

I have to request that this medal may be given to the person for whom it is intended in as public a manner as possible, and that you will inform me when this has been done.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

Governor the Right Hon. Sir James Fergusson, Bart.

No. 38.

COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to the
OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 4th March, 1874.

Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Annual International Exhibition have informed me that it is proposed, as a feature in each year's Exhibition, to have a collection of objects illustrative of the ethnology and geography of the various parts and races of the British Empire, which it is hoped may ultimately form a complete museum, illustrative of English colonization and rule.

I have caused it to be intimated to them, in reply, that any articles which the Colonies proposing to take part in the Colonial Annexe, for which contributions were invited in my predecessor's circular of the 11th March last, could provide, would be much needed for that purpose.

As, however, the erection of that annexe has been postponed for the present, I have intimated that I think it might be possible for those Colonies to lend their collections to the projected Ethnological Museum, but that I could not recommend them to divert from the permanent Colonial Exhibition any ethnological collections which they might be in a position to make, and which would form one of the principal attractions of the Colonial Annexe when completed.

It is of course possible that a Colony, not desiring to be represented in the proposed permanent annexe, may be prepared to supply some contributions of interest to the Ethnological and Geographical Museum.

I enclose a copy of the correspondence which has passed on this subject.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

Enclosure in No. 38.

Major-General SCOTT to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

SIR,—

Upper Kensington Gore, London, S.W., 16th December, 1873.

I am directed by Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Annual International Exhibitions to request you to inform the Earl of Kimberley that they propose, as a feature of each year's Exhibition, to have a collection of objects illustrative of the ethnology and geography of the various parts and races of the British Empire.

It is intended to pursue the work systematically, in the hope of ultimately forming a complete museum illustrative of English colonization and rule.

The commencement of the series in 1874 will, as far as possible, have reference to the West Coast of Africa, and I am to ask you to have the kindness to move Lord Kimberley to assist the Commissioners by giving general publicity to the enclosed printed paper throughout the British Colonies, and especially to communicate it to the civil authorities on the Gold Coast, at Sierra Leone, &c., with a view to any assistance which they may be able to give at the present time.

The Secretary of State for War has been good enough to intimate that he will co-operate in carrying out the wishes of the Commissioners.

I have, &c.,

HENRY Y. D. SCOTT,

Major-General, Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office, S.W.

Mr. HERBERT to Major-General SCOTT.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 21st January, 1874.

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to request that you will inform Her Majesty's Commissioners that his Lordship has considered your letter of the 16th ultimo, and, as at present advised, is inclined to think that it would not be desirable to request the Colonies to contribute to the new