

No. 2.

The COLONIAL TREASURER to Sir P. G. JULYAN and Mr. SARGEAUNT.

GENTLEMEN,—

Treasury, Wellington, 14th November, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and dated September 25th, requesting that the first paragraph of your letter of September 21st, 1875, should be corrected, by the substitution of "individual capacity" for "capacity as Crown Agents for the Colonies," the latter phrase being a "clerical error."

B.—3A, 1876.

2. The telegram, and the paragraph in its corrected form, were at once laid before the Assembly, and were printed as a Parliamentary Paper, a copy of which is enclosed.

3. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the same subject, dated September 21st. Parliament had been prorogued several days before that letter arrived; but it shall be laid before each House, and printed, immediately after the opening of the next session.

Sir P. G. Julian, K.C.M.G.

W. C. Sargeant, Esq, C.M.G.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

No. 3.

The COLONIAL TREASURER to Sir J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Treasury, Wellington, 14th November, 1876.

See No. 1.

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, copy of a letter received from Sir P. G. Julian and Mr. W. C. Sargeant, correcting a previous letter, in which they used, inadvertently as they allege, the term "as Crown Agents for the Colonies," instead of "in our individual capacity;" and of my reply thereto.

Sir J. Vogel, K.C.M.G., &c., London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

No. 4.

Sir J. VOGEL to the COLONIAL TREASURER.

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

SIR,—

9th January, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 75, of the 14th November last, enclosing, for my information, copy of letter received from Sir P. G. Julian and Mr. W. C. Sargeant, and that of your reply thereto; and have the honor to thank you for the same.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Wellington.

No. 5.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th January, 1877.

With reference to your Lordship's despatch No. 30, of the 26th of June last, forwarding a copy of the minute of your Executive Council, dated the 13th of June last, on the subject of the relations between your Government and the Crown Agents for the Colonies, I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a correspondence with those gentlemen on the subject.

I have, &c.,

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby, K.C.M.G., &c.

CARNAVON.

Enclosure 1.

The CROWN AGENTS to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th December, 1876.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, to which is annexed printed copy of a minute by the Executive Council, upon our letter to the Colonial Secretary, of the 21st September, 1875, and with reference to which we beg to submit, for the Earl of Carnarvon's information, the following observations:—

The letter in question, though made to appear as part of the correspondence referring to the Four Million Loan, was in reality written after we had rendered our final accounts of that loan, and had ceased to hold the commission in virtue of which we were, for the occasion, associated with the late Agent-General, and the then Treasurer of New Zealand, for the express object of determining how, when, and by whom it should be negotiated in this country.

The loan was placed on the market by Messrs. Rothschild; and, as the minute correctly states, it was as individuals, and not as Crown Agents, that we had anything to do with it.

On the invitation of the Colonial Government, we consented to fill the onerous and responsible position of joint advisers on this occasion, and, having completed the task devolved on us in that position, we simply requested, in our individual capacities (for reasons stated in the letter), that we might not at any future time be asked to perform similar functions in conjunction with a colleague with whom we had found it impossible to agree.