

Report on Dr Dieffenbach and Mr Heaphy
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William Wakefield to the New Zealand Company Secretary - Wellington 01 May 1841

Sir, In reference to your despatch No.93 I have to inform you that Dr Dieffenbach the Company Naturalist accompanied the Deputation to Sir George Gipps last year and on his return to New Zealand remained at the Bay of Islands with the intention of walking through this island. I have since heard that after examining the district of Kaipara and the Thames he has started to the Taupo and Rotura country and will by means of the Wanganui river shortly reach Cook's Strait and this place. He informs me that he forwarded his reports and specimens of natural history to you from Sydney.

In respect to Mr Heaphy he is occupied with views of this harbour which with those of the Chatham Islands will go to you by this opportunity. I propose soon to dispense with his services according to the instructions of the Court. I am, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,
W. Wakefield.
