

Council desires to record its sense of the loss which the colony has sustained by the death of the Hon. John Ballance, the late Premier, and its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance.

Mrs. Ballance, Tinakori Road, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS TRASK, Mayor.

The MAYOR, Feilding, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Borough Council Chambers, Feilding, 6th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the Feilding Borough Council, held on the 4th instant, a resolution was passed desiring me to write to you and convey, on behalf of the inhabitants of Feilding, the deep sympathy felt for you in your sad bereavement, caused by the death of your late husband, the Hon. John Ballance.

In carrying out this duty, I can only express a hope that the hand of time will soon relieve you of the burden of grief you must feel at the loss you have sustained.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wanganui.

E. GOODBEHERE, Mayor.

The TOWN CLERK, Ashburton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Ashburton, 4th May, 1893.

I am directed by the Ashburton Borough Council to convey to you its respectful and heartfelt sympathy in your deep distress, as well as to express its sincere regret at the loss sustained by the colony in general by the death of Mr. Ballance.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

CHARLES E. FOOKS, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Lyttelton, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Borough Council Office, Lyttelton, 3rd May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Lyttelton Borough Council, to inform you that the following resolution was passed unanimously at their meeting on the 1st instant: "That this Council desires to place on record its sense of the services rendered to the colony by the late Hon. John Ballance, and of its sympathy with you in your loss."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. J. V. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

The TOWN CLERK, Wellington, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Town Clerk's Office, Wellington, 4th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Wellington City Council, to forward herewith copy of a resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of the Council held on the 1st instant, as follows: *Resolved*, "That the citizens of Wellington deeply and sincerely regret the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and remember with gratitude his many years of service to the public of the colony. The Council directs that this resolution be recorded in its minutes, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance, with an expression of the respectful sympathy of the Council and the citizens of Wellington in her bereavement."

I am to add that the Council feel sure that the citizens at large are in perfect concord with them in this expression of their deep sympathy with you in the great loss sustained by yourself and the colony at large.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

J. E. PAGE, Town Clerk.

The MAYOR, Melrose, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Miramar, 28th April, 1893.

It is with feelings of great regret that I am placed in the position of addressing you with words of sympathy for the loss of your husband. Beyond a business acquaintance, I had not the pleasure of knowing him personally, but from his public life, as well as private, I could not do otherwise than admire him as a statesman of the highest order. It is with regret I write, not only as Mayor of Melrose, but a private individual, and I consider that the loss to New Zealand is a national calamity, and that the sympathy of every individual must be with you in your bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

H. D. CRAWFORD, Mayor, Melrose.

The TOWN CLERK, Palmerston North, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Palmerston North, 4th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Borough Council, and in accordance with a resolution passed by it, to transmit to you the sincere condolence of this Council in the loss the Government have sustained by the demise of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance.

The Council, however, is satisfied that he has left successors who will do their utmost to carry to a successful issue the many Liberal measures initiated under his régime.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

ROBERT N. KEELING, Town Clerk.