

Sess. II.—1897.
NEW ZEALAND.

DESPATCHES:

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND THE PREMIER RELATIVE TO
THE PERUSAL OF DRAFTS OF DESPATCHES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
THE COLONIES BEFORE TRANSMISSION.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

MEMORANDUM for HIS EXCELLENCY.

(No. 76.)

Premier's Office, Wellington, 23rd September, 1897.

On looking at the printed despatches from the Governor to the Secretary of State about to be presented to Parliament, the attention of the Premier has been drawn to what he considers to be a serious omission on the part of the late Governor in one of them. In despatch No. 7, of the 5th February, 1897, Lord Glasgow encloses a copy of a memorandum which he addressed to the Premier on the subject of appointments to the Legislative Council, but he has neglected to forward at the same time the reply addressed to him by the Premier (No. 56, of the 5th February); and the Premier is of opinion that, although His Excellency was not asked to do so, it should have also been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as the correspondence is incomplete without it.

The Premier would respectfully suggest that in future he should be allowed to peruse the drafts of all despatches addressed by the Governor to the Secretary of State before they are posted, and so prevent a recurrence of what he has now to complain of.

R. J. SEDDON.

MINUTE by His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

The Right Hon. the Premier.

1. THE Governor has noted the Premier's remarks in his memorandum (No. 76) on the despatches (No. 7, 5th February, 1897) to the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the late Governor's term of office.

2. He will bear in mind the Premier's suggestion that in future he should peruse the drafts of all despatches by the Governor to the Secretary of State. Should the Governor be in any doubt as to the Premier's views being properly set forth, or should he think such a course desirable in the public interest, he will communicate with the Premier on the subject of such despatch.

24th September, 1897.

RANFURLY.

MINUTE by the PREMIER.

His Excellency the Governor.
THIS will be sufficient.

27th September, 1897.

R. J. SEDDON.