursday next, at latest, that the action taken on the matter should in them contemporate. or Thursday next, at latest, that the action taken on the matter should go home contemporane-ously with the address of the General Assembly. The people of Auckland werb prepared to make a stand-up light of it, and be thought that a monster public meeting should be immediately called by the leading citizens. Mr. Buckland thought they should go into consultee and meet on Tuesday, and in the meantine appoint a Committee to draw up an address to the

a Committee to draw up an address to the Queen. Mr. Wynn regretted that the people of Auckland had been represented in the House of Assembly by a class of nen not one of whom possessed the ability to stand up for the rights of their constituents.

At the request of the Council Mr. Wynn withdrew his motion. The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and confirmed, and notice of motion for the next sitting day was made, by Mr. Rowe,—that a committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Daldy, Buckland, Wynn, Ridings, Newman, J. O'Neill, Cheeseman, and the mover, to prepare an address to the Queen, praying that the resolution passed by the House of Representatives advising the the Queen, praying that the resolution passed by the House of Representatives advising the removal of the seat of Government to some place in Cook's Straits, may not be favourably entertained. The Council then adjourned till Monday (this day), the sitting to be held in the most suitable building the Superinteadent might be able to procure for the purpose.

The meeting of the Council took place in their rown buildings which me now last to the Council

own buildings, which are now lent to the General Assembly, but which had been resigned by the Assembly for the use of the Council for the day. On the door of the refreshment room, day. On the door of the refreshment room, built by the Provincial Council a few months Since, there was posted a written notice stating that the use of the room was exclusively confined to members of the two Houses"!!

SUPREME COURT.

THE Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court will be held to-morrow, before his Honor the Chief Justice, Sir G. A. Arney, Kt. There are sixteen cases on the list, of which several are for serious offences, treason, stabbing, lorgery, and assault with intent, one case of stealing from a dwelling-house, and several of larceny. The "Treason Case" is that of Wiremu and other Waikate hatives, who were arrested in the Middle Island, as emissaries of the "King," endeavouring to induce the natives living at Nelson to return to Waikate and assist in the rebellion. The cases are the Queen v. Edmonds, larceny; Irwin, assault with intent; Daly, larceny; Wirrom and 14 others, treason; Ruckshies, stabbing; Cox, forgery; Hayes, stabbing; Bowden, larceny; Allen, do.; Pilkington and Travers, stabling from a dwelling-house; Murphy, King, ; Galway, larceny; Stone, do.; Duscol, stabbing.

Mary Doran, remanded from Friday, was again brought up and charged with stealing 2s. 9d. from the person of Joseph Gabriel.

Prisoner was found guilty, and ordered to be imprisoned for six weeks, and kept to hard labour.

DISOBEDIENCE.

ing him.

COMMON PRUNKARDS.

Elizabeth Canning and Mary Walton were, on the evidence of Sergt. Evers, of the Armed Police, ordered to find two sureties of £25 each to be of good behaviour for 6 mouths

DRUNKENNESS.

James Tyrell and Thomas Shannessy, for the first slaughter and Aleen place, so enabling the wounded man to be brought awar, the place labour.

Sarah Cooper for the fifth offence, sent to gool for the Moories that that was impossible.

BATTLE OF RANGIRIRI

[FROM OUR OWN (don't spont by]

