

LETTER IN EXPLANATION OF PARAGRAPH IN DR. NICHOLSON'S REPORT.

SIR,—

Auckland, 15th August, 1872.

I have respectfully to call your attention to a paragraph in my report on vaccination, dated 16th July, 1872, which is calculated, undesignedly, to convey a wrong impression. The report reads as if, amongst other institutions, I had personally visited and vaccinated the inmates of the Orphan Home, the St. Stephen's Native Institution, and the Refuge for Destitute Children. I beg to say that the children at the Orphan Home and at the Native Institution were vaccinated by Dr. Goldsboro', the Honorary Medical Attendant to those institutions, and those at the Refuge by Dr. Kennedy, the Honorary Medical Attendant to that institution; and that I was informed, on inquiry, that the operation had been done.

I hope that, in justice to these gentlemen, this explanation may be made as public as the report.

I have, &c.,

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The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.