operation at the same time in such close proximity to each other as those at Sydney and Melbourne, it would be inexpedient to sanction the establishment of a third; and they think that further time should be allowed to elapse before the question is re-opened.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

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## No. 5.

## The Hon. J. Vogel to Dr. Featherston.

Treasury, Wellington, 30th August, 1873. Sir,— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 12th (No. 412), in which was enclosed copy of correspondence between yourself and the Secretary of State for the Colonies "on the question of the Colony being permitted to undertake the coinage of silver and copper money."

The Government will not be able to take any action in the matter during the present Session of Parliament, in the absence of further information from you.

I have to point out that, as yet, you have been pursuing only one branch of the inquiry you were asked by me to make; and that it is necessary you should furnish the further information which is requisite before the Government can decide what should be done.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c., Julius Vogel.

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