

No. 10.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Tasmania, to the Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Hobart, 19th June, 1890.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant on the subject of Macquarie Island, and its use as a base of operations for poachers on the seal-fisheries of the Auckland and other islands.

This Government will be happy to meet your wishes as to the transfer of this island to New Zealand; indeed, your request anticipated my intention to address you with that object.

I have referred the matter to the law officers of the Crown for their opinion as to the best course to pursue in arranging for the transfer of this island to your Government.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier of New Zealand.

P. O. FYSH.

No. 11.

The Hon. E. MITCHELSON to the Hon. the PREMIER, Tasmania.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 4th July, 1890.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th June, in reply to mine of the 2nd, on the subject of the Macquarie Islands. I thank you for your courtesy, and shall wait with interest for the opinion of your legal advisers as to the best course to pursue for arranging the transfer.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Tasmania.

E. MITCHELSON,

For the Premier.

No. 12.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Tasmania, to the Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Hobart, 7th August, 1890.

In reference to our recent correspondence on the subject of the transfer of Macquarie Island, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a printed paper which has been prepared for the information of Parliament in connection with an address to Her Majesty, the adoption of which I propose to move this evening in the Legislative Council, praying that the necessary steps may be taken by the Imperial authorities to effect such transfer. I will keep you informed of the progress of this matter.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier of New Zealand.

P. O. FYSH.

Enclosure.

MR. FYSH to move that the following address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that the necessary steps may be taken to cause Macquarie Island, now a dependency of Tasmania, to be transferred to and become part of the Colony of New Zealand, viz. :—

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with feelings of the deepest loyalty and attachment.

Whereas by letters patent made the 17th day of June, in the 43rd year of your Majesty's reign, and constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania and its dependencies, your Majesty did constitute, order, and declare that there should be a Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over your Colony of Tasmania and its dependencies, comprising, among other islands and territories, "Macquarie Island, lying to the south east of the said Island of Tasmania :"

And whereas the said Macquarie Island still is a dependency of the Colony of Tasmania :

And whereas it is deemed expedient that the said Macquarie Island should no longer be a dependency of the said colony, but that the same should be annexed to and form portion of the Colony of New Zealand :

Now, therefore, we, the members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, do humbly pray that your Majesty will be pleased to take such steps as to your Majesty shall seem meet in order that the said Macquarie Island may be annexed to and be made to form portion of the said Colony of New Zealand.

And on the same being agreed to, to move, That the foregoing address be transmitted to the House of Assembly for its concurrence.

No. 13.

TELEGRAM from the PREMIER, New Zealand, to the PREMIER, Tasmania,
6th September, 1889.

HAS your Parliament adopted resolution *re* Macquarie Islands ?

No. 14.

TELEGRAM from the PREMIER, Tasmania, to the PREMIER, New Zealand,
6th September, 1889.

CONSIDERATION of resolution is with House of Assembly. Council adopted it. Will report when passed.

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