Trong you may last letter, from The Queen's Restorber that we were to more the next day and I take up my narrative whem Hell it off on Thyrollast Redouble, that we were to more the next day, and I take up my narrative where I left it off on Thursday night. At daybreak to Friday mere ing we prepared for shifting our quarters, and after hastily breakfasting on any scraps that could be cohered in a norry we struck out tents and set off with the few things we required tents and set off with the few things we required tents and set off with the few things we required tents and set off with the few things we required tents and set off with the few things we required tents and set off with the few things we required that forms the region the flaugatashire form of the Figure 1 and the men the region of the Bland and was writing late at might when the Creek, about three mits off, to be cultared with any word that here would permit there for the Phonen, that lay at the Bland. On the Phonen we found ourselves in temperate the Bland, and at the head of the latter Captain Mayne of the Felipse, with Capt Sultivan, of the Hawise, and Leat. Downes, of the Hawise, and Leat. Downes, of the Wiranda, in command of the Hawise, and Leat. Downes, of the Hawise, and Commodore Wiseman in command of the Hawise, and Commodore Wiseman in command of the Mayne of the Celipse, with Capt Sultivan, of the Mayne of the Celipse, with Capt Sultivan, of the Hawise, and Commodore Wiseman in command of the Hawise, and Commodore Wiseman in command of the Mayne of the Commodore Wiseman in command of the Mayne of the Celipse, and three guise, and Commodore Wiseman in command of the Mayne of the Celipse, and three guise, and Commodore Wiseman in command of the Mayne of the Celipse, and the commond of the Mayne of the Celipse, and the commond of the Mayne of the Celipse, and the commond of the Mayne of the Eclipse, and the commond of the Hawise, and Commonore Wiseman in command of the Hawise, and the most powerful weapons ever invention of the most powerful weapons ever invention of the most powerful weapons ever invention of the man of the Celipse of the Mayne of the Mayne of the Mayne of the May

disappointment at the waste of so much force 55 we steamed up the Wastato wills more or less success, the steamer evening a powerse tendency to run astore, and a deciried refusal to go in the right-direction, thereby causing a good and of the right-direction, thereby causing a good and of the right-direction, thereby causing a good and of country and a deciried refusal to go in the right-direction, thereby causing a good and of country and the part of available states and seen; as it was, they ought nobly, waiting that the exations delay, and many evidences of their incomming. The hand evenices that were thrown amongst them they took up and besides sundry expressions of discontent more forcible them of gent on the part of Jacks. Gradually and steadily as into we passed along with our black banner of smoke floating astern, and the slow clank of the regime beating a march line. It was only to meet certain despeached with a light int, where a rebel ling iming out, and signals were being made to some other rebel post, or which we took no notice past the elebrated Wastato lands and native illages where, doubtless, many Maori eyes, were where, doubtless, many Maori eyes were watching us—till we came abreast of Rungium, here there was modier redults walls on a hill of moderate height, and the rebel flag flying, mere there was another redubt visible on a hill of moderate height, and the rebel flag firing, while aumerous marives could be seen, running an and down signaling to others. Itera orders were given to the gun-hoats concerning them hiring to the right moment, and we lay vatering for the appearance of the troops over the hills, and ell was investigated as expectation and excitement, though even yet we fully believed the natives would run on the advance being made. After a little while we could see the ince of the society marching along the hills, and the gun butts took up their position at about 300 yards, waiting till they should commence their attack. When the troops had arrived within range of the Armstrong gians they halted and guns opened fire mon the carth works, when the gun boats presently joined in and we on pourd the Pioneer could see he shells opened within range of the Armstrong gians they halted and guns opened fire mon the carth works, when the gun boats presently joined in and we on pour the Pioneer could see he shells opened yield and grand work that a string the in way with a horridry half look. We all cheered and lapped them as we would a grand play, and lapted them as we would a grand play, and lapted them as we would a grand play, and lapted them as we would a grand play, and the work could be heard expressing his opinion that that was late his vories by junge or, that's a stainer tor you, my adjective higgers. Provently we saw the skirmishers thrown out in the assault, the natives all rice while keeping up a lot fire, and the guns thundering away that and shell over the heals of the groops. The

op a hot fire, and the gun; thindering away that and shell over the heads of the roops. The starting party consisted of 360 of the 55th, about 100 14th, and 100 12th. Capt. (fresson and Lt. Talbot of the stirmishers, under the guidance of Capt. Brooke of the Engineers, who.

Input. Downes of the Miranda, Lieut. Hotham celebrated third I'e Warepu wrote a letter to the of the Curages, all our best may allicers being with drem; and this time we thought surely of lighting, and wishing to know what terms nothing can stand up against the charge, but again we saw a recon, and still the Maori live that it was not for him to make any terms at all continued as hot and steady a recr. and presently wounded men, pale and bleeding, tring samt was the Governor's department; his was sently wounded men, pale and bleeding, tring times the Maoris instantly had down their fainting on stretchers, or staggering clindly in arms and submitted, to continue his invasion of the arms of their contrades, began to drop in the Warkato, and attack them wherever he met frightfully ast. Captain Mayne, Lieut Pownes, them, and that was the course he should pursue.

