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I PROPOSE in the following pages to give a brief narrative of the events of the New Zealand war of 1860-1861, in the Taranaki district, so far as the military operations under Major-General Pratt are concerned.

It is not my intention, nor would it become me, to enter on the justice or policy