

documents and Trade Returns. Ministers, with a view to securing the early general adoption of the term *Phormium* for New Zealand flax, would feel obliged to His Excellency if he would be good enough to bring this suggestion under the notice of the Home Government, accompanied by a recommendation that the necessary directions should be given by the Lords of the Treasury for causing New Zealand flax fibre to be similarly designated in the commercial statistics of the United Kingdom.

Wellington, 4th November, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

## No. 23.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 106.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 9th November, 1871.

Adverting to my Despatch No. 61, of the 21st June, 1870, I have now the honor to report that Mr. Henry Sewell has resigned his seat in the Executive Council, and his office in the present Ministry, in consequence of a political difference with his late colleagues.

2. In accordance with the practice established here and in other Colonies, I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Sewell may receive Her Majesty's gracious permission to retain the title of "Honorable." He was one of the founders of the Canterbury Settlement, and has taken a prominent and active part in the public affairs of this Colony, having been a member of several successive Ministries during a period considerably exceeding three years.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

## No. 24.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 107.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 18th November, 1871.

Adverting to my Despatch No. 99, of the 23rd October ultimo, and in pursuance of the Colonial Regulations, Chapter VII., Section 6, I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter addressed to your Lordship by Sir David Monro, but which reached my hands for the first time on the 7th instant, that is, several days after the departure of the last mail.

2. I cannot but regret that I was not placed in a position to forward this letter together with my Despatch No. 99.

3. I now transmit also a Ministerial Memorandum respecting Sir David Monro's letter.

4. The difference between Mr. Fox and Sir David Monro seems to be one of those personal misunderstandings which occasionally arise, here as elsewhere, between political opponents. It is, of course, alike my duty and my determination not to allow myself to be in any way mixed up with a controversy of this kind. I feel the highest respect for, and maintain the most cordial relations, officially and personally, with both the gentlemen concerned.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

## Enclosure 1 in No. 24.

Sir DAVID MONRO, Kt., to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

MY LORD,—

Nelson, New Zealand, 28th October, 1871.

I observe by the reports of the proceedings of the New Zealand Parliament, that the House of Representatives has agreed to an Address to the Governor of the Colony, praying His Excellency to move the Queen to bestow some mark of Her Royal approbation upon the late Speaker of the House, Sir David Monro.

And I further observe, that the Prime Minister of the Colony, the Hon. William Fox, in reply to a question, informed the House that it was not the intention of Ministers to advise the Governor to call Sir D. Monro to the Upper House at once, as some Members appear to have expected was to be done; but that, upon Her Majesty's pleasure in the matter being made known, Sir D. Monro would be further communicated with.

Enclosure 1.  
Sir D. Monro to  
Secretary of State,  
28th Oct., 1871.

Enclosure 2.  
Memo. by Mr.  
Gisborne, 17th  
Nov., 1871.