

the 28th May, I opened the second session of the Seventh Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Addresses in Reply presented by both Houses of Parliament.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart., &c.

No. 8.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 36.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 10th June, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit to you six copies of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Major Atkinson, which he delivered to the House of Representatives on the 8th June last.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart., &c.

No. 9.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 37.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 15th June, 1880.

I have the honor to forward a copy of a memorandum which I have received from Ministers, requesting me to communicate to you, for the information of the Admiralty, certain particulars relating to the graving-dock in course of construction at Lyttelton.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart., &c.

Enclosure in No. 9.

MEMORANDUM for His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

MINISTERS respectfully present to His Excellency the Governor copy of a letter from the Hon. E. Richardson, Chairman of the Lyttelton Harbour Board, and would be glad if His Excellency would communicate to the Imperial Government the information therein contained regarding the graving-dock in course of construction at Lyttelton.

Wellington, 15th June, 1880.

JOHN HALL.

SIR,—

Lyttelton Harbour Board Office, Christchurch, 9th June, 1880.

I have the honor to ask you to be good enough to move His Excellency to inform the Admiralty that the Lyttelton Harbour Board are now constructing a graving-dock of the following dimensions:—

Length on floor	...	...	...	400 feet.
Width on floor	...	...	...	46 feet.
Width on top ...	...	...	...	82 feet.
Width of entrance	...	...	...	62 feet.
Depth of sill at high water	...	...	...	23 feet.

The dock, when completed to the above dimensions, can easily be lengthened, whenever the exigencies of either the navy or commerce may require it, to a further 100 feet; and the pumping machinery, which is ordered from Home, is of such power and dimensions as will satisfactorily pump it out.

In conclusion, I have to express a hope that this may be found useful to meet some of the requirements of Her Majesty's Navy.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Wellington.

EDWARD RICHARDSON,
Chairman, Lyttelton Harbour Board.

No. 10.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. Sir M. E. HICKS BEACH.

(No. 38.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 17th June, 1880.

With reference to your despatch of the 12th April last, I have the honor to forward to you a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr.