

IMPORTANT NEWS.

TOTAL DEFEAT OF THE REBELS. SURRENDER OF HEKI AND KAWITI.

The arrival this afternoon of the *Lively* from Auckland, having sailed on the 27th ult., brings us full particulars of the taking of Kawiti's pa, and the complete defeat and dispersion of the rebels. The following extract from Colonel Despard's despatch of the 12th January, gives the particulars of this important event:—

On the morning of the 10th instant, our advanced batteries being completed (one within 350 yards, and the second about 160 yards off the pa), a general fire was commenced from all the guns, with a view of opening a breach into the place, and several rockets were thrown into it at the same time, for the purpose of driving the enemy out. The fire was kept up with little intermission during the greater part of the day; and towards evening it was evident that the outer works on those parts against which the fire was directed, were nearly all giving way; but the numerous stockades inside, crossing the place in different directions, and composed of much stronger timbers, were scarcely touched. Towards evening our fire slackened, and was only continued occasionally during the night to prevent the enemy attempting to repair the breaches that had been made.