

The annual funds of £1200, which you have the goodness to propose to me for the educational purposes of my diocese, instead of about £560 that were annually granted to me before, are a notable increase of resources that will enable my pastoral solicitude and ecclesiastical administration to improve the excellent work of education for the Roman Catholic youth of the Province of Auckland.

I perused with reflection the memorandum enclosed in your letter, about which we previously spoke, and on which your Excellency is pleased to call my attention. I may say in my sincere conviction that your memorandum contains the most wise plan for education which I ever saw as being emanated from a civil authority. It appears that your Excellency understands well the Catholic principles that are so good for the improvement of religion and civilization.

I have the honor to assure your Excellency that I will fully and cordially comply with all the conditions which your excellent memorandum requires from me as the Catholic Bishop of this diocese of Auckland.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

† J. BAPTISTE FRANCOIS POMPALIER,

R.C. Bishop of Auckland.

His Excellency Sir G. Grey, &c. &c.

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