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(No. 52.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 30th September, 1889.

I have the honour to report to your Lordship the execution, on the 28th instant, at Napier, of a convict, Makoare Wata, an aboriginal native, for the murder of a man named Robert Gollan, at Mahia, in the Province of Auckland, on the 18th April.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 22.

(No. 53.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 1st October, 1889.

I have the honour to enclose to your Lordship two copies of a letter, with Sub-Enclosures, addressed to your Lordship by Mr. George Fisher, a member of the House of Representatives of this colony, and lately Minister of Education.

On the 27th April the Premier, Sir H. Atkinson, addressed to me a memorandum, of which I enclose a copy, requesting me to communicate the facts respecting the publication of the correspondence in question to your Lordship, for the information of the French Government; but, as I considered that the matter was one concerning the colony only, I, with the approval of the Premier, communicated the substance of the memorandum to your Lordship, without requesting that it should be forwarded to the French Government; and, instead, made a communication in substantially identical terms to M. de Lostalot de Bachoué, the French Vice-Consul here.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

Enclosure 1.

MEMORANDUM for HIS EXCELLENCY.

Premier's Office, Wellington, 27th April, 1889.

ON the 16th October last the Premier had the honour to submit to His Excellency a printed memorandum from the Minister of Education relative to his action in connection with the extradition of the convicts Cury and Gasparini.

The Premier has just ascertained that two days later—the 18th October—Mr. George Fisher, who was then Minister of Education, without consulting his colleagues, had two hundred copies of the whole correspondence relating to the subject printed for his private use, and the Premier has reason to believe that Mr. Fisher has extensively circulated them. The Premier's attention has been particularly drawn to a leading article in the *Dunedin Evening Herald* of the 20th instant, referring to a printed paper before it, and then commenting on the dispute between the French Vice-Consul and Mr. Fisher as to the latter's conduct.

It unfortunately happens that on the eve of his departure from New Zealand the French Vice-Consul requested, as the wish of his Government, that the correspondence might not be published pending its consideration of the question, and this request, as His Excellency will now see, has been frustrated by the unjustifiable act of Mr. Fisher. The Premier has therefore respectfully to request His Excellency to be good enough to convey to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for communication to the French Government, the expression of the regret of this Government that, for the reason above stated, it has been unable to give effect to its wishes.

T. FERGUS,

For the Premier.

Enclosure 2.

G. FISHER, Esq., M.H.R., to His Excellency Lord ONSLOW.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

30th September, 1889.

I have the honour to request that you will, in due course, forward to Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompanying letter. (Letter in triplicate, and unsealed, in accordance with Colonial Office Regulations.)

I have, &c.,

His Excellency the Governor, Lord ONSLOW.

GEO. FISHER.

Sub-Enclosures.

G. FISHER, Esq., M.H.R., to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

MY LORD,—

Wellington, New Zealand, 30th September, 1889.

I venture to invite your Lordship's attention to certain correspondence relating to the convict Gasparini, transmitted by His Excellency the Governor, Lord ONSLOW, to the House of