Cape, Matreer, apparently, dring, Col. Austin—
There is not a doubt that the Maoris are very William Harris, alias Mories, alias Mories, alias Lapthorne, was charged by Captain Aitkin, of the Queen of the Mersey, with being guilty of wilful disobedience to lawful commands, contrary to the provisions of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1856."

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and upon his Worship questioning him, he proved to be a deserter from the Portsmouth detachment of Royal Marines, and had gone under six different names. He was remanded until this day, (Monday), in order that inquiries might be made by the Commissioner of Police respecting him of the Merk,—and still this one corner remained until this day. (Monday), in order that inquiries might be made by the Commissioner of Police respecting him. remained untaken.

It was now dark, and nothing more could be

done to night, and work rame that the General was sapping up to the place in order to blow a breach or the works, before storning it ugain.

Licut Toker having gallantly planked up the letal passage to the rife pits, where all the slaughter had taken place, so enabling the wounded men to be breaght away, the place have the rife pits.

Milestrain, cold, and misery, the night past sleeplessly away will night the natives lowling createssly, and at daybreak everyone was watching for the last desperance assault that was to take the place, at no native what loss, when a white flag was seen, and immediately after the troops for the place of troops rushing about and cheering tremends told us that the Maories had given in, and that

there at 2 o clock to make a combined attack, bank on the other, and assailable only at one upon that place.

Many were the speculations as to whether the Many were the speculations as to whether the Many would stand, or whether they would run on the mere approach of danger, as at Meremere, and the general techniq was one atticipation of disappointment at the waste of so much force. So we steemed up the Waikato with more or by one, and had they had arrillery the Maoris to go and had they had arrillery the Maoris.

vain.

It is said the Maeri King and William Thompisson were there at the commongement of tho attack but and left in the rounce of the creining in order to bring up four hundred more Maeris to make an attack upon our rear in the morning when we should again sterm the earth works. It seems though that upon reflection the chiefs left behind finding themselves completely surrounded and made to escape and knowing that if the troops forced their way in, in the assault that not a man would be sparred thought it better to hoist a lag of true and endervour to come to the stay of the constitutions of the constitutions of the constitutions of the constitution of the constitutions of the constitution of the terms with the General A white hag therefore was heisted, and the soldiers hoisting one too, crowded into the works, and when it came to the crowded into the works, and when it came to the question of terms; the General sent word that he would make none but that they must lay down their arms and surrender themselves prisoners of war unconditionally; it was too late to costs tance, the soldiers were amongst them, and the piece was lost, and the lives of all in it perfectly as the disposal of our men. Accordingly they laid down their arms to about the number of 170, and were made prisoners. Amongst them were two of the highest of the Walkao chiefs and two hore of their principal nor were wounded though they got away, one of them being "To Warepu" himself, the invulnirable who got a shot through his invulnirable who; got a shot through his invulnirable neek. In face, though the place was named entirely by chiefs, and not one of mr was manued cultrely by emers, and not one of our prisoners is a man or inferior degree, all are men of manued and influence and heads of tribes. On Thompson coming my with his party to attack the rear he was men by; e hig of trace from the General with an envoy from the prisoners, but he declined to come to terms and retracted. Their dead were tying about thickin the trenches, all chiefs by their tuttoo marks shot, smashed tribe. Names of Natives taken prisoners at Range, all chiefs by their tuttoo marks shot, smashed

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the Waikite, and thank them werever no methem, and that was the course he should pursue. There is not a doubt that the Maoris are very much discoveraged by this blow they have reveixed, and wish to cease fighting it have really so on conditional but whether they will submit

(Subjoined is the total killed and wounded !-

Killed-Bombadier Martin, Gunners Culver-Wounded Captum Mercer, Sergt.-Major Hamilton, and gunner J. Bold.

ENGINEERS.

