

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO NATIVE SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Rev. Bishop POMPALIER to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.

SIR,—

Auckland, 24th December, 1867.

The cause of truth and justice, of religion in the pastoral authority, and of Christian education itself, oblige me to communicate to your wisdom and impartiality the enclosed documents.

It is only lately that I have received the intelligence of a misrepresentation or falsehood in the report of Mr. Rolleston, Under Secretary, Native Department, on the Native school of Rangiaohia, 14th January, 1867.

This is the wording of a passage in that report: "I (Mr. Rolleston) was informed that the school (of Rangiaohia) had been for the past year (1866) dependent upon Father Vinay, none of the grant given by the Government having been handed over to him."

Now I owe to truth and justice, and to my pastoral respectability and probity for religion and education's sake, and to your competent authority, to state that the money due to the Rev. Father Vinay in 1866 has been remitted to him, by the Bishop having paid with it at Auckland, according to his orders in correspondence, the bills mentioned in the first Enclosure, which shows evidently the falsehood of the report of Mr. Rolleston. I cannot but regret that such misrepresentation has taken place.

Allow me also, Sir, to avail of the present circumstance to send to you the second Enclosure, composed of my letter of 17th December to Hugh McIlhone, Esq., manager of St. Mary's College, and of his answer to me of the 20th of the same month. The former letter, not contradicted by the second one, refutes the falsehood also of the report of Mr. H. Taylor. If my own individuality would be only attacked by the two above false reports, I would not have perhaps taken the trouble to write such disgusting discussion; but my respect and devotedness towards the public edification, and even towards the civil and competent authority in your honorable person and in the Colonial Government, impose upon me the duty of justifying myself against official false accusations and misrepresentations.

How such falsehood took place it might be a mystery for many, but it is not quite so for your servant, who is a Bishop of thirty years of episcopacy and experience in New Zealand.

The third letter here enclosed, under the date of 25th May, 1864, may give some light on these matters. In finishing, I would renew the same request to you, Sir, as that made in this same letter of 25th May, if it could be possible to comply with it; it would serve civilization by favouring good union in the members of society.

To the Hon. Mr. Richmond, Native Minister,
Auckland.

I have, &c.,
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Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

ACCOUNT of the ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP'S Native Colleges Administration with Rangiaohia Native College up to the time of the Visit of Mr. Rolleston, 14th January, 1867.

1866.	£	s.	d.	1866.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 30. The first quarter money from the Native Department, at Wellington	15	0	0	Apr. 20. Paid by the Bishop to Mr. Connolly, servant of Rev. Father Vinay	5	0	0
July 31. The second quarter ditto	20	0	0	June 28. Bill of Mr. Mahoney, paid by the Bishop for Rev. Father Vinay	23	18	3
Sept. 30. The third quarter ditto	20	0	0	Aug. 9. Ditto of Mr. Jones for ditto	1	4	5
Dec. 31. This fourth quarter was not yet received from the Native Department at the time of the visit of Mr. Rolleston, 14th January, 1867.				" Ditto of Mr. Londergan for ditto	12	1	0
	£55	0	0	Nov. 1. Ditto of Mr. Minetti	14	0	0
					£56	3	8
				Deduct Father Vinay's credit	55	0	0
				Balance due by him to Bishop's administration on the 14th January, 1867	£1	3	8

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

The Right Rev. Bishop POMPALIER to Mr. McILHONE.

St. Ann's, Mount St. Mary's, Auckland,
17th December, 1867.

DEAR MR. McILHONE,—

I am just to prepare a letter for the Hon. the Native Minister, in which one of my tasks is to prove the truth of my report to Mr. Rolleston against the contradiction at least apparent made in the report of Mr. Taylor about St. Mary's College, North Shore.

I stated in mine to Mr. Rolleston that the rents of the estate in trust of 373 acres were partly employed for the benefit of the college and partly for the liquidation of its debts. Now, I find in the accounts of the tenants that for more than one year, only £10 have been received by my administration for the liquidation or diminution of the debt of the college, and £81 in the account given by yourself for your administration towards the same college. The truth of my report then to Mr. Rolleston is quite real.