

before Parliament, the Governor is quite prepared to accept that advice, provided that they are published at once, and that Sir George Grey's memorandum, together with the Governor's answer, is published at the same time.

20. Sir George Grey, acquiescing in these views, respectfully tenders to His Excellency the advice that is asked for, and, in compliance with the Governor's wishes, will direct the publication of this correspondence in the New Zealand Government *Gazette*.

Wellington, 20th June, 1878.

G. GREY.

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Enclosure 4 in No. 15.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Hon. the PREMIER.

*Memorandum for the Hon. the Premier.*

THE Governor presents his compliments to Sir George Grey, and begs to acknowledge the receipt of his memorandum of this day's date.

The Governor considers that no public advantage can be derived by a prolongation of this correspondence, and, therefore, he must decline to make any remarks upon it.

NORMANBY.

Government House, 20th June, 1878.

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No. 16.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY to the Right Hon. Sir M. E. HICKS BEACH.

(No. 30.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 15th July, 1878.

In reply to Lord Carnarvon's circular of the 11th December, 1877, relating to the International Penitentiary Congress, to be held at Stockholm in August, 1878, I have now the honor to enclose the copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Government, by which you will see that they do not consider it necessary that New Zealand should be formally represented at the Congress.

The information asked for has already been forwarded to Dr. Wines.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach.

NORMANBY.

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Enclosure in No. 16.

MEMORANDUM for HIS EXCELLENCY.

MINISTERS present their respectful compliments to the Marquis of Normanby, and return herewith the circular last received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting a Congress on Prisons and Prison Discipline, which it is proposed to hold at Stockholm during August next.

Ministers do not consider it necessary that New Zealand should be formally represented at the Conference; but they have had pleasure in causing to be prepared certain information asked for by the Secretary of State, and that information has, in compliance with the suggestion originally made, been already forwarded direct to Dr. Wines, the promoter of the Conference.

G. S. WHITMORE,

Wellington, June 25th, 1878.

(in the absence of the Premier.)

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No. 17.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY to the Right Hon. Sir M. E. HICKS BEACH.

(No. 34.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 20th July, 1878.

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed the Hon. Sir George Grey to be Commissioner of Customs and Commissioner of Stamp Duties, *vice* the Hon. John Ballance, who has resigned those appointments; and that I have appointed the Hon. John Ballance to be Colonial Treasurer.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach.

NORMANBY.