

No. 6.

Mr. SIMMONDS to Sir JULIUS VOGEL.

SIR,—

Crystal Palace, Sydenham, S.E., 30th December, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th instant, applying on the part of the Government of New Zealand for 1,500 square feet of space at the forthcoming International Exhibition of Wool, &c., which shall be reserved for the colony, as requested.

I shall feel obliged if you will take the opportunity of communicating officially that the date for receiving individual applications for space to exhibit raw wools and manufactures has been extended to the 1st April. The limit of 1st January was chiefly intended to get in applications for exhibiting machinery in motion, which require foundations and shafting, and our machinery courts will be filled with wool-washing machines, looms, and all the most recent and improved machinery, home and foreign.

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

I have, &c.,

P. L. SIMMONDS.

No. 7

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 21st March, 1881.

I have the honor to inform you, in reference to your letter No. 16, of the 25th January, that the responses to the invitation given by the Government for the transmission of wool to the Sydenham Exhibition have, owing to the shortness of time allowed and to other reasons, been so disappointing that it is feared the colony will not be satisfactorily represented. I have therefore to request that you will be good enough to make an effort to obtain by purchase through a broker in London such exhibits of New Zealand wool as will satisfactorily represent at the Crystal Palace this staple product of the colony.

I enclose a statement of the exhibits forwarded, so far as is known to the Government.

You are authorized to incur any expense you may find necessary in providing for the colony being creditably represented at the Exhibition.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS DICK.

P.S.—Your telegram stating you will do what you can in this matter is just received.—T.D. 21st March, 1881.

Enclosure in No 7.

STATEMENT OF EXHIBITS FORWARDED.

Hawke's Bay: Douglas, D. Gollan (1 bale), C. and J. Nairn (2 bales), Tanner (2 bales), R. P. Williams. *Auckland*: James Wallace. *Canterbury*: W. L. Peter (2 cases). *Otago*: Young and Dalgety

No. 8.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 25th January, 1881.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 192, of the 2nd December, transmitting copy of a circular letter which you have addressed to the Chambers of Commerce and principal wool-growers in New Zealand, respecting the proposed Wool, &c., Exhibition at the Crystal Palace.

In accordance with your instructions I will make arrangements for the reception of such packages as may be sent to me, and for their transmission to the Crystal Palace. The cost of conveyance from the ship to the Exhibition will not be much, and the amount of the same will depend upon the quantity which will be sent, the particulars of which you will have knowledge of in the colony. In any case the expenditure to be incurred in this matter by the Government can be charged against the general impost.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 9.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 21st March, 1881.

I received on the 11th instant your telegram desiring me to endeavour to procure exhibits of wool for the Crystal Palace Wool Exhibition, and on the 19th I sent you a telegram to say I would do so if I could. I have spoken to several people connected with the wool business on the subject, and have arranged to meet and talk it over. At present I do not see my way, under the conditions relating to the Exhibition, to carry out your object in a way to do credit to the colony, and unless this can be thoroughly done it would be no use to attempt it.

I have, &c.,

F. D. BELL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.