

Representatives of New Zealand, to the effect that a Petition should be addressed to the Queen, "praying that Her Majesty will be pleased to make New Zealand "the sanatorium of the invalided Troops of the British Army."

2. The salubrity of the climate of this Colony is so well known that I need not make any addition to the observations submitted in the enclosed Memorandum, except to recommend it to favourable consideration in case the Imperial Government should contemplate the establishment of a Military sanatorium in this quarter of the globe.

His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

I have, &c.,
G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure in No. 55.

MEMORANDUM.

Wellington, 28th July, 1868.

THE House of Representatives have passed a Resolution, a copy of which is enclosed, praying that Her Majesty may be pleased to make New Zealand the sanatorium for the invalided Troops of the British Army.

His Excellency is respectfully requested to transmit this Resolution to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The natural advantages which New Zealand possesses, in its climate and in other respects, for the restoration of health, are well known, and have been testified to in Medical Reports, and by many officers in Her Majesty's Army; while its position, equidistant between Her Majesty's East and West Indian Possessions, and equally accessible therefrom by lines of monthly steamers, affords unequalled facilities for the resort to it of invalided soldiers from either side of the globe, and for their return after recovery.

For His Excellency the Governor.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 55.

EXTRACT from the Journals of the House of Representatives, Wednesday, 22nd July, 1868.

Resolved,—"That a Memorial be forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be pleased to make New Zealand the sanatorium of the invalided Troops of the British Army."

No. 56.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to His Grace the Duke of BUCKINGHAM.

(No. 76.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD DUKE,—

3rd August, 1868.

In continuation of previous Despatches on the same subject, I have now the honor to transmit Addresses to the Queen, unanimously voted by both Houses of the New Zealand Parliament immediately after their meeting for the annual Session, to convey to Her Majesty the expression of their sorrow and indignation at the attempt made at Sydney to assassinate His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

2. At the same time, I have the honor to forward further Addresses to the same effect from several public bodies, especially from certain Provincial Councils, which have only recently assembled for their periodical meetings.

I have, &c.,

His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

G. F. BOWEN.

P.S.—I annex a Schedule of the Enclosures to this Despatch:—

Addresses.

- (1.) From the Legislative Council of New Zealand.
- (2.) From the House of Representatives.
- (3.) From the Provincial Council of Otago.
- (4.) From the Provincial Council of Hawke's Bay.
- (5.) From the Provincial Council of Wellington.
- (6.) From the Loyal Orangemen of Canterbury.
- (7.) A Book of Poems, from the Rev. John Duffus, M.A., of Mangonui, Auckland.