Enclosure in No. 2.

Return of Gold and Silver entered for Export from 1857 to 31st December, 1885.

Years.	Gold.		Silver.		Years.	Gold.		Silver.	
	oz.	£	oz.	£		oz.	£	oz.	£
1857	10,437	40,422		••	1873	505,337	1,987,425	36,187	9,850
1858	13,534	52,464			1874	376,388	1,505,331	40,566	10,380
1859	7,336	28,427		••	1875	355,322	1,407,770	29,085	7,560
1860	4,538	17,585		••	1876	332,016	1,284,328	12,683	3,171
1861	194,031	751,873		••	1877	371,685	1,496,080	33,893	7,556
1862	410,862	1,591,389			1878	310,486	1,240,079	23,018	5,755
1863	628,450	2,431,723		••	1879	287,464	1,148,108	20,645	4,512
1864	480,171	1,857,847		••	1880	305,248	1,217,252	20,005	4,500
1865	574,574	2,226,474			1881	270,561	1,080,790	18,885	4,236
1866	735,376	2,844,517		••	1882	251,204	1,002,720	5,694	1,286
1867	686,905	2,697,852			1883	248,374	993,352	16,826	3,785
1868	637,474	2,504,326	}	••	1884	229,946	921,797	24,914	5,125
1 869	614,281	2,362,995	11,063	2,993	1885	237,371	948,615	• •	
1870	544,880	2,157,585	37,123	11,380	h		Ì	,	
1871	730,029	2,787,520	80,272	23,145					
1872	445,370	1,731,261	37,064	9,910		10,789,650	42,327,907	447,923	115,144

No. 3.

Colonel Anderson, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington. (No. 67/86.)

Melbourne, 28th January, 1886.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Eliott's letter, 86/1544, No. 22, dated the 15th instant, enclosing by your direction, in answer to my request, a statement of the quantity and value of gold and silver shipped through the Customs from New Zealand from the year 1857 to 10th September, 1885.

I have to thank you very much for your courtesy in procuring me this valuable return, and, in response to your request for a similar return from this colony, I have the honour to inform you that I have already taken steps to procure it, and that I will forward it to you by the earliest possible opportunity.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington.

GEORGE ANDERSON.

No. 4.

Colonel Anderson, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington. (No. 65/86.)

Sir.—

Melbourne, 25th January, 1886.

I have the honour to request that you will do me the favour to inform me what quantity of gold and silver has been produced in New Zealand during the year 1885, according to the estimate of the department under your control.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington

GEORGE ANDERSON.

No. 5.

Mr. H. J. H. Eliott to Colonel Anderson, Royal Mint, Melbourne. (Mines 86-88/277.)

New Zealand, 10th February, 1886.

I have the honour, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Mines, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 65/86, asking for a return of the quantity of gold and silver which has been produced in New Zealand during the year 1885.

In reply, I forward herewith for your information a schedule showing the amount and value of

gold and silver entered for export during the period named.

Colonel Anderson, Deputy-Master, Royal Mint, Melbourne, Victoria. I have, &c., H. J. H. Eliott, Under-Secretary.

Enclosure in No. 5.

RETURN of Gold and Silver entered for Export in New Zealand for the Year ended 31st December, 1885.

Gold 287,371 ... 948,615 Silver 16,624 ... 3,169

Mines Department, Wellington, 10th February, 1886. H. J. H. ELIOTT, Under-Secretary.