

No. 14.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the Hon. W. J. M. LARNACH.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 9th February, 1878.

In handing you the accompanying commission, appointing you to represent New Zealand at the International Industrial Exhibition to be held at Paris in May next, it is unnecessary that I should communicate any instructions as to your proceedings as representing this Government.

Mr. T. Purvis Russell, one of the original colonists of New Zealand, has been appointed to be your colleague, and I enclose a copy of a letter which was written to him. (See letter to Mr. Russell.)

The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach.

I have, &c.,

G. S. WHITMORE.

No. 15.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 17th January, 1878.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter I have received from the Colonial Office, relating to the arrangements made by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the transfer of allotted space in the forthcoming Paris Exhibition.

You will observe that I have been requested to communicate these arrangements, for the information of the Government.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 15.

Mr. R. H. MEADE to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 15th January, 1878.

I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been able to transfer to New South Wales at the Paris Exhibition seven-tenths of the block of 40 feet by 36 feet which had been allotted to New Zealand, on the understanding that New South Wales is prepared to take charge of such private contributions as may be sent from New Zealand.

His Royal Highness has also assigned to New South Wales the trophy space of 840 feet originally allotted between Queensland and South Australia, instead of the space of only 630 feet at first assigned to New South Wales, the trophy space allotted to New Zealand being assigned to Queensland.

I am to request that you will communicate these arrangements to your Government.

Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G.,

I have, &c.,

Agent-General for New Zealand.

R. H. MEADE.

No. 16.

Mr. P. RUSSELL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Champs Elysées 28, Paris, 27th March, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 1st of February last, forwarding commission appointing me to represent the Colony of New Zealand at the Paris Exhibition.

I have great pleasure in accepting that appointment, fully impressed with its value and importance. I shall take every opportunity to advocate and promote the material interests of the colony, and endeavour to show that this special mark of distinction conferred upon me has not been altogether misplaced.

I have not, up to the present time, been able to meet either Professor Liversedge or any of his colleagues. I have been fortunate, however, to enlist the services of Mr. Cunliffe Owen, one of the Royal Commissioners, and through whose valuable and ready assistance the appointment made on behalf of the colony has been fully recognized.

I send you by book post "L'Exposition de 1878," from January up to the latest date of publication, the future numbers of which I shall continue to supply you with monthly.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary for New Zealand,
Wellington.

PURVIS RUSSELL.