12rn REGISERT. Killed Lieut, Murphy, privates Needham, Osborne, Seyers, Shea, and Smith. Wounded Corporals Norgrove and Savages, privates Backster, Boyen, Cain, Boran, Boward, Grainger, McLemon, McKeynolds, Molloy, Maloney, Mede, Wood, Yates, and Boneber.

Killer — Privates Banett, Bellew, M'Crony,
Nowland and Russell.
Wounded — Fieut-Col. Austin, Capt. Phelps. privates (Mansbridge, Slimton, Levi Swaine, Mimay, Carroll, and Hannigan.

Kille P. Loughin, B. Barber, E. Horne, E. (Chidshore, W. Sher, J. Daling, J. M. Nally, J. Johns, J.

Wounded—Ensign, Ducrow, conporals H.
Hobberg and H. Maim, privates H. Brown,
D. Bell. J. Healey, F. Brotherton, F. Grimes,
G. Roberts, E. Dorchar, J. Scales, and W.

Jones.

65ty Regment

Killed—Privates Bell, Blackbam, Cavanagh, Clarke, Hepping, Bohnston, King, Manley, M. Lelland, Mooney, Neat, Roperts, and M. Causland.

W Causland
Wounded - Capt. Gresson Licut. Chevallier,
Liout. Talbot. Licut. and Adj. Lewis, sergts.
D. Hughes, Mangan, and Howson, corporal
Crimm, privates Battlett, Brown, Brinsley. Crimin, privates partiett, Brown, Drinsey, Cain, Cainas, Golsbrook, Conway, Cothan, Ellentree, Gorman, Griffin, Halkin, Hopwood, Horne, Law, M-Adam, M. Barnes, M-Conneth, M-Loun, Mullen, Mirrell, J. Norris, R. Norris, Russell, Shean, Smith, Swift, Waring, Welsby, and Lockerby.

49th Regiment, 8 rank and file

65th R

Artillery, S rank and file. 12th Regiment, I lientenant 4 rank and 14th Regiment, 5 rank and file

Regiment, 13 rank and file.

Total, 1 hentenant, and 33 rank and file. Artillery 1 captain, 1 sergeant, 1 rank

Arthery, 1 captain, 1 sergeant, 1 rank and file.

Engineers II captain.
12th Regiment, 20 rank and file.
11th Regiment, 1 field officer, 1 captain, 1 rank and file.
49th Regiment, 12 rank and file.

55th Regiment, 1 captam, 3 sweatterns, 2 sergeants, 1 drummer, 30 rank and Total, 1 fiield officer, 4 captains, 3

substierns, 3 sergeants, 1 dram-mer, 70 rank and file. N.I. This is a copy of an official list Subjointd are the names of eminent chiefs of waikate's killed and wounded, and prisoners:

> Te Heriwini. Raniera. Mokena. Te Tuteri Amuketi Takerei. Hori Maniha. PRISONERS

Takerei Teran. Tarahawaike. Wicema Kamiti Waikato. To Kineriwi Tealio. Terapaina. Tioriori, (prounded). Рапотоки unikites

litin with his rife, and charged on. To day the celebrated chief Ic Wasepa wrote is letter to the celebrated chief Ic Wasepa wrote is letter to the cannot be supported by the property of the the river takes a turn to the right, and encloses thus on the opposite side to Rangirin a large plain running apparently for five or six miles to the hills egam, the wooded hills bounding the view and shutting out the real valley of the Waikato. It is certainly a most beautiful spot, viewed from the top of the hills on which are the Maori fortifications. To the right of you lies a little island hie an emerald in the bosom of the Waikato, with its peaceful bright green fedded in the broad fresh river that wants along under the hills. Opposite, stretches the plain with the soft wooded hills in the distance, the shadows passing over them and constantly varying the soft wooded hills in the distance; the shadowe passing over them and constantly varying the tints, and to the left lies the lake reflecting the hills on its surface and gorgects with colour at certain times of the day. I letted about along the banks of the river are nests of Maon latis section, to invite one to be a savage and dream away a life steeped in lazy sensious delight of all that is lovely, like Tonnyson's Lotes Enters, whose world was all a summer afternoon. Tarround and the dream is dispelled, and the purposes gentle savage life takes a different parmics gentle savage life takes a different aspect altogether, for there he the fortifications planned with almost diabolical ingenity to deficial the manderers of women and children, and oppose gross barbarism to the march of civilization and improvement, and straightway the false oppose gross barbarism to the march of civiliza-tion and improvement, and straightway the false glitter), the craving direan of rest amidst cool shades and peaceful solitude, the balmy dream of hot and harrassed men of towns, the soft oasis amidst the sterille exhausting schemes of life,—thes from here to take retige elsowhere, and you see only the brutal reality.

