

Government House, Auckland, New Zealand,
26th July, 1856.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward for your consideration a Resolution passed by the House of Representatives, on the subject of the Tenure of Office, Number, Manner of Appointment, and Amount of Salaries, of the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

I have &c.,

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

The Right Honourable

H. Labouchere, M. P.,

&c., &c., &c.

Government House, Auckland, New Zealand,
2nd October, 1856.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward and recommend to your favourable consideration the accompanying memorandum, prepared by my responsible advisers, covering and having reference to certain Resolutions adopted by both Houses of the Assembly, which will require for their effectual operation an Act of the Imperial Parliament.

I have &c.,

(Signed) T. GORE BROWNE.

The Right Honourable

H. Labouchere, M. P.

&c., &c., &c.

[MEMORANDUM.]

23rd September, 1856.

Your Excellency's Advisers have the honor to transmit the accompanying Resolutions specified in the margin adopted during the last Session by both Houses of the Legislature, and which require for their effectual operation an Act of the Imperial Parliament.

On the subject of the Financial Resolutions they have addressed your Excellency in another Memorandum, dated the 5th inst., and the other questions do not appear to require particular comment.

As the intervention of Parliament is necessary to give effect to the objects proposed in those Resolutions, they would respectfully suggest that the whole may be embodied in one Act for the Amendment of the Constitution Act, and they would earnestly pray Her Majesty's Government to introduce at the earliest opportunity such a measure to Parliament.

As regards the detail and explanations that may be desired as to the objects and intentions of the Colonial Government and of the Legislature, they have to state that Mr. Sewell, a member of the Government, will be in England, prepared to afford the requisite information, and they would express a hope that Her Majesty's Government will communicate with Mr. Sewell on the subject of any Bill to be proposed in Parliament in reference to the above matter.

(Signed) FREDERICK WHITAKER.

[MEMORANDUM.]

October, 17th, 1857.

His Excellency's Ministers have only to observe with respect to the subject of Mr. Stephen's letters, that, as will be perceived on referring to those Resolutions, the appointment of a Chief Justice from England, whenever a vacancy should occur, was contemplated by the General Assembly when it passed the Resolutions relative to Judges of the Supreme Court.

These Resolutions were at the close of last Session transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with other Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, with a Minute requesting that effect might be given to the wishes of the Legislature. Ministers have no advice to offer in opposition to that.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

[MEMORANDUM.]

23rd January, 1858.

The Responsible Advisers of the Crown in New Zealand have to express their gratification at the manner in which the Imperial Government has given effect to the wishes of the Legislature and Government of the Colony, as to the Judges of the Supreme Court; which has resulted in the appointment of Mr. Arney as Chief Justice of New Zealand.

The recent decease of Mr. Justice Stephen now renders it necessary that a Puisne Judge of that Court be appointed at as early a date as is possible.