

Lieutenant-Colonel M. Lepper, Commanding Taranaki Military Settlers

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Letter dated 27 Feb 1866 Lt-Col. Lepper, T.M.S. Office, New Plymouth to Captain Holt, Under Secretary, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor by desire of the Men named in the Margin to request the Honourable the Minister for Colonial Defence may be pleased to allow them to resign their commissions in the Taranaki Militia. Annotation dated 06 Mar 1866: His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to accept the resignation of the commissions held by Ensign William Berridge and Ensign William S. Ginger, Taranaki Militia. Gazetted - No.18 dated 03 Apr 1866

Letter dated 01 Feb 1866 Lt-Col. Lepper, Militia Office, New Plymouth to Captain Holt, Under Secretary, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Honourable the Minister for Colonial Defence that the men named in the margin were Gazetted to be Ensigns in the Taranaki Militia on the 1st March 1865 and 3rd March 1865 and they still appear in the Gazette as such although they joined the Force for service on the Tikorangi Block one of them as Sergeant and the other as Color Sergeant, and have been doing duty as such from the 24th March 1865. Annotation dated 13 Feb 1866: I think Col. Lepper should be called upon to state why Messrs Berridge & Ginger were not posted to Companies when they were gazette in March last. Also Col. Lepper should I think be requested to state to what Companies there are now vacancies for these officers. Annotation dated 14 Feb 1866 by T. M. Haultain: These two persons cannot be appointed as Officers to the Tikorangi Militia as there are no vacancies. If they wish to retain their claims to land as Sergeants they should resign their commissions as Ensigns.

Letter dated 04 May 1865 Lt-Col. Lepper, Militia & Volunteer Office, New Plymouth to Minister for Colonial Defence, Wellington

Sir, In reference to my letter dated 2nd Inst., No.394 I have the honor to state that Ebenezer John Shaw is not the individual to be gazetted as Ensign but another person by the name of John Shaw.

Letter dated 02 May 1865 Lt-Col. Lepper, New Plymouth to Minister for Colonial Defence, Wellington

Sir, In reply to your letter... No.98 dated 21st April 1865 I have the honor to forward the names of the Officers in full in the margin as requested. Captain Frederick Lewis Webster, Ensign William Stanley Ginger, Ensign Reginald Bayly, Ensign William Berridge, Ensign Ebenezer John Shaw.

Memorandum dated 30 Mar 1865 Wanganui

His Excellency the Governor is respectfully advised to approve of the following appointments and promotions in the Taranaki Militia.

Name	Rank	Date of Commission
F. L. Webster, Gent.	Captain	02 Mar 1865
Lieutenant Garland William Woon	Captain	02 Mar 1865
Ensign Courtenay Melmoth Kingdon	Lieutenant	01 Mar 1865
Henry Brown, Gent.	Lieutenant	02 Mar 1865
Ensign Arthur Bayly	Lieutenant	03 Mar 1865
W. Berridge, Gent.	Ensign	01 Mar 1865
R. Bayly, Gent.,	Ensign	02 Mar 1865
W. Ginger, Gent.,	Ensign	03 Mar 1865
J. Shaw, Gent.	Ensign	04 Mar 1865
Quartermaster Robert Collins	Captain	01 Mar 1865
