

was transferred, about ten years ago, to Bishop Patteson. Its head-quarters were for many years at Auckland, and were lately removed to Norfolk Island, with the object of placing them nearer the field of missionary exertion. But Bishop Patteson's long residence in this Colony had made his noble character to be well known and to be thoroughly appreciated here by all religious communions, all political parties, and all social classes. Some idea of the feelings of love and reverence with which he was universally regarded, may be formed from the editorial comments on his death, recently published in two of the leading journals of this Colony.

5. There is no direct official information in New Zealand respecting the traffic in labour between the South Sea Islands and certain ports in Queensland and in the Fijis. Her Majesty's Government doubtless receive reports on this subject from the Governors of New South Wales and Queensland, from the Commodore commanding on this station, and from the British Consul at Levuka (Fijis). I annex a Memorandum by Bishop Patteson, which has been published among the proceedings of the General Synod of the Anglican Church in New Zealand, held in last February at Dunedin, and which now, as it has been truly said, "sounds like a voice from his grave." It will be remembered that with my Despatch No. 87, of 1870, I transmitted a letter to a similar effect addressed to myself.

Enclosure 5.
Vide Appendix
to Journals of
H. of R., 1871,
Gr. No. 35.

6. I am informed that the Melanesian Mission and the Training School at Norfolk Island will remain, at least for the present, under the charge of the senior surviving clergyman, the Reverend R. H. Codrington, Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, who has been for several years past Bishop Patteson's chief associate in his work. The Governor of New South Wales, under whose jurisdiction Norfolk Island is placed, will probably report fully on this part of the question.

Enclosure 6.
Memo. by Mr.
Fox, 23rd Nov.,
1871.

7. Meanwhile I am requested to forward, and to recommend to favourable consideration, the enclosed Ministerial Memorandum, and also the enclosed Addresses to the Queen from both Houses of the New Zealand Parliament, praying that measures may be taken by Her Majesty's Government for the effectual suppression of the deportation of Natives of the South Sea Islands.

Enclosures 7 & 8.
Address to Her
Majesty the
Queen, from L.C.
and H. of R.
Vide Journals of
L.C. p. 185, and
of H. of R., p.
327.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure 6 in No. 27.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. Fox.

YOUR Excellency has received Addresses to Her Majesty from the two Houses of the Legislature, expressing the feelings of sorrow with which they had received the news of the death of Bishop Patteson and his companions.

Ministers think it unnecessary to enlarge upon the subject, because they are aware that the "deportation of labour in the South Seas," which no doubt led to the melancholy event, has already engaged the attention of the Imperial Parliament and Her Majesty's Government.

They beg, however, to enclose extracts from the proceedings in reference to the subject in the House of Representatives and Legislative Council.

Wellington, 23rd November, 1871.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 28.

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

(No. 112.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 24th November, 1871.

At the request of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor to transmit herewith a Ministerial Memorandum, and also a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Legislative Council of New Zealand, respecting the Navigator Islands.

Enclosure.
Memo. by Mr.
Fox, 23rd Nov.,
1871, with 2 sub-
enclosures.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.