

No. 6.

Mr. STRATFORD, R.M., to the UNDER-SECRETARY of JUSTICE.

(Telegram.)

Greymouth, 23rd August, 1881.

THE Kumara Courts are still held at 8 p.m., when parties desire it. I am not aware if Mr. Mackay commenced his Court at that hour

The Under-Secretary of Justice, Wellington.

H. A. STRATFORD, R.M.

No. 7

The UNDER-SECRETARY of JUSTICE to the CLERK, Resident Magistrate's Court, Kumara.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 24th August, 1881.

As it is alleged that Mr. Mackay held Courts at Kumara at night, as Mr Stratford does at present, it is desired to be known whether such Courts commenced at 8 o'clock.

The Clerk, Resident Magistrate's Court, Kumara.

R. G. FOUNTAIN

No. 8.

The CLERK, Resident Magistrate's Court, Kumara, to the UNDER-SECRETARY of JUSTICE.

(Telegram.)

Kumara, 24th August, 1881.

MR. MACKAY never commenced his Courts later than 3 o'clock in the afternoon, but he frequently sat from that time to as late as 12 o'clock midnight, and on one occasion up to half-past 2 a.m.

W A. BARTON,

The Under-Secretary of Justice, Wellington.

Clerk of Court.

No. 9.

The UNDER-SECRETARY of JUSTICE to Mr. STRATFORD, R.M.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 25th August, 1881.

Re your letter 15th August: Kumara Courts must be held during the day If necessity arises they may be carried on, but must be begun in the day-time and not at night as hitherto. As to other question of evidence of young girls taken throughout the night, the matter will receive further consideration.

The Resident Magistrate, Greymouth.

R. G. FOUNTAIN