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Natives there (into Parliament) as members was merely in order that it could be said that Natives dealt with the wrongs now practised on the Maori people, and in order, too, that such wrongs should not be looked into, and finally to abolish those members.

And, further, with reference to the statement made by the Minister that Kawhia is a Native district: Well, if the Government really considered it to be such, why then did they assume to themselves the right to do certain acts in that district, such as establishing a military post on Native lands, which was a menace to the Maori people?

When, indeed, have the Government paid any heed to the application of Tawhiao and the people of that district desiring that Tawhiao should have the management of matters in that

district?

SIR.-

Do you forward a copy of this letter to Her Majesty's Government. Sufficient. His Excellency the Governor. King Tawhiao.

No. 16.

(No. 128.)

Christchurch, 19th December, 1885.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt this day of a telegram from you, of which a copy is enclosed herewith.

I have, &c.,

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, M.P.

Enclosure.

Referring to your telegram of the 7th December, report names by telegraph in full.

No. 17.

(No. 1.)

SIR,--

Christchurch, 2nd January, 1886.

I have the honour to request that you will, should you think fit to do so, move the authorities of the University of London to transmit to me a copy of the questions for the final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts to be held in October next, in order that a candidate may be examined in this colony.

2. I forward herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have received from the Premier, Mr. Stout, stating the reasons why the intending candidate, Mr. Herbert Mann Livens, wishes to be examined here, and undertaking that all necessary steps with reference to the examination shall be taken by the Minister of Education.

I have, &c.,

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, M.P.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

The Premier has the honour to represent to His Excellency that Mr. Herbert Mann Livens, a resident of Auckland, passed the first examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the University of London in 1879, and failed in the final examination for the degree in 1880. Under the regulations of the University, he is entitled to the privilege of being examined again without paying another fee. He desires to sit for the London University B.A. Examination of next October, and to be examined in New Zealand.

In a similar case which occurred in 1881 application was made to the Governor, through the Colonial Office, to the Senate of the University of London for the holding of the final examination in New Zealand; and the examination was held here. The Premier would be glad if His Excellency would move the Colonial Office to inform the Senate that Mr. Livens has applied, and that the Minister of Education is willing to take charge of the papers, to appoint a suitable supervisor, and to do whatever else may be necessary on his part to secure the proper conduct of the examination, as well as, subsequently, to send the candidate's papers to the Senate. It is necessary to state that the optional subjects that Mr. Livens proposes to take up are English and mental and moral philosophy.

Wellington, 16th December, 1885.

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ROBERT STOUT.