The first hill on the left, looking from the river, and consequently the first approached by the troops marching overland along the range, its orowing by a strong redoubt is a broad deep

is crowned by a strong redoubt; a broad doep lifely, hallowed out at every two or three yands into hays, used as rifle pits, runs on the one code down to the swamp, evering the redoubt on that side, and on the other side a similar litch runs down to the river thus rendering it im-possible to approach the redoubt on thee sides without receiving the fire from about a hundred window receiving the fire from about a fundred ritle pits, communicating by covered ways, and only approachable through a narrow ditch. The fortification of the other two hills is evidently unfinished, merely consisting of a line of rifle pits on both, which, though assisting the principal fortification, could offer no formulable resistance to a separate attack. On the furthest Killed—Mr. Watkins, midshipman, Wood, Curagoa, Tidy, Osborne, and Downer, Seamen.

Wounded—ant Mayne, Eclipse, Lieuts, Aixander and Hotman, Curagoa, Lieut, Doyner, Mirada, Gilling, Mirada, Bolisar, and Robinson, Curagoa, Hughes, Oldfield, and another. would have enabled the Maoris to offer a very serious obstacle to a party landing from the river. Here also a strong redoubt is lesing raised by our engineers. On one side of this stands a little Maori charch, built of raupo, and the Bishop of New Zenland, who arriver in our camp hast evening, has affixed a notice to he door shat daily morning and evening service will be field in it. In a little plot of ground adjoining the church, our brave ment one fell in the attack peacefully repose in their last long sleep. Pretrily laid out by their contrades, their assures their last possing place offers a touching speciacle. Each resting place offices a touching spectacle. Each grave is already turied over, and watted round with twips of green villows, and planted with some few small sevent brian bushes found in the with twige of green ymows, and panned won some for small sweet being bushes found in the neighbourhood, the paths between each grave being covered with the yellow sand from the river. At the heads of most of the graves have been everted by the soldiers small boards, by two boards fastened in the shape of a cross, bearing the name and age of the fallen warrior, and in many cases a prayer for their peacetral rest, rudely caved and not always grammatically expressed, but all the more touching for that very reason, and more the less acceptable, let us hope, to the Almighty Father, whose inscrintible purpose has suffered their lives to be securified. There are reports here coming in Queen's Redoubt, that we are to be attacked by the Maories to day, but it is doubtless a county. It seems to bear the graveland stamp. The trentral embarical on board the Ploacer at General embarked on board the Die darlight this morning, apparently for a reconnectoring trip up the river to Ngaruawahia, but the steamer grounded once or twice, and did not

sympathy of that sad day found its counterpart in the mourrful scene of yesterday.

The funeral service pronounced—the parting vollies fired—and all was over. The soldiery reformed—the bands struck up a lively air; and the spectatory returned to their habitual avocations. We fear, however, that the earth which has closed over Murphy, Watkins, and the gallant Swift, may yet have to be opened for other of their heroic company. rades.

CAPTAINS MERCER AND PHELPS. On Friday the wail of funeral music again resounded through our streets; and the ashes of what, but a few days since, were brave and accomplished gentlemen were consigned to that dust to which we must

men we're consigned to that dust to which we must all, ere long, return.

