

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

IN the absence of the Premier, the Postmaster-General respectfully transmits to His Excellency the Governor, the answers, &c. of candidates at the local examinations for the Gilchrist Scholarship.

Two memoranda by the Inspector-General of Schools concerning the examinations are also transmitted to His Excellency; and the Postmaster-General has the honour to ask that the papers may be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, so as to secure that they shall be delivered to the University authorities as promptly as possible.

Wellington, 17th July, 1884.

R. OLIVER.

Sub-Enclosure.

Education Department, Wellington, 15th July, 1884.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

THE examination for a Gilchrist Scholarship is now in progress at four centres—Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. It will close on Friday, the 18th instant, and it will be possible to send the papers to England by the San Francisco mail, which is to leave Auckland on Tuesday, the 22nd instant.

I recommend that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit the papers to England as soon as possible, and to cause the Registrar of the University of London to be informed that the six candidates have paid matriculation fees, and that the Agent-General of the colony in London has received instructions to pay the amount of these fees to the Registrar on application.

I further recommend that His Excellency be respectfully requested to call particular attention to the special circumstances in which Mr. Fleming has been allowed to sit for examination, the circumstances being those that I have described in an accompanying memorandum.

WM. JAS. HABENS,

Inspector-General of Schools.

Sub-Enclosure.

Education Department, Wellington, 15th July, 1884.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

I RECOMMEND that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully advised to inform the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies that one candidate for the Gilchrist Scholarship this year—viz., Mr. Fleming, resident in Wellington—was also a candidate for the scholarship offered in 1882, and was then placed in the Honours Division, although he did not succeed in winning the scholarship; that he offered himself this year, not understanding that passing the matriculation examination on one occasion would be the means of excluding him from a second competition for the Gilchrist Scholarship; that he was accepted as a candidate this year before the arrival of the Despatch A 31, dated May 22nd, 1884, which enclosed a letter from the Registrar of the University of London asking that candidates may be informed that all “who pass the examination thereby become members of that University, and that having once passed they cannot again present themselves for matriculation;” that, on being informed of this condition, Mr. Fleming asked to be allowed to sit at the examination, now in progress, on the distinct understanding that his right to be a candidate was challenged, and leaving the question of such right to be decided in England by the authorities of the University of London or by the Gilchrist Trustees; and that he has been allowed to sit on the proposed understanding.

WM. JAS. HABENS,

Inspector-General of Schools.

No. 13.

(No. 49.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 1st August, 1884.

With reference to my Despatch No. 46, dated the 2nd July last, I have the honour to report that I left Wellington for Sydney on the 4th ultimo, and proceeded thence to Melbourne. I returned *via* Hobart, reached New Zealand on the 28th, and arrived at Wellington on the 31st ultimo.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

No. 14.

(No. 50.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 8th August, 1884.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. 25, of the 9th April, 1883, transmitting an extract from a letter from the War Office relative to the