

LETTER FROM THE AGENT-GENERAL.

THE AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

26th June, 1872.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward, by sample post, two specimens of towelling—one bleached, the other unbleached—manufactured out of pure New Zealand *Phormium*.

I lose no time in forwarding these to the Colony, because they afford the best possible evidence of the adaptability of this fibre to textile fabrics.

I beg at the same time to inform you that I am getting a tablecloth manufactured from the same bale of fibre. I am assured that in quality and texture it will equal the finest damask; and I can only regret that, owing to the strikes in the Irish mills, I am not in a position to forward it at once.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

The Hon. Mr. Gisborne, Colonial Secretary.
