

No. 6.

Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the MINISTER of MINES, Wellington.
(No. 112/86.)

SIR,—

Melbourne, 2nd March, 1886.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Mr. Elliott's letter, No. 88, dated the 10th ultimo, enclosing a return of the amount and value of the gold and silver entered for export in New Zealand during the year 1885.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines,

GEORGE ANDERSON.

Wellington, New Zealand.

No. 7.

Colonel ANDERSON, Royal Mint, Melbourne, to the Hon. the MINISTER of MINES, Wellington.
(No. 100/86.)

SIR,—

Melbourne, 19th February, 1886.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter 86/1544, No. 22, dated the 15th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit a return showing the estimated annual production of gold and silver in Victoria, from the earliest record obtainable to the 31st December, 1884.

This return has been prepared from the figures kindly furnished to this branch of Her Majesty's Mint by the Department of Mines and Water-supply, Melbourne.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Mines, Wellington.

GEORGE ANDERSON.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION of GOLD and SILVER in VICTORIA, from the Earliest Records obtainable to 31st December, 1884.

Year.	Gold.	Silver.		Total.	Year.	Gold.	Silver.		Total.
		Produced from Ore.	Extracted at the Mint from Gold.				Produced from Ore.	Extracted at the Mint from Gold.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.		oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
1851	212,899	..	..	..	1869	1,544,756	..	..	..
1852	2,286,535	..	..	..	1870	1,304,304	..	..	..
1853	2,744,098	..	..	..	1871	1,368,942	..	..	..
1854	2,218,483	..	..	..	1872	1,331,377	850	7,161	8,011
1855	2,819,288	..	..	..	1873	1,170,397	5,516	8,831	14,347
1856	3,053,744	..	..	..	1874	1,097,643	760	11,146	11,906
1857	2,830,213	..	..	..	1875	1,068,417	137	21,705	21,842
1858	2,596,231	..	..	..	1876	963,760	516	25,839	26,355
1859	2,348,703	..	..	..	1877	809,653	671	19,046	19,717
1860	2,224,069	..	..	..	1878	758,040	160	22,835	22,995
1861	2,035,173	..	..	..	1879	758,947	48	23,680	23,728
1862	1,730,201	..	..	..	1880	829,121	169	23,078	23,247
1863	1,694,819	1,098	..	1,098	1881	833,378	..	20,957	20,957
1864	1,622,447	5,688	..	5,688	1882	864,610	..	20,343	20,343
1865	1,611,554	3,379	..	3,379	1883	780,253	..	22,121	22,121
1866	1,546,948	2,348	..	2,348	1884	778,618	..	27,070	27,070
1867	1,501,446	78	..	78					
1868	1,684,918	5,761	..	5,761	Totals	53,023,985	27,179	253,812	280,991

Royal Mint, Melbourne,
19th February, 1886.

GEORGE ANDERSON,
Deputy-Master of the Mint.

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