At 4 o'clock, the hour appointed for the funeral of Captains Mercer and Phelps, Auckland sent forth her thousands in the direction of the Albert Barracks, in one of the Artillery Huts of which were deposited the mutilated remains of the latter officer. Prior to his decease, it was supposed that Captain Phelps had perished in consequence of receiring a bullet which lodged in the abdomen. This supposition did not prove to be correct, for on subsequent examination of the corpse, it was ascertained that the bullet had passed clean through the body making its exit near the spine, in a slanting direction upwards, and creating a frightful and incurable wound. Captain Mercer, shot through the jaw and tongue, was still more shot through the jaw and tongue, was still more fearfully mutilated, and his sufferings, ere death came

rearfully muthsted, and his sufferings, ere death came to his relief, were, we have been told, intense. Having but on Wednesday last given a minute description of the funerals of Lieut. Murphy and Midshipman Watkins, we need do little more than chronicle the order of the last sad ceremonies of yes-

Shortly after 4 o'clock, all being in readiness, the procession moved out of the Albert Barracks in the following order:—
Fining parts of one hundred men

following order:—
Firing party of one hundred men
Frem the Auckland Garrison and Otahuhu Camp,
Composed principally of 50th and 65th regts.,
In command of Capt. Saunders, 2nd batt. 1-tth regt.

And Lieut. Harrington, 14th regt. Bands of 12th and 50th regts Band of H.M.S. 'Curagoa.' THE COFFIN, Covered with black velvet, and bearing this inscription

CAPTAIN JOHN SHAW PHELPS, 2nd Batt. 14th Regt., Died 25th November, 1863, (of wounds received in action), Aged 33 years,

Was placed on a gun carriage, covered with the Union Jack,

Union Jack,
And drawn by six Artillery Horses and Train drivers.
The Pall Bearers were
Major Paul, 65th regt., Major Turner, 65th regt.,
Capt. Verriker, 12th regt., Capt. Groves, 43rd regt.,
Capt. Whitbread, 65th regt., Capt. Minister, 50th.
Staff Assistant Surgeon Carberry, late 2nd batt. 14th.
Capt. Minnett, 14th regt.
Chief Mourges.

Chief Mourners,
Surgeon Major, Carte, 2nd batt., 14th regt.
Mr. H. de Burgh Adams, Military Purreyor to the Forces.

In this order the cortege moved out of the Albert Barrack Square, the Band of the 14th playing a beautiful composition of Beethoven's, called the "Farewell March." Arrived at the junction of "Farewell March." Arrived at the junction of Symonds and Wakefield-streets, near which was the late residence of Captain Mercer, the procession opened to receive the body of that lamented officer. THE COFFIN.

Being also placed on a gun carriage, covered with the Union Jack, and bearing this inscription: CAPTAIN HENRY MERGER,
C Hattery 4th Brigade Royal Artillery,
Died 25th November, 1863, (of wounds received in action)
Aged 38 years.

Lieut. Rait, Royal Artillery, accompanied by three of Captain Mercer's children here joined the

chief mourner's.

The servants of the deceased officers.
Capt Mercer's led charger, with black velvet pall.

Capt Mercer's led charger, with black veivet pall, boots and spurs reversed.

Officers and soldiers of the Garrison, of the Line,
Defence Corps, and Militia. A
Captain Hamilton, Officers and scamen H.M.S. 'Esk.'

Oivilians.

Members of the General Assembly.

Members of the Executive.

Major-General Galloway and Staff.

His Excellency the Governor and suite.

The Rev. Mr. Kinder performed the funeral service. There were two graves, that of Captain Mercer being next to that of Lieut. Murphy; that of Captain Phelps to the northward, and outside of the six which now are clustered round that of

Commodore Burnett.

We hearfuly hope that this may be the last sad solmaity of the Wnikato strife that we shall be required to chronicle. We have only to add that Fort and shipping were their flags at half-mast, and that every testimony of unfeigned and sorrowing respect was manifested.

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The water is shoaling now rapidly. It is said to be the Bishop's opinion that the war is every up here.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

On Tuesday last the remains of Lieuteant William Lewis Murphy, 1st battalion 12th regt., and of Mr. Watkins, Midshipman of Il M.S. 'Curaços,' killed in action with the robel Maoris at Rangiriri, on Friday, the 20th inst., were horne from the Albert Barracks (where the corpses had been received the previous night) to their final resting place.

At any time a military funeral is one of the most solemn pageants contrived by man to awaken the sympathics of his follow man; but, at a time like this, when wer is raging around us,—when our best and consolations of the succour in this the hour of her trial."